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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 25/06/13

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SPEAKING

Think of three things you know about London. Where is it? 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 colour is a London taxi?
- 2) What will you see in Trafalgar Square?
- 3) What does DLR stand for?
- 4) Where will you find the maze?
- 5) Name the river.

Student B questions

- 1) What is at Greenwich?
- 2) What is a clipper ship?
- 3) What is Big Ben?
- 4) What can you see and do in Leicester Square?
- 5) What is Madame Tussauds?

Category: Tourism / London / Places to Visit
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

I love London! - *In pairs* choose three famous London bridges and three famous museums.

Write them below.

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

Add three famous markets and three famous squares. Discuss together.

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

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

SPEAKING

In pairs – Student A thinks London is an awesome city to visit. Student B prefers Paris/Berlin/Another big city. *2 mins.*

The teacher will choose some students to listen to their discussion in front of the class.

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the Radio London studio. Today's interview is: 'I love London'.

- 1) A tourist.
- 2) A taxi driver.
- 3) The Mayor of London.
- 4) A tour guide.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. You meet another tourist in a London pub. Start a conversation about where you have been in London. *5 mins.*

SPEAKING

Groups – 20 things you know about London! *5 mins.* **The teacher** will choose some groups to hear their findings in front of the class.

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

The nightlife / Major events in London / The West End / London airports / London Hotels / London Railway stations / London transport / Tourists in London / Shopping in London / London pubs!

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Have you ever visited London? If yes, when? How was it?
- 3) What three things do you like about London?
- 4) What three things do you dislike about London?
- 5) What is your favourite place in London?
- 6) Have you visited a typical old London pub?
- 7) What major event(s) have you seen in London?
- 8) Are you visiting London this year?
- 9) What are the people like in London?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's lesson?

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What three places would you like to visit most in London?
- 3) What do you think of the West End in London?
- 4) What do you know about the East End in London?
- 5) Which museums have you visited in London?
- 6) Have you been on a London bus or in a London taxi?
- 7) Have you been to any sports events in London?
- 8) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 9) What is the food like in London?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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circular / cooking pot / diversity / love / vast / cultures / tourists / especially

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

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1) On the board - In pairs/small groups – list: **The top 10 places to visit in London.** Talk about each of them. 5 mins.

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

- 1) I love London _____
- 2) London _____
- 3) Tourists _____

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

GAP FILL READING

- 1) love
- 2) tourists
- 3) cooking pot
- 4) cultures
- 5) circular
- 6) especially
- 7) vast
- 8) diversity

SPELLING

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

- 1) tourists
- 2) souvenir
- 3) people
- 4) cultures
- 5) different
- 6) nationalities
- 7) circular
- 8) especially
- 9) experience
- 10) nightlife

ANSWERS

- 1) nearby
- 2) across
- 3) popular
- 4) clipper ship
- 5) great
- 6) dungeons
- 7) maze
- 8) former

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) vast
- 12) nearby
- 13) many
- 14) popular
- 15) riverboat
- 16) both
- 17) just
- 18) maze
- 19) former
- 20) kids

I love London! – *25th June 2013*