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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 30/05/15

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about FIFA. Go round the room swapping details with others.

LISTENING – WRITING - DICTATION

The teacher will read some lines of the article slowly to the class.

READING

Students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

SPEAKING - UNDERSTANDING

1) The article – Students check any unknown vocabulary or phrases with the teacher.

2) The article - Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Was this an easy or difficult article to understand?
- 4) Was this a boring or interesting article?
- 5) Discuss the article.

3) Article quiz - Students quiz each other in pairs. Score a point for each correct answer. Score half a point each time you have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

Student A questions

- 1) What is FIFA?
- 2) What is Uefa?
- 3) Who is Prince William?
- 4) What did Prince William say?
- 5) Who is Sepp Blatter?

Student B questions

- 1) Who is the British Prime minister?
- 2) What does FBI mean?
- 3) What have the US Department of Justice done?
- 4) What happened at the hotel in Zurich?
- 5) Who is Prince Ali?

FIFA = Fédération International de Football Association

Category: Sport / Football / FIFA
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs. On the board write as many words as you can to do with 'FIFA'. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Write down three immediate recommendations you would suggest FIFA instigate. Write them below. Discuss together.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

SPEAKING – 1

As a class – 10 things you know about Sepp Blatter. Add another 10 things you know about FIFA. Why is the organisation based in Switzerland? What does it tell you?

SPEAKING – 2

As a class – 10 things you know about the 2018 and 2022 World Cup Football bids. *5 mins.*

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Should all the FIFA executives resign? Explain.
- 3) Should FIFA be forced to introduce a retirement age limit for its executives of 65?
- 4) Why is FIFA full of mostly corrupt old men?
- 5) Why did Prince Ali suddenly withdraw from the second round of voting?
- 6) Is Sepp Blatter guilty of corruption?
- 7) Why is Sepp Blatter untouchable?
- 8) Why did the US go after 14 FIFA officials? Explain.
- 9) Why is America the global policeman?
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the English Department of *Zurich FM* in Zurich. Today's interview is about: *FIFA – What next?*

- 1) A sponsor.
- 2) A corrupt FIFA official from Africa.
- 3) Prince William.
- 4) Sepp Blatter.

The teacher will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 2

Student A is a journalist in Zurich. *Student B and C and D* are people in the street. *Student A* is talking to you about the *FIFA saga*.

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – *As a class.*

Discuss the following...

FIFA – The latest on this story!

The back ground

The future

What do you suggest? Explain!

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Why did President Putin criticise America's interference in FIFA?
- 3) Was the bidding process for the World Cup in 2018 and 2022 corrupted? Explain.
- 4) Did FIFA officials accept bribes?
- 5) Where did the alleged bribe money disappear to?
- 6) Why are British and US banks launching payment reviews?
- 7) Is Prince William right to criticise FIFA?
- 8) What do you think of FIFA?
- 9) What is next for the beautiful game?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *In pairs*, list 10 things you know about the FBI Investigation on FIFA. *One-two minutes. Talk about each of them.*

2) Sentence starters - Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- 1) FIFA _____
- 2) The future of football _____
- 3) The bids _____

3) In class - Write 30-50 words on **FIFA – What next?** The teacher can select a few students to listen to what you wrote.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **FIFA – What next?** Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) farce
- 2) officials
- 3) leadership
- 4) president
- 5) resign
- 6) withdrawal
- 7) election
- 8) prominent

ANSWERS

- 1) fraud
- 2) racketeering
- 3) bribes
- 4) prosecutors
- 5) criminal case
- 6) bids
- 7) reform
- 8) sponsors

SPELLING

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards check your answers.

- 1) thought
- 2) officials
- 3) farce
- 4) warrant
- 5) leadership
- 6) conference
- 7) yet
- 8) later
- 9) widespread
- 10) resign

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) prominent
- 12) indictment
- 13) investigation
- 14) wire fraud
- 15) racketeering
- 16) money
- 17) laundering
- 18) investigators
- 19) Qatar
- 20) Cambridge sponsors

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