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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 20/04/13

The top places to visit in the UK

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SPEAKING

Think of three places you would like to visit in the United Kingdom. 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) Where was Shakespeare born?
- 2) Name the castle.
- 3) Where does the Queen live for part of the year?
- 4) What does Northern Ireland offer?
- 5) Bath is famous for what?

Student B questions

- 1) Name the university towns.
- 2) What can visitors see in Wales?
- 3) Where is John O'Groats?
- 4) What can you see in Scotland?
- 5) Where is Stonehenge?

Category: Tourism / United Kingdom / Places to Visit
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs. On the board in two columns write as many things you can about '**London and Edinburgh**'. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

WRITING / SPEAKING

The top places to visit in the UK - *In pairs* choose three things from the article.

Write them below.

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

Add three similar ideas of your own. Discuss together.

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

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs, think of five of the following...together.

- 1) Five cities/towns in the UK
- 2) Five castles/museums in the UK
- 3) Five interesting places to visit

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) Will you be going to visit London this year?
- 3) What do you like to see in London?
- 4) What three things might you see on a visit to Wales?
- 5) Why is Scotland so popular to visit?
- 6) Would you like to go up Snowdonia?
- 7) Why are Cambridge and Oxford popular with tourists?
- 8) Why is Bath a favourite with visitors?
- 9) Why is John O'Groats and Land's End interesting for many people?
- 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 *Radio London* radio studio. Today's interview is about: *The top places to visit in the UK.*

- 1) Someone from South America
- 2) Someone from Africa
- 3) Someone from Asia
- 4) Someone from Europe.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. You are on holiday in the UK. You are visiting a café in a small quaint village. Start a conversation about the places you have seen so far. *5 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

The top 10 places to visit in the UK:

- 1) London; 2) Edinburgh; 3) Bath; 4) Cambridge;
- 5) Oxford; 6) Stratford upon Avon; 7) Stonehenge; 8) Scotland; 9) Windsor; 10) Cornwall.

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What makes a London pub, theatre or sports venue popular with tourists?
- 3) What do you know about the Edinburgh Festival?
- 4) Would you like to celebrate New Year's Eve in Edinburgh?
- 5) What would you do if you saw the Loch Ness Monster?
- 6) Can you think of three places to visit in Northern Island?
- 7) What would you do on a weekend to Cornwall?
- 8) Which castles would you like to visit in the UK?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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wonderful / lucky / popular / theatres / huge / probably / further / fabulous

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Many (5)___ who go to the UK like to visit a castle. Many visit Windsor Castle, which is where The Queen lives for part of the year. Visitors to the UK can also visit many (6)___ rural towns and (7)___ with (8)___ and village greens.

pubs / quaint / seaside resorts / region / picturesque / tourists / university / villages

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *In pairs*, write as many words about the **United Kingdom** as you can! *One-two minutes*. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

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

1) The UK _____

2) I like to visit _____

3) The weather _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **The top places to visit in the UK**. Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) huge
- 2) fabulous
- 3) theatres
- 4) probably
- 5) popular
- 6) lucky
- 7) further
- 8) wonderful

ANSWERS

- 1) picturesque
- 2) region
- 3) seaside resorts
- 4) university
- 5) tourists
- 6) quaint
- 7) villages
- 8) pubs

SPELLING

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

- 1) quaint
- 2) especially
- 3) theatres
- 4) lucky
- 5) famous
- 6) architecture
- 7) university
- 8) Georgian
- 9) rural
- 10) might

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) probably
- 12) fabulous
- 13) huge
- 14) could
- 15) Edinburgh
- 16) further
- 17) wonderful
- 18) picturesque
- 19) popular
- 20) another

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