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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 10/02/16

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about DeLorean sports cars. 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 franchise.
- 2) What speed is mentioned?
- 3) What happens at this speed?
- 4) What does 'game changer' mean?
- 5) What does 'game changer' mean for DeLorean cars?

Student B questions

- 1) Who owned the original DeLorean Motor Company?
- 2) Who is Marty?
- 3) How much is a new DeLorean expected to cost?
- 4) How many DeLorean sports cars were originally produced?
- 5) What did the CEO of the new DeLorean motor company say?

Category: Cars / DeLorean Sports Car / Back to the Future
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs choose three classic cars from different areas of the world you might like to see rebuilt. Write them below. Why these? Which is best? Talk about them!

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|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| | European | | British |
| 1) | _____ | 1) | _____ |
| 2) | _____ | 2) | _____ |
| 3) | _____ | 3) | _____ |
| | American | | Far East |
| 1) | _____ | 1) | _____ |
| 2) | _____ | 2) | _____ |
| 3) | _____ | 3) | _____ |

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

DRAWING

In pairs/As a class – Draw a DeLorean sports car inside and out – *Back to the Future* style! Label it all!

The teacher can ask you to show and describe it all to the class.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Would you like to own a DeLorean sports car? Explain.
- 3) Do you think there is a market for the 'new' DeLorean sports car?
- 4) Do you think the new DeLorean Motor Company will update the DeLorean with new technology?
- 5) Might we see an electric DeLorean that could rival Tesla?
- 6) Will diehard *Back to the Future* fans buy the new car?
- 7) What colour will the new DeLorean sports car be?
- 8) What do you think of DeLorean sports cars?
- 9) Do you own a sports car?
- 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 *Discussion FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is about: *Great Scott Marty! DeLoreans to come back to the future and be rebuilt!*

- 1) Someone who owns a DeLorean.
- 2) Stephen Wynne.
- 3) A *Back to the Future* diehard fan.
- 4) A car critic.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs - Student A is a reporter. Student B is the CEO of the DeLorean Motor Company in Texas. 3 mins.

SPEAKING

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class.

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Add into your discussion what other classic cars that have been rebuilt!

Google it all if necessary!

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) When did you last go for a ride in a sports car?
- 3) Why are sports cars so appealing?
- 4) Are women more attracted to men who drive sports cars?
- 5) What happened to John DeLorean?
- 6) What do you think of Tesla sports cars?
- 7) What is the best classic sports car? Why?
- 8) Would you like to drive a DeLorean sports car at 88mph?
- 9) What is your favourite new sports car? Why?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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executive / stock / rights / franchise / hit / game changer / technical drawings / satisfy

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production / test drive / risk / adventurous / versions / survive / challenges / unique

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

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1) On the board - *In pairs/As a class*, list 10 sports cars. Talk about each of them. Add 10 things about DeLorean sports cars. Talk about them. Do DeLoreans rate in your top 10 sports cars? *3-5 minutes*.

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

- 1) DeLoreans _____
- 2) John DeLorean _____
- 3) Back to the Future _____

3) Write down 50 words about: *Great Scott Marty! DeLoreans to come back to the future and be rebuilt!* Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: *Great Scott Marty! DeLoreans to come back to the future and be rebuilt!* Your email can be read out in class.

SPELLING

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

- 1) future
- 2) rebuilt
- 3) famous
- 4) franchise
- 5) since
- 6) however
- 7) satisfy
- 8) executive
- 9) originally
- 10) colour

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) DeLorean
- 12) due
- 13) survive
- 14) production
- 15) underpowered
- 16) just
- 17) adventurous
- 18) risk
- 19) technical
- 20) unique

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