

Orlando shootings

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about the recent Orlando shootings. 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 terrorist.
- 2) Where is Orlando?
- 3) What nationality was the terrorist?
- 4) Where did the terrorist's father come from?
- 5) What did Donald Trump say?

Student B questions

- 1) What did Hilary Clinton say?
- 2) What is a vigil?
- 3) How many people died?
- 4) What did the American president say?
- 5) What was the name of the gay club?

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – think of three key points about the Orlando shootings. Write them below. Discuss!

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 1

In pairs - Student A is a journalist. Student B is a gay man who lost some friends at the Pulse nightclub. 3 mins.

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs - Student A is a journalist. Student B is the American president. The subject is the Orlando shootings. 3 mins.

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 3

In pairs - Student A is a journalist. Student B is Jeh Johnson. Discuss gun controls in the USA following the Orlando massacre. 3 mins.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What will the American President do about gun controls in the USA?
- 3) What has Donald Trump said about the Orlando massacre?
- 4) Why is massacre in Orlando so unsurprising? Explain.
- 5) Is Donald Trump right to want to temporarily ban Muslims from entering the USA? Explain.
- 6) What do you know about Omar Mateen?
- 7) Are you outraged by this massacre? Explain.
- 8) How has your country responded to this massacre?
- 9) How has the world responded to this massacre?
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 5

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *WWWR* radio studio in Orlando. Today's interview is about the *Orlando shootings*.

- 1) Someone who was in the Pulse nightclub and managed to escape.
- 2) Donald Trump.
- 3) An FBI spokesperson.
- 4) Someone who lives near the Pulse nightclub.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 4

You are a CNN journalist. Describe the aftermath of the shooting in Orlando. *Make some notes first to help you.* 1-2 mins.

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

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

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(Google it if need be)

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Why did the gunman do what he did?
- 3) What do you think of Jeh Johnson's comments? Explain.
- 4) What will the American government do about gun control following this massacre? Explain.
- 5) What has been the reaction from the NRA – the National Rifle Association?
- 6) Should American's carry guns on them? Explain.
- 7) Are you allowed to carry a gun on you in your country? Explain.
- 8) Should guns be banned in public in America? Explain.
- 9) What do you think of the assailant's father's comments?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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GAP FILL: READING

Orlando shootings

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innocent / immigrant / attack / terrorist / gay / terrible / hate / brutal

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migration / responsible / incident / temporary / weapons / gun / hate / massacre

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *In pairs/As a class*, list 20 things you know about the Orlando shootings **or** (on a lighter note) - Orlando. *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) The Orlando _____
- 2) Donald Trump _____
- 3) The massacre _____

3) Write down 50 words about: *Orlando shootings*. Your words can be read out in class.

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

SPELLING

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

- 1) terrible
- 2) terrorist
- 3) innocent
- 4) hostages
- 5) defend
- 6) grief
- 7) meaningful
- 8) responsible
- 9) brutal
- 10) attack

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) dramatically
- 12) hate
- 13) stricter
- 14) admissions
- 15) weapons
- 16) vigils
- 17) massacre
- 18) worst
- 19) deceased
- 20) victims