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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 05/09/13

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### SPEAKING

Think of three modern trendy words. 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 does 'twerk' mean?
- 2) What does 'buzzworthy' mean?
- 3) What does 'selfie' mean?
- 4) What does 'BYOD' mean? Explain where it is used.
- 5) What is a 'geek chic'?

#### Student B questions

- 1) What are 'jorts'?
- 2) What does 'LDR' stand for and mean?
- 3) What does 'vom' mean?
- 4) What does 'squee' mean?
- 5) What is a 'phablet'?

**Category: English / Dictionary / New Words**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

### WRITING / SPEAKING

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

### WRITING / SPEAKING

**New words** - *In pairs* choose three things from the article. Write them below. If you are not sure of their meaning check online.

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

**Add** three new words of your own. Repeat your actions of looking online. (You have 5 mins prep!)

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

When you are ready ask another group to explain the meaning of each word to you. (5-10 mins)

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

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs,* use five of the new words from the article, as well as adding five of your own. Using them compile a short dialogue together. *One-two mins.*

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

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What do you think of Miley Cyrus?
- 3) Do you like to learn new words? Why?
- 4) Had you heard of any of the new words in today's lesson before?
- 5) Do you know any other new English words?
- 6) What new words are 'trending' in your language?
- 7) Which dictionary do you use?
- 8) Do you use an online dictionary? Why?
- 9) Can you twerk? Demonstrate!
- 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 World Service radio studio in London. Today's interview is: *Learning new words in your language and in English.* 10 mins.

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

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs.* You are in a bar. Start a conversation about *the new words you have learnt today in your English lesson.* 5 mins.

### SPEAKING – GAME - HANGMAN

*As a class – On the board - Someone chooses a word then writes the Number of letters on the board. A game of hangman follows.* 10 mins.

### SPEAKING – NEW WORDS

*Allow 10 minutes – As a class.*

*Look online – Choose 20 new modern English words. Discuss their meaning.*

*The teacher can moderate the session.*

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Do you BYOD to an English lesson?
- 3) Can you think of a news story or bit of office gossip that is buzzworthy?
- 4) When did you last vom?
- 5) Would you like to be a space tourist?
- 6) Do you know any geek chicks?
- 7) Do you know anyone who has a LDR?
- 8) Have you ever experienced an omnishambles? Explain!
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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**dictionary / quarterly / priority / hackerspace / selfie / twerk / abbreviation / manner**

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**attention / enthusiasts / squee / admiration / culture / intense / comprehensively / jorts**

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**your / with / when / their / these / other / for / and**

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## WRITING/SPELLING

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**1) On the board** - *In pairs*, write as many NEW words you know in YOUR language as you can! *One-two minutes*. Compare with other teams. Using your words translate them into ENGLISH then discuss their meaning.

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

- 1) My favourite word \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) A 'Selfie' \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) English words \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Ten new words in my language**. Your email can be read out in class.

### GAP FILL READING

- 1) twerk
- 2) priority
- 3) quarterly
- 4) dictionary
- 5) manner
- 6) selfie
- 7) abbreviation
- 8) hackerspace

### ANSWERS

- 1) squee
- 2) comprehensively
- 3) jorts
- 4) culture
- 5) enthusiasts
- 6) intense
- 7) admiration
- 8) attention

### SPELLING

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

- 1) generation
- 2) famously
- 3) priority
- 4) twerk
- 5) technology
- 6) quarterly
- 7) dictionary
- 8) provocative
- 9) manner
- 10) usually

### SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

**Pass = 12**

**Good = 15**

**Very good = 18**

**Excellent = 20**

- 11) abbreviation
- 12) device
- 13) employees
- 14) organisation
- 15) smartphones
- 16) hackerspace
- 17) phablet
- 18) omnishambles
- 19) enthusiasts
- 20) admiration

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