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## The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 15/10/17

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### **SPEAKING – WARM UP**

Think of three useful things that you can do with mobile phones. 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 an encyclopaedia?
- 2) What is a board game?
- 3) What is a takeaway?
- 4) What is a mirror?
- 5) What is a calculator?

#### **Student B questions**

- 1) What is Facebook?
- 2) What does 'incredible' mean?
- 3) What is a spirit level?
- 4) What is an MP3 player?
- 5) What is a selfie?

**Category: Technology / Mobile Phones / Gadgets and Apps**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

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**WRITING / SPEAKING**

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

**WRITING / SPEAKING**

*In pairs* – Think of three mobile phones you like. Why? Write them below. Discuss together.

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

**SPEAKING – GAME – PACK MY RUCKSACK**

*In pairs/groups* – Play the game – *Pack my rucksack.* You are going away for the weekend. You are **not** taking your mobile with you that you reply on now, with all its gadgets and apps. You have to use 'other' old school traditional means to manage. You need to create a list of how much everything on your mobile will cost you now to buy separately, e.g. a torch £10, a newspaper £1, etc. How much will you spend? What is on your list? Is your mobile phone now good value? Discuss and compare with others.

**DISCUSSION**

**Student A questions**

- 1) Do you use your mobile phone to communicate on social media?
- 2) What type of mobile phone do you have?
- 3) Who pays your mobile phone bill each month?
- 4) Do you have a prepaid or mobile phone contract?
- 5) Which mobile phone operator do you use?
- 6) Which is the best mobile phone operator?
- 7) What do you use the most on your mobile phone? Explain.
- 8) Do you have any apps on your mobile phone?
- 9) How many apps do you have on your mobile phone?
- 10) So what exactly does your mobile phone do?

**SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY**

*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: *So what exactly does your mobile phone do?*

- 1) Someone who lives in the China.
- 2) Someone who lives in Brazil.
- 3) Someone who lives in South Africa.
- 4) Someone who lives in Latvia.

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

**SPEAKING - IDEA**

*Allow 5 minutes* – As a class.

Split the class into groups. Create a mobile phone app. What will it do? Whose idea is the best? Why?

**The teacher** can moderate the session.

**SPEAKING - DISCUSSION**

*Allow 5 minutes* – As a class.

Consider the advantages and disadvantages of using a mobile phone, a tablet, and a laptop

**The teacher** can moderate the session.

**DISCUSSION**

**Student B questions**

- 1) Do you use satellite navigation on your mobile phone?
- 2) How will mobile phones look in the future?
- 3) How often do you use your mobile phone?
- 4) Do you find your mobile phone useful?
- 5) What do you like and dislike on your mobile phone?
- 6) Do you have an Apple or Samsung mobile?
- 7) What is wrong with just having a bog standard mobile phone that is just a telephone?
- 8) Do you watch videos or video chat to friends on your mobile?
- 9) What was the last app you installed on your mobile?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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### GAP FILL: LISTENING

### WRITING/SPELLING

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#### WRITING / SPEAKING

**1) On the board** - *In pairs/As a class*, list 10-20 of the best mobile phone apps you know of. Talk briefly about each of them. *Five minutes*.

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

- 1) My mobile \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) I think \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) My apps \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Write down 50 words about: *So what exactly does your mobile phone do?*** Your words can be read out in class.

**4) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: ***So what exactly does your mobile phone do?***

#### SPELLING

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

- 1) functions
- 2) incredible
- 3) atlas
- 4) usually
- 5) spirit level
- 6) encyclopaedias
- 7) portable
- 8) console
- 9) takeaway
- 10) timetables

#### SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

**Pass = 12**

**Good = 15**

**Very good = 18**

**Excellent = 20**

- 11) messages
- 12) exactly
- 13) though
- 14) consider
- 15) different
- 16) calculators
- 17) fitness
- 18) address
- 19) usually
- 20) entertainment