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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 05/03/13

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### SPEAKING

Think of three things you know about the Titanic. 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) 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 'mod cons' mean?
- 2) What mod cons will the new cruise liner have?
- 3) How will the passengers dress?
- 4) What did the billionaire say?
- 5) What year was the original maiden voyage?

#### Student B questions

- 1) Name the original liner.
- 2) Name the new cruise liner.
- 3) Name the billionaire.
- 4) How many passengers will sail on the new ship?
- 5) How many crew members will the new cruise liner have?

**Category: Economic / Ships / Titanic II**  
**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 **'Titanic – The movie'**. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

### WRITING / SPEAKING

**Titanic II** - *In pairs* choose three things from the article.

Write them below.

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

**Add** three similar ideas of your own about the subject. Discuss together.

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

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

### WRITING / SPEAKING

Think of three good economic reasons for building Titanic II. Then add how the owner of Titanic II might recoup his investment during the next decade. Write down your thoughts.

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

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Will Titanic II be iceberg free?
- 3) Is it right to be building a copy of the original liner?
- 4) Will Titanic II be unsinkable?
- 5) What would you do on a cruise?
- 6) What are the chances of Titanic II hitting an iceberg?
- 7) Will you be watching "the movie 'Titanic'" after this English lesson?
- 8) Would you like to dress up in the fashion of the period i.e. 1912 style on board Titanic II?
- 9) What would you take with you if you went for a cruise on Titanic II?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

### SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

*In groups.* One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *BBC New York* TV studio. Today's interview is about: *Titanic II – maiden voyage*.

- 1) A relative of someone who perished on board the original Titanic
- 2) A romantic
- 3) Someone who would love to be on the maiden voyage
- 4) Clive Palmer

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

### SPEAKING

*In pairs/small groups* – Imagine you will be going on the maiden voyage of Titanic II. You will dress in period dress of 1912. You will eat the food that was on the original menu. You will be one of three classes. Discuss together! *5 mins.* **The teacher** will choose some groups to hear their discussions in front of the class.

### SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

Titanic and Titanic II

**The teacher** can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Which class might you prefer on board the new Titanic?
- 3) Which class of travel might you choose on Titanic II?
- 4) Would you like to go on the maiden voyage?
- 5) Is building Titanic II a crazy idea?
- 6) Is building a replica of Titanic a tacky idea?
- 7) Who would you take with you on Titanic II?
- 8) Will Titanic II be the safest cruise ship on the ocean when it sets sail?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

**GAP FILL: READING**

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**passengers / maiden / iceberg / lifeboats / liner / risky / cruise ship / brainchild**

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**steerage / unsinkable / deck / rigorous / theatre / mod cons / first class / staircase**

**GAP FILL: GRAMMAR**

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## GAP FILL: LISTENING

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## WRITING/SPELLING

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**1) On the board** - *In pairs*, name as many things as you can that *you would find on board the original Titanic*. *One-two minutes*. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

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

- 1) The Titanic \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The Titanic II \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The maiden voyage \_\_\_\_\_

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

### GAP FILL READING

- 1) risky
- 2) liner
- 3) iceberg
- 4) maiden
- 5) brainchild
- 6) passengers
- 7) lifeboats
- 8) cruise ship

### SPELLING

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

- 1) steerage
- 2) Titanic
- 3) however
- 4) mod cons
- 5) passengers
- 6) iceberg
- 7) fashion
- 8) surviving
- 9) period
- 10) criticised

### ANSWERS

- 1) first class
- 2) deck
- 3) steerage
- 4) rigorous
- 5) mod cons
- 6) theatre
- 7) staircase
- 8) unsinkable

### SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) maiden
- 12) voyage
- 13) lifeboats
- 14) replica
- 15) risky
- 16) romantic
- 17) businessman
- 18) billionaire
- 19) brainchild
- 20) rigorous

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