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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 05/06/16

## Illegal immigrants quietly slip into UK highlights coastline shambles

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### SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about illegal immigrants. 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 the name of the British Navy?
- 2) What does 'utter poppycock' mean?
- 3) Name the nationality.
- 4) Name the countries.
- 5) Who is defenceless?

#### Student B questions

- 1) What does 'defenceless' mean?
- 2) What does 'to boot' mean?
- 3) What does 'staggering complacency' mean?
- 4) What is unbelievable but true?
- 5) Name the town. What county is it in?

**Category: UK / Illegal Migrants / EU**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

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### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs.* On the board write as many words about the **'Illegal immigrants'** One-two minutes. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs* – think of three reasons why illegal immigrants go to the UK. Write them below. Discuss!

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Add three migrant routes through Europe. Talk about them!

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs* - Student A is a journalist. Student B is an illegal immigrant from Albania. You are in England on the south coast. 3 mins.

### SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 2

*In groups.* One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Discussion FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is about: *Illegal immigrants quietly slip into UK highlights coastline shambles.*

- 1) A member of the European parliament.
- 2) A member of the British parliament.
- 3) Someone who lives in Dymchurch, Kent, who has seen the illegal migrants land on the beach.
- 4) Someone who lives in the UK.

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 1

*In pairs* - Student A is a journalist. Student B is an illegal migrant. You are in Calais. 3 mins.

### SPEAKING - PRESENTATION

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class.

Prepare a 2 minute presentation on

### Illegal immigrants in the UK

*The teacher* can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What on earth is the British Royal Navy doing rescuing illegal migrants in the middle of the Mediterranean?
- 3) Why doesn't the Royal Navy take the illegal migrants they have rescued in the Mediterranean straight back to Libya?
- 4) Why does the UK still choose not to use ID card system?
- 5) In Europe an ID system helps control benefits paid etc. Surely the UK would benefit doing this?
- 6) Why doesn't the British government return more illegal immigrants?
- 7) Why are many immigrants going to the UK?
- 8) Why cannot the UK control its own borders?
- 9) Why does the UK have such poor coastal defences?
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Do you have many illegal immigrants in your country? Explain.
- 3) What would you do if you saw an illegal migrant?
- 4) Should the British government increase its spending on defence in the English Channel and North Sea?
- 5) Why has the British government allowed all these illegal immigrants to stay?
- 6) Why has the British government been accused of 'staggering complacency'?
- 7) Why are there so few Royal Navy ships in the English Channel?
- 8) What can the British people do to stop their way of life from disappearing from in front of them?
- 9) What do you suggest the British government should do to stop the illegal immigrants?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

**GAP FILL: READING**

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What this really means is Britain is poorly (5)\_\_\_ . Any group of (6)\_\_\_ can now buy themselves a rubber motor boat in France or Belgium, climb in it, and head for any small (7)\_\_\_ along the English (8)\_\_\_ . No one will stop them, and if they do, they will be rescued and taken into the UK anyway.

**port / harbour / true / defenced / coastline / previous / migrants / patrol**

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What makes this story (7)\_\_\_ is that the UK government has now sent Royal Navy battleships down to the Mediterranean to rescue even more migrants to bring them into Europe. Only this week 18 Albanians were rescued as they tried to reach Dymchurch in Kent. Residents said previous attempts have been (8)\_\_\_.

**poppycock / utter / successful / welcome / significant / worse / biscuits / to boot**

**GAP FILL: GRAMMAR**

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**into / what / they / because / that / only / this / them /**

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**GAP FILL: LISTENING**

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**WRITING/SPELLING**

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**1) On the board** - *In pairs/As a class*, list 20 things you know about: **Illegal Immigrants**. *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) Illegal \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The patrols \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The Albanian migrants \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Write down 50 words** about: **Illegal immigrants quietly slip into UK highlights coastline shambles**. Your words can be read out in class.

**4) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Illegal immigrants quietly slip into UK highlights coastline shambles**. Your email can be read out in class.

**SPELLING**

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

- 1) coastline
- 2) patrol
- 3) unbelievable
- 4) illegal
- 5) immigrants
- 6) defenceless
- 7) quietly
- 8) previous
- 9) themselves
- 10) anyway

**SPELLING**

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) staggering
- 12) complacency
- 13) significant
- 14) worse
- 15) battleships
- 16) Albanians
- 17) attempts
- 18) simple
- 19) too boot
- 20) quietly

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