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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 05/06/15

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things new words you know in English. 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 board game.
- 2) What is a 'hacktivist'?
- 3) What does 'waah' mean?
- 4) What is a 'onesie'?
- 5) Name the dictionary.

Student B questions

- 1) What does 'onomatopoeic' mean?
- 2) What does 'interjection' mean?
- 3) What does 'twerking' mean?
- 4) What is 'facetime'?
- 5) What does 'hashtag' mean?

Category: English / Scrabble / New words
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

WRITING / SPEAKING

Onomatopoeic interjections - In pairs write down three *Onomatopoeic interjections*. Practise them. Talk about them!

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

New words - In pairs write down three new words you have learnt from the article. Practise saying them. Talk about them!

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

Slang - In pairs write down three words that are 'slang'. Practise saying them. Talk about them!

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

Technology - In pairs write down three words that are 'slang'. Practise saying them. Talk about them!

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

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Have you ever played Scrabble?
- 3) In what language do you play Scrabble?
- 4) Would you consider playing Scrabble in English? Explain.
- 5) Why are new words important?
- 6) Do you have the new words in the article in your language?
- 7) Are the new words in the article in your country translated into your language or are they universally spoken in English?
- 8) How often do you use hashtag?
- 9) What is the best word you have learned today? Why?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

WRITING / SPEAKING

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

SPEAKING – GAME - WORDGAME

In pairs – Student A chooses five words. Student B chooses five words. Each student has to explain the meaning of the words offered by the other student. One point for every correct word meaning. (Google if necessary) 5 mins.

SPEAKING - GAME - HANGMAN

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class.

Hangman – Play a game of hangman! Students each take a turn to think of a new word. They write the number of spaces on the board. The other students have to work out the word by guessing each letter. For every incorrect letter the hangman can be created.

The teacher can moderate the session.

SPEAKING - GAME - SCRABBLE

Allow 15-30 minutes – As a class.

Scrabble – Play a game of Scrabble in English!

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Do you know any hacktivists?
- 3) Do you twerk?
- 4) Do you use onomatopoeic interjections often? Explain!
- 5) How often do you use slang?
- 6) Why do we use slang?
- 7) What is slang?
- 8) Can you think of a word you use now that is yet to be created in the dictionary in English?
- 9) Can you think of three words in your language which you use often that you can translate into English?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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application / topic / garment / additional / Scrabble / twerking / version / hashtag

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *In pairs/As a class*, list 20 new words (Google them!) *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) Scrabble _____
- 2) I like to play _____
- 3) New words _____

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

GAP FILL READING

- 1) Scrabble
- 2) version
- 3) additional
- 4) twerking
- 5) garment
- 6) hashtag
- 7) topic
- 8) application

ANSWERS

- 1) hacktivist
- 2) onomatopoeic
- 3) disgust
- 4) anger
- 5) interjection
- 6) lotsa
- 7) newbie
- 8) vapour

SPELLING

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

- 1) Scrabble
- 2) slang
- 3) onomatopoeic
- 4) interjections
- 5) frustration
- 6) disgust
- 7) anger
- 8) annoyance
- 9) wailing
- 10) frustration

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) recreational
- 12) activity
- 13) ridiculous
- 14) nicotine
- 15) popular
- 16) additional
- 17) twerking
- 18) onesie
- 19) phrase
- 20) hashtag

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