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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 10/05/16

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about Hilary Clinton and three things you know about Donald Trump. 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 political parties.
- 2) Name the two likely nominee candidates for president of the USA.
- 3) Who has a big mouth?
- 4) Name the former presidents of the USA.
- 5) Who is the speaker of the House of Representatives in the USA?

Student B questions

- 1) What year was the post of president of the USA created?
- 2) Explain the term 'the baggage of the Lewinsky legacy'.
- 3) Who is Janet Yellen?
- 4) What is 'Obamacare'?
- 5) Who is Bernie Sanders?

Category: USA / Presidential Race / Clinton / Trump
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of three things Hilary Clinton will do if she becomes president. Write them below.

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

Think of three things Donald Trump will do if he becomes president. Write them below. Discuss both ideas together.

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

SPEAKING

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class.

5 positive and 5 negative things about Donald Trump and his policies

5 positive and 5 negative things about Hilary Clinton and her policies

Who will make the better president?

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Would you vote for Donald Trump or Hilary Clinton? Why?
- 3) Which is the better candidate? Why?
- 4) Should Americans be afraid of Donald Trump?
- 5) Why are the former presidents of the USA not voting for Donald Trump?
- 6) Why do many people hate Donald Trump?
- 7) Is Hilary Clinton too old to be president?
- 8) Can Hilary Clinton really connect to the younger voters or is she more like a grandmother to them?
- 9) Will Hilary Clinton be the first woman president in the USA?
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

SPELLING

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

- 1) billionaire
- 2) wrong
- 3) currently
- 4) herself
- 5) dislike
- 6) barriers
- 7) establishment
- 8) socialist
- 9) isolationist
- 10) alternative

SPELLING

Note the following:

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

- 11) populist
- 12) ordinary
- 13) illegal
- 14) though
- 15) whom
- 16) vast
- 17) majority
- 18) mouth
- 19) decisive
- 20) since

Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Will Donald Trump or Hilary Clinton be the next American President?**

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are themselves. You are in the *Discussion FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is: *Will Donald Trump or Hilary Clinton be the next American President? 10 mins.* **The teacher** will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Why does Donald Trump cause so much controversy?
- 3) Why do many of the other Republican contenders not back Donald Trump?
- 4) Where does Bernie Sanders come into the equation?
- 5) Will Hilary Clinton take on some of Bernie Sanders policies to win?
- 6) Will Donald Trump really build the wall if he becomes president?
- 7) What do you think of Barack Obama as president of the USA?
- 8) Is the slogan 'Yes we can' true or should it now be 'but no we didn't'?
- 9) Why has so much mud been thrown at Hilary Clinton and Donald Trump?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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If Clinton is chosen she will have a hard fight between herself and Trump. She wants to break down (5)___, yet she is (6)___ that many Americans currently (7)___.

Clinton though currently appears to be adopting a more centralist (8)___ . She wants to win over working class women, who may be put off by Donald Trump.

billionaire / policy / barriers / wrong / dislike / establishment / president / contenders

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vote / populist / bitterly / nomination / former / speaker / silence / mouth

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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READING - FROM PAGE 1

Trump wants to build a wall on the border with Mexico. He plans to deport many illegal immigrants back across the border. He wants to ban Muslims entering the USA.

Trump wants interest rates to stay low. He wants the minimum wage to go up and he wishes to increase military spending. Trump said he would replace Democrat Janet Yellen at the Federal Reserve with a Republican.

Donald Trump wants a big expansion of infrastructure spending. He also wants 40% trade tariffs imposed. He wants to abandon Obamacare.

Hilary Clinton represents Wall Street. She has been under attack for her email scandal. She has suffered the baggage of the Lewinsky legacy. Americans though have seen Hilary reinvent herself more than once. She could actually be an impressive president.

Many Americans though are tired of President Obama whom they regard as a weak president, especially with his foreign policy. 'Yes we can' is perhaps now 'but we didn't'. A vast majority of Americans want to see decisive leadership, action and change.

If Trump is elected will he do what he says: make America great again? The alternative could see America's first woman president to hold the office of president since it was established in 1789.

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