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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 15/03/14

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

What do you do at 7.00am? Would you have an English lesson at 7.00am? 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 a High School?
- 2) What is a University?
- 3) Where is Slovakia?
- 4) Where is Bratislava?
- 5) What time does the writer normally start his lessons?

Student B questions

- 1) What is the 'zero' hour?
- 2) Why do some students start their lessons at 7.00am?
- 3) Why do many women in Bratislava start work at 7.00am?
- 4) Explain what 'a morning or evening person' means!
- 5) What time did most students prefer to have an English lesson?

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING / SURVEY

As a class – On the board or going around the room - Find out...

What time students went/go to school? / What time they went/go home? / What time they start work? / What time they finish work? / What time they have an English lesson? What time they would prefer to have an English lesson? Would students like to have an English lesson at 7.00am? 5 mins.

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

WRITING / SPEAKING / SURVEY

As a class – On the board or going around the room - Find out... the classes' favourite and worst subjects when at school? Talk about why this is/was? 5 mins.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Would you have an English lesson at 7.00am?
- 3) What time did you start lessons at school?
- 4) When you were at school before lessons started did you have to register in every morning and have an assembly?
- 5) What time did school end?
- 6) How long are the school holidays in your country?
- 7) What was your favourite lesson at school?
- 8) How long ago did you leave school?
- 9) Did you go to University?
- 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 BBC Education TV studio. Today's interview is: *Would you have an English lesson at 7.00am? 10 mins.*

- 1) A student at High School.
- 2) A woman who starts work at 7.00am.
- 3) A teacher or Head teacher.
- 4) Someone at work who has English lessons.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. Student A is a student at High School in your country. Student B is a student at High School or at work on the other side of the world. Both of you are learning English! Explain to each other about your lifestyles and whether you start work or school at 7.00am or not? *5 mins.*

SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Would you have an English lesson at 7.00am?

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What time do you start work?
- 3) Are you a morning or evening person?
- 4) How can a business run if half the employees leave at 3.00pm?
- 5) Would you want to start work or school at 7.00am?
- 6) What is the early morning traffic like where you live?
- 7) Are there or were there a lack of classrooms in your school?
- 8) Did you ever do gym, maths or history lessons at 7.00am?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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GAP FILL: READING

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - In pairs, as a class - write down 20 things you know about **English lessons**. Talk about them! 5 mins.

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

- 1) I prefer _____
- 2) I start _____
- 3) I used to start _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Would I have an English lesson at 7.00am?** Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) English
- 2) multiple
- 3) consider
- 4) lesson
- 5) agency
- 6) earliest
- 7) normally
- 8) sometimes

ANSWERS

- 1) students
- 2) maths
- 3) especially
- 4) kids
- 5) traffic
- 6) queues
- 7) questionable
- 8) hardly

SPELLING

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

- 1) latter
- 2) would
- 3) multiple
- 4) view
- 5) perhaps
- 6) different
- 7) agency
- 8) boss
- 9) earliest
- 10) normally

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) simply
- 12) sometimes
- 13) maths
- 14) classrooms
- 15) especially
- 16) avoid
- 17) queues
- 18) traffic
- 19) businesses
- 20) questionable

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