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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 30/05/16

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It is France's first big international football tournament since they hosted the World Cup in 1998. Everyone is praying there will be no security threats at any of the games. Euro 2016 is expected to attract about 2.5 million extra visitors to France.

Industrial action is planned throughout France during the month long football tournament. Unions are striking over divisive employment legislation. They have called for transport strikes in the 10 cities the games are being played at.

SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about Euro 2016. Where is France? 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 three teams in group D.
- 2) Name three teams in group B.
- 3) Which teams are in the group of death?
- 4) What date is the final?
- 5) What has history shown for England?

Student B questions

- 1) When is the tournament on between?
- 2) What is likely to happen with the French unions during the tournament?
- 3) Name three French cities hosting the tournament.
- 4) Where are England opening their campaign?
- 5) Who are the tournament favourites?

Category: Sport / Football / Euro 2016
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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THE TEAMS

Group A

Albania
France
Romania
Switzerland

Group B

England
Russia
Slovakia
Wales

Group C

Germany
Northern Ireland
Poland
Ukraine

Group D

Croatia
Czech Republic
Spain
Turkey

Group E

Belgium
Italy
Republic of Ireland
Sweden

Group F

Austria
Hungary
Iceland
Portugal

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of 20 things about Euro 2016. Write them down. Talk about them. *3-5 mins.*

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Will you be watching Euro 2016?
- 3) Where is the best place to watch Euro 2016?
- 4) Who will you support in Euro 2016?
- 5) Is your team taking part in Euro 2016?
- 6) Who is going to win Euro 2016? Why?
- 7) How far will England get in Euro 2016?
- 8) Who are the best players in Euro 2016?
- 9) Who is the best manager in Euro 2016?
- 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 four guests. You are in the *Discussion FM* radio studio. Today's interview is about: *Euro 2016.*

- 1) A football supporter
- 2) A football pundit
- 3) A security expert from France
- 4) A French union spokesperson

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 in France. *Student B* is a football fan in France for one of the matches. *3 mins.*

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 3

In pairs/groups – Talk about previous Euro football tournaments. Who won the last one and the one before that? Where were they played? Which was most memorable? Why? Create your own mini discussion. *3-5 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 5 minutes – As a class.

Euro 2016 – Who is going to win?

Look at the teams listed

Discuss together!

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Will France win Euro 2016?
- 3) Which is the best stadium in Euro 2016?
- 4) Are you going to any of the games?
- 5) Who are the best outsiders who might win the tournament?
- 6) Who is least likely to win anything?
- 7) Will the French unions hold the country to ransom?
- 8) Why is football so lucrative?
- 9) Why is football so popular?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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miracle / final / shootouts / tournament / football / draw / penalty / face

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

WRITING/SPELLING

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WRITING / SPEAKING / DRAWING

1) On the board - *In pairs/small groups* – Draw a map of France. You recently hired a car for 10 days in Paris. Describe a football holiday there. Draw your route on your map, adding the football stadiums you visited. Add in some other things about France as you drive along. Bon voyage! 5-10 mins.

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

- 1) My favourite team _____
- 2) France _____
- 3) England _____

3) Write down 50 words about: Euro 2016. Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Euro 2016.** 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) favourable
- 2) tournament
- 3) known
- 4) hosts
- 5) draw
- 6) while
- 7) miracle
- 8) stadium
- 9) campaign
- 10) group

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) football
- 12) throughout
- 13) legislation
- 14) divisive
- 15) games
- 16) threats
- 17) million
- 18) venues
- 19) shootouts
- 20) penalty

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