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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 30/07/15

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## SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three lead children's characters in books. 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) Name the book.
- 2) Name the author.
- 3) Who is Caroline Hartley?
- 4) Where is Welwyn Garden City?
- 5) Where is Zurich?

## Student B questions

- 1) Name the characters in the book.
- 2) What time of year is it?
- 3) What is on the envelope?
- 4) What type of journey is it?
- 5) It is one way to what?

**Google the book online! Check out the first 5-6 chapters for free...**

**Category: Books / Caroline Hartley and the Magic Key / Author  
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

**WRITING / SPEAKING**

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

**WRITING / SPEAKING**

*In pairs* – Write down six famous children's books. Talk about them.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITING / SPEAKING**

*In pairs* – Look online at the free part of *Caroline Hartley and the Magic Key*. Find out what you can about the following characters:-

- 1) Caroline Hartley.
- 2) Caroline's brother.
- 3) Caroline's Mum.
- 4) Caroline's Dad.

*The teacher* will choose some pairs to hear their findings.

**DISCUSSION**

**Student A questions**

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Would you like to read this book? Explain!
- 3) How many lead characters in children's books or for that matter adult fiction are girls?
- 4) Have you ever been on a mysterious journey?
- 5) In the book where do you think this mysterious journey will take the children?
- 6) Would you like to write a book?
- 7) What books are you reading at the moment?
- 8) Have you ever been to Zurich?
- 9) Would you like to visit Slovakia? Explain.
- 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 *Discussion FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is: *Popular Children's Books*.

- 1) A famous author.
- 2) A journalist.
- 3) A publisher.
- 4) A bookshop owner.

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

**SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2**

*In pairs* - *Student A* is a news reporter in London. *Student B* is a student. *Student A* interviews *Student B* about the best children's books they have read. *3 mins.*

**SPEAKING - DISCUSSION**

*Allow 10 minutes* – As a class.

*Discuss the following...*  
Adventure and fictional books and their authors

*The teacher* can moderate the session.

**DISCUSSION**

**Student B questions**

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What do you know about Welwyn Garden City?
- 3) What is the difference between Miss, Ms and Mrs?
- 4) What is a Kindle?
- 5) What is Amazon?
- 6) What does 'initial' mean?
- 7) How many formats of the book in the article are there? Name them!
- 8) Do you know many husbands and wives who might be divorced?
- 9) How many lead characters in books or movies are girls?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

**GAP FILL: READING**

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**bookshops / series / introduce / postmark / periodically character / envelope / Hardcover**

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**conversational / hopefully / author / curious / discover / divorced / Slovakia / mysterious /**

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**GAP FILL: LISTENING**

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**WRITING/SPELLING**

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**1) On the board** – As a class / In pairs - List 10 good books. Five minutes. Discuss together.

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

- 1) Caroline Hartley \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Amazon \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The book \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Introducing Caroline Hartley...** 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) typical
- 2) teenager
- 3) periodically
- 4) formats
- 5) online
- 6) fictional
- 7) novel
- 8) envelope
- 9) magic
- 10) curious

**SPELLING**

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) hopefully
- 12) conversational
- 13) whilst
- 14) vocabulary
- 15) difficult
- 16) understand
- 17) character
- 18) adventure
- 19) initial
- 20) postmark

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