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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 30/01/15

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### SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about Windows 8 or 8.1. 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 Windows 10?
- 2) What is Microsoft?
- 3) What is a tablet?
- 4) What is Spartan?
- 5) What is Cortana?

#### Student B questions

- 1) When will Windows 10 debut?
- 2) What does kickstart mean?
- 3) What will be free?
- 4) What is a hologram?
- 5) Why is Microsoft offering Windows 10 for free?

**Category: Technology / Windows 10 / Operating Systems**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

**WRITING / SPEAKING**

*In pairs.* On the board write as many words as you can to do with **'Windows 10'**. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

**WRITING / SPEAKING**

*In pairs* choose three things you know about Windows 10. Write them below. Talk about them!

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** three things you know about Windows 8. Discuss together.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** three things you know about Macs. Discuss together.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Student A questions**

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Which operating system do you use? Why?
- 3) What is your favourite operating system? Why?
- 4) Which is the worst version of Windows? Why?
- 5) Did you use the worst system of Windows? Discuss.
- 6) What competition does Microsoft now have? Explain.
- 7) How many tablets, mobile phones and PCs do you have? Why?
- 8) Which device do you use most? Why?
- 9) What devices might we all be using in 10 years' time?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

**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 Birmingham. Today's interview is about: *Windows 10.*

- 1) Someone who uses or has used Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8.1.
- 2) Someone who uses Apple Mac.
- 3) A computer geek.
- 4) An IT journalist.

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

**SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2**

*In pairs - Student A* prefers Windows 7 to Windows 8 or 8.1. *Student B* prefers Mac. 3 mins.

**SPEAKING - DISCUSSION**

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

*Discuss the following...*

Windows 10 – compare against Microsoft's previous Windows operating systems – better or worse?

*The teacher* can moderate the session.

**DISCUSSION**

**Student B questions**

- 1) Will you be installing Windows 10?
- 2) Did you upgrade from Windows 8 to 8.1? Explain.
- 3) Will Windows 10 take off?
- 4) Which is the best web browser? Why?
- 5) What do you think of the new web browser codenamed Spartan?
- 6) Will you be using the new holograms on the new Hololens on Windows 10?
- 7) What do you think of the Start Menu being removed on Windows 8?
- 8) Is Apple major competition for Microsoft?
- 9) How will Windows 10 affect mobile devices?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

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**major / kickstart / free / offer / upgrade / debut / huge / menu**

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**devices / interact / holograms / upgrade / launch / replace / web browser / convince /**

**GAP FILL: GRAMMAR**

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## GAP FILL: LISTENING

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## WRITING/SPELLING

### WRITING / SPEAKING

**1) On the board – As a class / In pairs -** List five advantages and disadvantages of Windows operating systems. Compare against other operating systems like Apple. *Five minutes. Discuss together.*

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

- 1) Microsoft \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Windows 8.1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Windows 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Homework -** Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Windows 10.** Your email can be read out in class.

### GAP FILL READING

- 1) debut
- 2) upgrade
- 3) huge
- 4) kickstart
- 5) offer
- 6) major
- 7) free
- 8) menu

### ANSWERS

- 1) convince
- 2) upgrade
- 3) launch
- 4) interact
- 5) holograms
- 6) web browser
- 7) replace
- 8) devices

### SPELLING

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

- 1) major
- 2) system
- 3) replace
- 4) upgrade
- 5) free
- 6) decision
- 7) offer
- 8) feature
- 9) controversially
- 10) unveiled

### SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

**Pass = 12**

**Good = 15**

**Very good = 18**

**Excellent = 20**

- 11) holographic
- 12) interact
- 13) allow
- 14) codenamed
- 15) popular
- 16) which
- 17) eclipsed
- 18) assistant
- 19) suitable
- 20) alternative

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