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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 20/12/13

Nelson Mandela

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about Nelson Mandela. 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 two high profile guests at Mr Mandela's funeral.
- 2) How many years was Nelson Mandela in prison?
- 3) Who performed a traditional dance?
- 4) What is a bugler?
- 5) What is a tribute?

Student B questions

- 1) Name the South African President.
- 2) What happened when Mr Mandela's coffin was interred?
- 3) What did the South African President say?
- 4) Where was Nelson Mandela buried?
- 5) Name Nelson Mandela's wives.

Category: History / World Leaders / Nelson Mandela
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

Nelson Mandela - *In pairs* choose three things you know about his early life. Write them below. Talk about them!

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Add three things you know about his life in prison. Discuss together.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Add three things you know about his life after he left prison. Discuss together.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

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

Note: Nelson Mandela was also known as **Madiba**

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What do you think about the dodgy sign language interpreter at Nelson Mandela's funeral?
- 3) What do you think about the South African President being booed at Mandela's funeral?
- 4) Will the corruption in South Africa get better or worse in the future?
- 5) How does the future look for South Africa?
- 6) Did you watch Mr Mandela's funeral?
- 7) What do you think South Africans think of Madiba (**see above note**)?
- 8) What made 'the Madiba magic'?
- 9) What was the best thing you remember about Nelson Mandela?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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 Cape Town, South Africa. Today's interview is about: *Nelson Mandela*.

- 1) Someone from South Africa.
- 2) A journalist.
- 3) Someone famous who knew him.
- 4) An African.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. You are in an internet cafe. Start a conversation on a social network about Nelson Mandela. *5 mins.*

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY

In pairs – Talk about some of the famous people who met Nelson Mandela. What made them connect to Nelson Mandela?

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

Nelson Mandela – his life

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What do you think of Nelson Mandela?
- 3) Did you watch the former South African's funeral?
- 4) What made Nelson Mandela so liked?
- 5) What do you think of the Danish Prime Ministers 'selfie' with President Obama's and David Cameron at Nelson Mandela's funeral?
- 6) Will the ANC fall apart now its 'father' has departed?
- 7) Will a new political movement start to form in South Africa?
- 8) Would you like to pay a pilgrimage to see Nelson Mandela's grave?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

GAP FILL: READING

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dispute / emotional / former / traditional / rest / body / funeral / profile

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grave / graveside / tributes / coffin / farewell / bugler / fly past / prison /

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - In pairs, list ten things about Nelson Mandela. One-two minutes. Talk about each of them.

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

- 1) Nelson Mandela _____
- 2) The funeral _____
- 3) South Africa _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Nelson Mandela**. Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

1)	former	1)	prison
2)	rest	2)	farewell
3)	emotional	3)	tributes
4)	funeral	4)	bugler
5)	profile	5)	graveside
6)	dispute	6)	coffin
7)	body	7)	grave
8)	traditional	8)	fly past

ANSWERS

SPELLING

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

1)	emotional	11)	graveside
2)	scenes	12)	military band
3)	ancestral	13)	farewell
4)	tribute	14)	current
5)	guests	15)	bugler
6)	Archbishop	16)	coffin
7)	searing	17)	helicopters
8)	traditional	18)	interred
9)	prison	19)	funeral
10)	peaceful	20)	audience

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

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