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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 25/09/16

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## SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things new words you have learnt recently. Think of their meanings. 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 does *'Westminster bubble'* mean?
- 2) What does *'scrumdiddlyumptious'* mean?
- 3) What does *'squee'* mean?
- 4) What does *'chefdom'* mean?
- 5) What does *'moobs'* mean?

### Student B questions

- 1) What does *'freemium'* mean?
- 2) What does *'clicktivism'* mean?
- 3) What does *'uptalk'* mean?
- 4) What does *'scrumptious'* mean?
- 5) Who was Mary Poppins?

Category: English / Language / Oxford Dictionary  
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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**WRITING / SPEAKING**

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

**WRITING / SPEAKING - GAME**

*In pairs* – Each of you picks out five new words from the article. Read them to your partner. Then get them to use the word in a new sentence. Discuss together.

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

**SPEAKING – GAME - HANGMAN**

*As a class* – On the board, play a game of Hangman. You each have 10 lives! *10 mins.*

**DISCUSSION**

**Student A questions**

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Can you think of three new words in your language? What do they mean?
- 3) Which new words in the article had you heard about before today's English lesson?
- 4) Have you read any of Roald Dahl's books?
- 5) Have you seen any of the movies that are based on Dahl's books?
- 6) What three words might you like to add to the Oxford English Dictionary?
- 7) How often do you use a dictionary?
- 8) Do you use the Oxford dictionary?
- 9) Do you use a dictionary to translate a word or to find out its meaning?
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

**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 about: *New words in Oxford dictionary.*

- 1) A representative from the Oxford Dictionary.
- 2) A student living in the UK.
- 3) A student living outside the UK.
- 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* is a cash man/person. *Student B* prefers contactless cards. *3 mins.*

**SPEAKING - PRESENTATION**

*Allow 10-15 minutes* – *As a class.*

**Guess the word?**

Think of a word – keep it to yourself. The class has to ask you questions about it – You can answer - Yes or No.

*The teacher can moderate the session.*

**DISCUSSION**

**Student B questions**

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Do you have a good memory for remembering new words?
- 3) How do you learn words?
- 4) How would you say the English language is changing?
- 5) Do you use a paper dictionary or an online dictionary or both?
- 6) Are the new words in italics in the article used in your language?
- 7) What is the best way to learn a word?
- 8) Are many English words used in your language?
- 9) Have you seen the movie - Mary Poppins? What is it about?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

**GAP FILL: READING**

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**centenary / gender / acronym / moobs / once / dictionary / identify / chefdom**

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**marvellous / colloquialism / squee / former / stingy / exclamation / latter / scrumptious**

**GAP FILL: GRAMMAR**

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**GAP FILL: LISTENING**

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Other new words include 'yogalates', which is to do with the postures and breathing while doing yoga, and 'uptalk' – a manner of speaking in which declaratives sentences are uttered with rising intonation at the end. 'Non-apology', which is a statement in the form of an apology but does not acknowledge responsibility or express regret for what has caused offence.

'Freemium' is a business model, especially on the internet, whereby basic services are free of charge while more advanced features must be paid for. Lastly today, 'clicktivism'. This is the practice of signalling support for a political or social cause by means of the internet, through social media, online petitions, etc., rather than by more substantive involvement.

**Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher: **New words in Oxford dictionary.**

**SPELLING**

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

- 1) substantive
- 2) involvement
- 3) clicktivism
- 4) acknowledgement
- 5) responsibility
- 6) declaratives
- 7) intonation
- 8) breathing
- 9) through
- 10) whereby

**SPELLING**

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) prominent
- 12) scrumptious
- 13) marvellous
- 14) scrumdiddlyu mptious
- 15) exclamation
- 16) quarterly
- 17) chefdom
- 18) overall
- 19) originality
- 20) insular