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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 05/08/14

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about Google Glass. 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 Google Glass?
- 2) How much did it first cost?
- 3) Name the city.
- 4) What could Google Glass encourage?
- 5) What is seemingly endless?

Student B questions

- 1) What does 'take a snapshot' mean?
- 2) What does 'the sky is the limit' mean?
- 3) What does 'literally' mean?
- 4) What are the concerns?
- 5) What has arisen? Why? How? Explain!

**Category: Technology / Google Glass / Camera
Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of three advantages of using Google Glass. Write them below. Talk about them.

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

Add three disadvantages of using Google Glass. Discuss together.

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

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs/As a class - On the board – Write down 20 things you could use Google Glass for. Talk about them! *5 mins.*

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Will you be buying Google Glass?
- 3) Do you think the selling price for Google Glass might come down from US\$1,500?
- 4) Are you worried about the lack of security when someone is using Google Glass?
- 5) Might the device encourage street robbery?
- 6) Think of two jobs Google Glass might help with.
- 7) How would you use Google Glass?
- 8) Will Google Glass distract you from normal vision?
- 9) Why is Google Glass banned in gambling areas in Las Vegas?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. There are up to four guests. You are in the BBC News Technology studio. Today's interview is: *Google Glass. 10 mins.*

- 1) A tech journalist.
- 2) A Google Glass user.
- 3) Someone from Google.
- 4) Someone who wishes to buy Google Glass.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. Student A is a salesperson in a high-tech electronic gadget shop. Student B likes to buy electronic gadgets. You are in the shop. Start a conversation with the salesperson about buying Google Glass and something else. (Imagine!) *5-mins.*

SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

New High Tech devices
Google them!
Talk about them!

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Would you like to be videoed by someone wearing Google Glass? Explain.
- 3) What would you do if you saw someone filming you with Google Glass?
- 4) Does Google Glass violate privacy?
- 5) What do you like to video?
- 6) What can people and companies do to stop Google Glass?
- 7) Will there be accidents as a result of people using Google Glass?
- 8) Think of two other uses Google Glass could be used for.
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPEAKING

SPEAKING / DISCUSSION

In pairs, discuss the following reasons not to buy Google Glass - as said by one watchdog group. (Source: Tech Times)

- 1) You cannot drive with a television on your head.
- 2) Why pay US\$1,500 to let a corporation hack your eyes?
- 3) Say goodbye to using public bathrooms.
- 4) No one's ATM PIN will ever be safe again.
- 5) Google says it hurts your eyes and gives you headaches.
- 6) Guess what happens to people who videotape children?
- 7) How long do you think your friends will hang around?
- 8) You look stupid.
- 9) Stalking isn't cool.
- 10) Your life is too precious for Google to own.

HOMEWORK - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Google Glass**. Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) wearable
- 2) optical
- 3) display
- 4) commands
- 5) device
- 6) choices
- 7) intrusion
- 8) permission

ANSWERS

- 1) legal
- 2) encourage
- 3) concern
- 4) accident
- 5) endless
- 6) dangerous
- 7) destinations
- 8) literally

SPELLING

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

- 1) optical
- 2) wink
- 3) available
- 4) communicate
- 5) literally
- 6) wearable
- 7) natural
- 8) intrusion
- 9) privacy
- 10) device

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

- Pass = 12**
- Good = 15**
- Very good = 18**
- Excellent = 20**

- 11) violates
- 12) permission
- 13) several
- 14) facilities
- 15) passwords
- 16) encourage
- 17) potential
- 18) distract
- 19) seemingly
- 20) already

Google Glass - *5th August 2014*