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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 25/03/13

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SPEAKING

Think of three things you know about the new Pope. 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 Society of Jesuits?
- 2) How many Popes were there before this one?
- 3) What are the new Pope's passions?
- 4) Name two issues the new Pope has to deal with.
- 5) The new Pope is seen as what?

Student B questions

- 1) What is the new Pope's full title?
- 2) What is his original real name?
- 3) Which country does the Pope come from?
- 4) How old is the new Pope?
- 5) Name the President of Argentina.

Category: Catholic Church / The Pope / Francis I
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 '**The new Pope**'. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

WRITING / SPEAKING

The new Pope - *In pairs* choose three things from the article.

Write them below.

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

Add three similar ideas of your own about the subject. Discuss together.

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

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs - Write down three things you know about the Pope, the former Pope and the one before that. Discuss together.

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

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What do you think of a Pope from Latin America?
- 3) What advice would you give the new Pope?
- 4) Why did the cardinals not elect a much younger man?
- 5) What do you think of the scandals in the Catholic Church?
- 6) Will the new Pope get on better with the Argentinean President now?
- 7) What does the new Pope think of the Falkland Island situation?
- 8) What do you like about the new Pope?
- 9) What do you dislike about him?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's lesson?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the Vatican TV studio. Today's interview is: *The new Pope.*

- 1) The new Pope
- 2) A cardinal
- 3) A devout Catholic
- 4) A tourist

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. You are in a coffee shop at the Vatican. Start a conversation about: '*The new Pope*'. 5 mins.

SPEAKING - GAME

Group – form a circle. *I went to the Vatican and I saw...* Go round in a clockwise direction. Repeat the previous words then add one more. Forget any and you are eliminated! 10 mins. **The teacher** will choose some groups to hear their discussions in front of the class.

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

The new Pope – The challenges he faces

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What do you think of the Pope's choice of name Francis I?
- 3) Is the Catholic Church big in your country? Explain!
- 4) Do you go to church often? Why? Why not?
- 5) Will the new Pope change the way the Catholic Church is run?
- 6) Do you think the new Pope will be a puppet of those around him?
- 7) Will the new Pope be as popular as the previous Popes?
- 8) Do you think he wanted to be Pope?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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poverty / Pope / Archbishop / resignation / choice / bishop / former / Catholic

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Pope Francis held his first (3)___ in the Sistine Chapel, urging the Catholic Church to stick to its roots and to shun temptations. He takes on the (4)___ of the Catholic church amid a string of sex abuse (5)___, infighting within the churches administration arm and (6)___ of financial (7)___ . The new Pope has criticised Christine Fernandez, who is the President of Argentina, over her support for liberal measures, such as gay marriage and free (8)___ .

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contraceptives / orthodox / helm / Mass / homeless / wrongdoings / allegations / scandals

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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many / from / much / who / at / in / he / as

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

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1) On the board - *In pairs/small groups* – list three important issues the new Pope has to deal with. Talk about each of them. *5-10 mins*.

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

- 1) The new Pope _____
- 2) Catholics _____
- 3) The Catholic church _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **The new Pope**. Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) Pope
- 2) Catholic
- 3) resignation
- 4) former
- 5) choice
- 6) poverty
- 7) bishop
- 8) archbishop

ANSWERS

- 1) orthodox
- 2) homeless
- 3) Mass
- 4) helm
- 5) scandals
- 6) allegations
- 7) wrongdoings
- 8) contraceptive s

SPELLING

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

- 1) Vatican
- 2) Pope Francis I
- 3) cardinal
- 4) choice
- 5) Argentina
- 6) surprise
- 7) poverty
- 8) Latin America
- 9) Buenos Aires
- 10) Jesuit

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) bishop
- 12) archbishop
- 13) orthodox
- 14) social justice
- 15) homeless
- 16) shun
- 17) temptations
- 18) helm
- 19) infighting
- 20) contraceptive s

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