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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 20/06/14

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you do on the internet. What device do you use to do this e.g. mobile, tablet etc... 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 a tablet?
- 2) What does 'face to face' mean?
- 3) What is growing in popularity?
- 4) In the article what do you use the internet for?
- 5) In the article what are the alternatives?

Student B questions

- 1) What does 'addictive' mean?
- 2) What is addictive?
- 3) What is an 'SMS'?
- 4) What is a necessity and for whom?
- 5) What does 'log on' mean?

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Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of three things you use the internet for. Add three things you use a smartphone or mobile phone for. Write them below. Talk about them.

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

Add three things you might do socially by not using the internet *nor* using a smartphone or mobile phone. **Add** three different ways a business might get around the issue of not using the internet or by using a mobile or smartphone. Discuss together.

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

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

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) How many mobile phones do you have?
- 3) Do you use a smartphone? Which make and model?
- 4) Why do you need a mobile phone?
- 5) Could you manage without a mobile phone? Explain!
- 6) Do you use the internet on your smartphone?
- 7) What would you do without the internet?
- 8) What did people do before mobile phones and the internet was invented?
- 9) How often do you use a landline?
- 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 Radio London studio. Today's interview is: *What would you do without the internet or mobile phone? 10 mins.*

- 1) A business person.
- 2) Someone who is at school.
- 3) Someone who is retired.
- 4) A journalist.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. Student A lives in your country. Student B lives far away. Discuss together the advantages and disadvantages of using the internet and of being able to use your smartphones to communicate with each other. *5-10 mins.*

SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

What would you do without the internet or mobile phone?

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) How did businesses function before the invention of mobile phones, the internet and computers?
- 3) Do you use a tablet? Explain why or why not?
- 4) When did you last go for a bike ride or go into the country?
- 5) Do you take your mobile phone on holiday with you?
- 6) Are you addicted to your mobile phone or to the internet?
- 7) How often do you check your sms messages or emails?
- 8) In the future what might replace the internet or mobile phone?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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What do you use the internet for? The most likely answer is (5)___ Many people communicate with family and friends using social networking (6)___ . Many read the news and watch videos. There are different ways to access the internet. You can use a computer e.g. your desktop, laptop or tablet. Many people (7)___ it on their mobile phones, which are often smartphones. Tablets are growing in (8)___.

popularity / addictive / access / necessity / imagine / log on / information / apps

Most people are connected to the internet so they don't miss anything important that might be happening.

What are the (1)___? In (2)___ many things offer people the (3)___ to do something (4)___ . After all, we managed without either till recent times. You could get away from it all, go for a walk in the (5)___ . Meet some friends and do some real social networking face to face. You could read a book, go for a bike ride, or go on holiday! These days it is hard to imagine how (6)___ functioned before the (7)___ , computer or mobile phone (8)___ , but you know what – they did!

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opportunity / short / businesses / alternatives / internet / era / different / country

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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(6)___ do you use the internet for? The most likely answer is information. Many people communicate with family and friends using social networking apps. Many read the news and watch videos. There are different ways to access the internet. You can use a computer e.g. (7)___ desktop, laptop or tablet. (8)___ people access it on their mobile phones, which are often smartphones. Tablets are growing in popularity.

many / though / most / would / their / what / with / your

Most people are connected to the internet (1)___ they don't miss anything important that might be happening.

What are the alternatives? In short many things offer people the opportunity to do something different. After all, (2)___ managed without either till recent times. You could get away from it all, go for (3)___ walk in the country. Meet some friends and do some real social networking face to face. (4)___ could read a book, go for a bike ride, or go on holiday! These days it is hard to imagine (5)___ businesses functioned before the internet, computer or mobile phone era, (6)___ you know what – they did!

(7)___ the future the mobile phone and internet might be replaced with something else. Now that's something (8)___ you to think about!

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *In pairs, as a class* - write down 20 different things you use the internet for. **Add** another 20 things you use your smartphone or mobile phone for. Talk about them! *5 mins.*

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

- 1) My smartphone _____
- 2) The internet _____
- 3) Without my mobile _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: ***What would you do without the internet or mobile phone?*** Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) imagine
- 2) log on
- 3) addictive
- 4) necessity
- 5) information
- 6) apps
- 7) access
- 8) popularity

SPELLING

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

- 1) just
- 2) addictive
- 3) toy
- 4) device
- 5) though
- 6) necessity
- 7) communicate
- 8) access
- 9) desktop
- 10) popularity

ANSWERS

- 1) alternatives
- 2) short
- 3) opportunity
- 4) different
- 5) country
- 6) businesses
- 7) era
- 8) internet

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) alternatives
- 12) opportunity
- 13) either
- 14) these
- 15) era
- 16) thought
- 17) something
- 18) social
- 19) log on
- 20) anything

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