

The UK's Top Tourist Attractions

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SPEAKING

Think of three tourist attractions in the UK. 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) Where and what is Giants Causeway?
- 2) Where is Edinburgh Castle?
- 3) Where is the National Railway Museum?
- 4) Where and what is the Eden Project?
- 5) Where and what is the Royal Observatory?

Student B questions

- 1) Name three museums.
- 2) Where and what are the Royal botanic Gardens?
- 3) Where is Blenheim Palace?
- 4) Where and what is the Tower of London?
- 5) Who were the figures compiled by?

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs - Think of three top tourist attractions in London. Write them below and discuss. What do you know about them? (Google it all, if you need to!)

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

Think of three top tourist attractions outside of London. What do you know about them? Write them below and discuss.

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

SPEAKING - PRESENTATION

Allow 5 minutes prep – As a class.

Prepare a two minute presentation on: Three UK Top Tourist Attractions – Google them!

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) When were you last in London?
- 3) What is your favourite tourist attraction in London?
- 4) What is your favourite tourist attraction outside of London?
- 5) What is your favourite tourist attraction in Wales?
- 6) What is your favourite tourist attraction in Scotland?
- 7) What is your favourite tourist attraction in England?
- 8) What is your favourite tourist attraction in Northern Ireland?
- 9) What do you think of the British Library?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's lesson?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Radio London* studio. Today's interview is: *The UK's Top Tourist Attractions.*

- 1) A photographer from Asia.
- 2) A tour guide from Scotland.
- 3) A coach driver from the UK.
- 4) A travel writer from the USA.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. You are in a pub. Start a conversation about *the UK top tourist attractions.* *3-5 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION 1

Group – Choose five UK top tourist attractions from outside of London. Discuss together what you know about them. (*Google them!*) *5 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION 2

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

The Top 20 UK Tourist Attractions

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) How many museums have you visited in London?
- 3) Have you ever visited Bath in the West of England?
- 4) Have you visited any zoos in the UK? If yes, name them! Talk about them!
- 5) Have you visited the Eden Project in Cornwall?
- 6) Would you like to visit the National Railway Museum in York?
- 7) Have you ever been to Stonehenge?
- 8) Do you like visiting art galleries?
- 9) Have you visited St Pauls Cathedral or Westminster Abbey?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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GAP FILL: READING

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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WRITING/SPELLING

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1) On the board - *In pairs/small groups* – Draw a map of the UK. You recently hired a car for 10 days in the UK. Describe your holiday there. Draw your route on your map, adding the places you visited. 5-10 mins.

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

- 1) My favourite _____
- 2) The UK _____
- 3) London _____

3) Write down 50 words about: *The UK's Top Tourist Attractions*. Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: *The UK's Top Tourist Attractions*. 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) museum
- 2) gallery
- 3) attractions
- 4) higher
- 5) most
- 6) popular
- 7) observatory
- 8) library
- 9) zoo
- 10) abbey

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) botanic
- 12) project
- 13) railway
- 14) spot
- 15) pump
- 16) temporary
- 17) due
- 18) rise
- 19) Scottish
- 20) Oxfordshire

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