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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 20/05/15

Great speeches that changed the world

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"Yes we can, thank you New Hampshire," was said by Barack Obama in the USA in January 2008.

SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three famous speeches. Who said them? What did they say? 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) Who was Emmeline Pankhurst?
- 2) Who is Tony Blair?
- 3) Who said 'I have a dream'? When? Why?
- 4) Who is Mr Gorbachev?
- 5) Who was John F. Kennedy?

Student B questions

- 1) Where is New Hampshire?
- 2) Who is Earl Spencer?
- 3) Who was Princess Diana?
- 4) Who was Margaret Thatcher?
- 5) Who said 'We shall fight them on the beaches'?

Category: Great Speeches / People / History
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs - Write down three things you know about each person in the article. Talk about them!

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs - Can you think of any other famous speeches made by the people listed in the article? Write some of them down. Talk about them.

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs - Write down three other famous speeches made by women. Talk about them!

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs - Write down three other famous speeches made by men. Talk about them!

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Had you heard of all the people listed in the article before today's English lesson?
- 3) Who is your inspiration from the people listed?
- 4) What other people have inspired you?
- 5) What is the most famous speech in your country?
- 6) What is the most famous speech ever?
- 7) What is the most famous thing you have said?
- 8) What happened to Martin Luther King?
- 9) Where is Westminster Abbey?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are guests. You are in the *Discussion Room* at the ABC TV studio in New York. Today's interview is about: *Great speeches that changed the world.*

The teacher will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class. 5-10 mins.

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In groups. One of you is an ABC News reporter in New York. You are on the street asking people if they can recall any famous speeches they know. 3 mins.

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs - Write down three famous speeches made by people in your country. Talk about them!

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

Other great speeches that changed the world – during the last decade, the last 50 years, the last 100 years, further back in time...

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What is the most important speech you have ever made?
- 3) Have you ever done any public speaking? Explain. If yes, where?
- 4) Why do great speeches matter?
- 5) Do you make any speeches in your job/private life/when at school?
- 6) Have you ever been to Speakers Corner, Hyde Park in London to hear the speeches made there?
- 7) Do you know of any funny speeches made by anyone?
- 8) What was the best and worst wedding speech you heard?
- 9) Can you think of any famous speeches that were made in the movies?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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"We choose to go to the moon in this (8)___," was part of a speech made by US President John F. Kennedy in 1961.

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"I have a (1)___," was said by Martin Luther King, Jr. on the 28th August 1963.

"An (2)___ for which I am prepared to (3)___." Nelson Mandela said this on the 20th April 1964.

"The lady's not for turning," was said by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at the Conservative Party (4)___ on the 10th October 1980.

"Mr Gorbachev, open this (5)___! Mr Gorbachev, tear down this (6)___!" President Regan said this at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin on the 12th June 1987.

"The most hunted person in the modern age." This speech was delivered at the (7)___ of Diana, Princess of Wales, at Westminster Abbey on the 6th September 1997 by Earl Spencer.

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *In pairs*, choose three people from the article. Using 5-10 bullet points list what you know about each of them. *One-two minutes*.

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

- 1) Sir Winston Churchill _____
- 2) "I have a dream," _____
- 3) Barack Obama _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email in English to your teacher about: **Great speeches that changed the world**. 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) decade
- 2) ideal
- 3) shall
- 4) conference
- 5) shoulder
- 6) famous
- 7) selection
- 8) freedom
- 9) struggle
- 10) women

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) fear
- 12) choose
- 13) fight
- 14) sweat
- 15) toil
- 16) tears
- 17) beaches
- 18) moon
- 19) gate
- 20) funeral

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