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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 10/09/13

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SPEAKING

Think of three ways you know about the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. 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 Japanese Prime Minister.
- 2) What happened in 1964?
- 3) Name the three cities competing for the Olympic Games 2020.
- 4) What is wrestling?
- 5) Where is Istanbul?

Student B questions

- 1) What sport was reinstated?
- 2) What were the concerns if Tokyo won?
- 3) Why did Istanbul lose?
- 4) Where did the session take place?
- 5) What did the Japanese Prime Minister say?

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Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs think of three previous cities that have hosted the Olympic Games. In what year did they host the games? Write them below.

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

Add three top Olympic sports.

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

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

WRITING / SPEAKING – 60 seconds

In pairs, write down as many Olympic sports as you can in 60 seconds then discuss together.

The teacher will choose some students to read out their suggestions to the class.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Would you like to go to Tokyo?
- 3) Would you like to watch the Olympic Games live in Tokyo in 2020?
- 4) What did you like about London 2012?
- 5) Did your country win any gold medals at London 2012?
- 6) What Olympic sport is your country good at?
- 7) Why did Japan win the Olympic City 2020 host nation bid?
- 8) Do you watch any wrestling on TV?
- 9) Why was wrestling reinstated?
- 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 *Sport FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is: *Olympic Games 2020 – It's Tokyo! 10 mins.*

- 1) Head of the IOC
- 2) A wrestling official
- 3) A Tokyo resident
- 4) An Olympics fan

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. You are in a bar. Start a conversation about the Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo. *5 mins.*

SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

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The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Which were your favourite Olympic Games?
- 3) Have you ever been to an Olympic Games opening ceremony?
- 4) Why is hosting the Olympic Games such a big thing?
- 5) Where are the Olympic Games being held in 2016?
- 6) What sports do you play?
- 7) Name your country's top sports person.
- 8) Which is your favourite Olympic sport? Why?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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promote / host / radiation / wonderful / message / session / thrilling / favourite

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Meanwhile (6)___ has been reinstated by the IOC as an Olympic sport for 2020 and the 2024 Games after being voted in ahead of (7)___ and baseball/softball. Wrestling is one of the original disciplines of the (8)___ Olympics.

eruption / drama / ancient / tie / supporters / wrestling / dejected / squash

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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after / whilst / about / when / there / with / that / for

GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *In pairs*, write down 10 former Olympic Games host cities together with the year they held the games. Talk about them! Which was the best? Which do you remember most? *5 mins.*

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

- 1) The Olympic Games _____
- 2) Tokyo _____
- 3) My favourite sport _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Olympic Games 2020 – It's Tokyo!** Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) host
- 2) thrilling
- 3) session
- 4) favourite
- 5) radiation
- 6) message
- 7) promote
- 8) wonderful

SPELLING

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

- 1) promote
- 2) afterwards
- 3) thrilling
- 4) favourite
- 5) nuclear
- 6) radiation
- 7) message
- 8) wrestling
- 9) movement
- 10) wonderful

ANSWERS

- 1) drama
- 2) tie
- 3) eruption
- 4) supporters
- 5) dejected
- 6) wrestling
- 7) squash
- 8) ancient

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) earlier
- 12) drama
- 13) tie break
- 14) narrow
- 15) whilst
- 16) eruption
- 17) despair
- 18) dejected
- 19) defeat
- 20) opponents

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