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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 25/01/13

Horse meat found in beefburgers

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Whilst there is reluctance for British consumers to eat horse meat - in other countries many people eat it. In Europe, it is highly popular. French people consider it a delicacy. Horse meat is also eaten by traditional nomadic people in China and other parts of Central Asia.

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SPEAKING

Think of three different meats you eat. 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) 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 was found in British beefburgers?
- 2) Name the supermarkets.
- 3) The beef products contained what?
- 4) What has horrified many Brits?
- 5) What is considered taboo in Britain?

Student B questions

- 1) Name the animal meat.
- 2) Name three countries.
- 3) What is "Little tiger"?
- 4) What happens to the 7,000 slaughtered horses in the UK?
- 5) Explain the term 'flogging a dead horse'.

Category: Food / Beefburgers / Horse Meat
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 '**Horse meat**'. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

WRITING / SPEAKING

Horsemeat found in beefburgers - *In pairs* choose three things from the article.

Write them below.

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

Add three similar ideas of your own. Discuss together.

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

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

Think of three economic advantages and three disadvantages the horsemeat discovery in beef burgers has had in Britain and Ireland. Write down your thoughts.

The teacher will choose some students to read out their work to the class.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Do you eat horse meat?
- 3) What do you think about eating horse meat?
- 4) What meats do you like to eat?
- 5) What meats don't you like to eat?
- 6) What meat is 'taboo' in your country? Why?
- 7) Does it matter that horse and pig DNA were found in beefburgers in Britain?
- 8) Would you like to eat camel?
- 9) What unusual meats have you eaten?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *BBC London* TV studio. Today's interview is about: *Horsemeat in beefburgers*.

- 1) A horrified British shopper!
- 2) A Tesco spokesperson
- 3) An Irish slaughterhouse manager
- 4) A nomadic tribesperson from Central Asia or a French person

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. You are in a butchers shop. One of you is a butcher. The other is a customer who wishes to buy some different meats. Start a conversation with the butcher. *5 mins*.

SPEAKING - GAME – 10 mins

Form a circle. *I went to a supermarket and I bought...* Choose a product. Go round the circle, repeating the previous products then add another. Forget a product and you are eliminated.

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

Horse meat found in burgers in the UK

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 eat cat or dog meat?
- 3) Do you know anyone who eats cat or dog meat?
- 4) Are you a vegetarian?
- 5) Is horse meat tasty?
- 6) Would you like a horse steak?
- 7) What supermarkets do you shop in?
- 8) What is your favourite meat?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson in English for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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Whilst there is (7)___ for British consumers to eat horse meat - in other countries many people eat it. In Europe, it is highly popular. French people consider it a (8)___ . Horse meat is also eaten by traditional nomadic people in China and other parts of Central Asia.

subsequently / discovery / beefburgers / withdrawn / taboo / reluctance / immediately / delicacy

In India, beef isn't eaten, as the cow is considered sacred. Killing it is considered (1)___! In Somalia and Saudi Arabia eating camel is considered a delicacy. Camel hump in the (2)___ is popular! Yet eating fish in Somalia is considered (3)___! Therefore what is good in one country may not be good in another. For example, in Vietnam they like to eat cat (4)___ . It's called "Little Tiger" but is actually cat. Other countries, like South Korea and parts of Indonesia, like to eat (5)___ .

(6)___ of the 7,000 horses slaughtered in the UK every year most of the horse meat is shipped to France for (7)___ there! Horse meat is considered to be slightly sweet. It is low in fat and full of (8)___ . Selling horse meat in Britain is like 'flogging a dead horse!' 'Nay nay thrice nay!'

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - In pairs, in columns list as many animals you like to eat as you can! Then add as many you wouldn't like to eat! *One-two minutes*. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

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

- 1) Horse meat _____
- 2) Beefburgers _____
- 3) I like to eat _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Horsemeat**. Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) beefburgers
- 2) subsequently
- 3) withdrawn
- 4) discovery
- 5) immediately
- 6) taboo
- 7) reluctance
- 8) delicacy

ANSWERS

- 1) barbaric
- 2) latter
- 3) abhorrent
- 4) casserole
- 5) dog
- 6) ironically
- 7) consumption
- 8) protein

SPELLING

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

- 1) beefburgers
- 2) discovery
- 3) supermarkets
- 4) subsequently
- 5) withdrawn
- 6) shelves
- 7) immediately
- 8) apologise
- 9) taboo
- 10) reluctance

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) delicacy
- 12) traditional
- 13) nomadic
- 14) barbaric
- 15) latter
- 16) abhorrent
- 17) therefore
- 18) casserole
- 19) actually
- 20) ironically

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