

Pudsey the dancing dog goes to Hollywood!

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After the glamour of Hollywood Pudsey and Ashleigh next week will fly to New York to continue their tour. Once they return home to the UK Pudsey will appear on a British TV show called *Top Dog Model*, where they will attempt to find the next big thing in the world of dog modelling! Pudsey will be collecting a rumoured £350,000 (€444,500) releasing his 'bio-dography' in time for Christmas. (**See You Tube links on page 8)

Category: Hollywood / Dancing dogs / Pudsey
Level: Intermediate / Upper intermediate

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EXERCISES

1. **Pudsey the dancing dog:** Think of three things you know about Pudsey the dancing dog. Go round the room swapping details with others.

2. **Dictation:** The teacher will read four to six lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self-correct your work from page one - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than five is very good. Ten is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than twenty - you need to do some work!

3. **Reading:** The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

4. **Vocabulary:** Students should now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

5. **The article:** Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?

6. **Geography: Hollywood:** Where is Hollywood? Draw a map on the board then **look on Google maps** to help you.

7. **Pudsey:** In pairs find five things from the article about Pudsey the dancing dog. Then add five other things you know about him. Write them below. Discuss together.

From the article	What <u>you</u> know about him
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____
5 _____	5 _____

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

8. **Let's roleplay 1:** In pairs/groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *KFWB News Talk 980* radio studio in Hollywood. Today's interview is about: *Pudsey on 'The Jay Leno show'*.

1 Ashleigh Butler	3 Simon Cowell
2 A Hollywood reporter!	4 A Disney executive

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

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

10. **Let's roleplay 2:** In pairs. You are in Hollywood. You are on a tour bus looking around Tinseltown when you suddenly see Pudsey the dancing dog along with his owner Ashleigh Butler giving an impromptu performance on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Start a conversation about it. *5-minutes*.

11. **Let's do 'The Article Quiz':** Have the students quiz each other in pairs. They score a point for each correct answer and half a point each time they have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

Student A

- 1) Name the talent show.
- 2) Who is Simon Cowell?
- 3) Who is Pudsey?
- 4) Who is Ashleigh Butler?
- 5) What is a stretch limo?

Student B

- 1) Name the famous TV show.
- 2) Name the famous movie star.
- 3) Name the 'other' dog!
- 4) How does Disney come into the story?
- 5) What is happening in time for Christmas?

12. **A day in the life of Pudsey:** With your partner describe a day in the life of Pudsey in Hollywood. Include what he did, what he wore, who he played with, what he ate, who he met, and the challenges his owner faces looking after him.

The teacher can choose some pairs to put their findings on the board.

13. **Famous animals!** In pairs, think of five famous animals. Then add where they are famous from. Write them below. Discuss together. Who is the best overall?

Name of famous animals	Where did they become famous?
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____
5 _____	5 _____

14. **Presentation:** In pairs, groups or individually: Prepare in class or at home a two minute presentation on: **Famous dogs**. Stand at the front of the class to give your presentation to the class. The class can vote on the best presentation.

15. **Let's write an e-mail:** Write and send a 200 word e-mail to your teacher about: **Pudsey**. Your e-mail can be read out in class.

16. **Sentence starters:** Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) Pudsey _____
- b) The cute canine _____

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Do you own a dog? Explain.
- 3) Do you know any dancing dogs?
- 4) Would you like to train an animal?
- 5) What do you think of Pudsey?
- 6) Do you think they will make a movie with Pudsey in it?
- 7) Is Pudsey the new Lassie?
- 8) What do you think of Pudsey in Hollywood?
- 9) Would you like to go to Hollywood?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you read?
- 2) Do you watch the Jay Leno show? Explain.
- 3) What is next for Pudsey?
- 4) Will you be buying any Pudsey animal toys for Christmas?
- 5) Would you like to see Pudsey 'live'?
- 6) Have you seen the clips of Pudsey winning Britain's Got talent?
- 7) Would you like to travel in a stretch limo?
- 8) What famous people have you sat next to?
- 9) Can you think of another way of saying the word 'dog' ie canine?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

SPEAKING

Let's discuss! Pudsey the dancing dog

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class / small groups / pairs / 1 to 1

20 things about: Pudsey the dancing dog

The teacher can moderate the session.

GAP FILL: READING:

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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pit stop

Hotdog

movie

entourage

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sofa

GAP FILL: LISTENING:

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards, check your answers with your teacher, using the following ratings: **Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20**

1	performance	11	entourage
2	pooch	12	glamour
3	possibility	13	once
4	canine	14	Hollywood
5	limo	15	winner
6	naturally	16	succeeding
7	sunglasses	17	photographers
8	impromptu	18	dog
9	awe	19	Tinseltown
10	walkabout	20	endearing

LINKS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJfTZnsJ6q8> (This is Britain's Got Talent – the audition)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KH7viWp5KrE> (Semi final)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGt_6foIZDU (The final)

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-2173791/Britains-Got-Talent-winner-Pudsey-causes-stir-Hollywood.html>

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/showbiz/4426919/We-join-Britains-Got-Talent-star-Pudsey-and-Ashleigh-on-tour-in-America.html>

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2012/07/12/pudsey-and-ashleigh-jay-leno_n_1667200.html

ANSWERS

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