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

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### SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about Leicester City football club. 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 Thai owner of Leicester City football club.
- 2) Name the manager of Leicester City football club.
- 3) What is the nickname of Leicester City football club?
- 4) What did one bookmaker say?
- 5) What have Buddhist monks from Thailand got to do with Leicester City?

#### Student B questions

- 1) Name three football teams.
- 2) Name the sports commentator.
- 3) What did jubilant fans say?
- 4) What were the original odds of Leicester City winning the title?
- 5) Name the English King.

**Category: Sport / Premier League / Leicester City**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

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**WRITING / SPEAKING**

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

**WRITING / SPEAKING**

*In pairs* – Think of three reasons Leicester City Football club might have won the Premier League this year. Write them below. Discuss!

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

Add your top three English Premier League football teams. Discuss!

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

**SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 1**

*In pairs* - Student A is a journalist. Student B is Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha. 3 mins.

**SPEAKING - DISCUSSION**

*In pairs* - Compare the differences between Leicester City and your football team. Which team is better? Why? 3 mins.

**DISCUSSION**

**Student A questions**

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Do you think the bookies were taken to the cleaners in the UK with the Leicester City result?
- 3) Who is the greatest English footballer? Why?
- 4) Which team do you support?
- 5) Is football big in your country?
- 6) Do you like to support the underdog?
- 7) Do you think that the Buddhist monks from Thailand made the difference to Leicester City winning the Premier League?
- 8) What have the press said about Leicester City winning the Premier League in the UK?
- 9) How do the Leicester City fans feel about their team winning the Premier League?
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

**SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 2**

*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: *Leicester City win Premier League.*

- 1) A Leicester City fan in Leicester / in Thailand (Video link).
- 2) Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha.
- 3) A sports journalist.
- 4) Claudio Ranieri.

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

**SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 3**

*In pairs* - Student A is a journalist. Student B is a Leicester City fan. 3 mins.

**SPEAKING - PRESENTATION**

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class.

*Prepare a 3-5 minute presentation on*

**Ten things about Leicester City Football club winning the Premier League**

*(Google it if necessary!)*

*The teacher* can moderate the session.

**DISCUSSION**

**Student B questions**

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Which football team do you support?
- 3) Will you be switching to Leicester City next season?
- 4) How remarkable is it Leicester City winning the Premier League?
- 5) Who is Leicester City's best player?
- 6) What is the future like for Leicester City?
- 7) Will you be visiting Leicester City soon?
- 8) Do you like to bet on Premier League games?
- 9) Do you think that the discovery and unearthing of English King Richard III recently might have had something to do with a change in fortunes of Leicester City football club?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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### GAP FILL: READING

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**rivals / beat / football / fairytale / draw / bid / tournament / triumphs**

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**paint / prayer / atmosphere / unearthing / shock / trophy / underdogs / relegation**

### GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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**even / thus / this / still / what / though / most / their /**

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**GAP FILL: LISTENING**

**READING / SPELLING**

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**READING – from page 1**

Leicester's billionaire owner is Thai owner Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha. He left nothing to chance, even bringing in Buddhist monks from Thailand to pray for the team. In Thailand Leicester City are now huge! Perhaps it is really down to the Foxes' Italian manager Claudio Ranieri?

Unfortunately for the bookies, they have had to pay out a fortune to those punters who risked betting on Leicester City at the beginning of the season. As one bookmaker put it: "The biggest sporting upset of all time." Another described it as: "The biggest payout by a distance."

Leicester is now definitely on the map! Leicester City meanwhile can look forward to playing in Europe next season.

**SPELLING**

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

- 1) prayer
- 2) Leicester City
- 3) perhaps
- 4) really
- 5) meanwhile
- 6) bookies
- 7) punters
- 8) bookmaker
- 9) definitely
- 10) season

**SPELLING**

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) triumphs
- 12) tournament
- 13) fairytale
- 14) champions
- 15) underdogs
- 16) trophy
- 17) atmosphere
- 18) relegation
- 19) could
- 20) unearthing

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