

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

'It's a Girl!' New Princess for Royal Couple

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about the new royal princess who was born in the UK recently. 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) What is the name of the new princess?
- 2) Where was the new princess born?
- 3) What is the name of the new princess's brother?
- 4) Who are the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge?
- 5) Where is Cambridge?

Student B questions

- 1) Who are the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall?
- 2) Where is Cornwall?
- 3) Who are the grandparents?
- 4) Who is the great grandmother?
- 5) Who is the Auntie and Uncle?

Category: UK / Royal family / Princess Charlotte
Level: Intermediate / Upper intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Each of you write down three different members of the British Royal family. Together think of three things you know about each of them. Who is the most popular royal today? Discuss together!

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

Now think of three British Kings and Queens. Who was the most popular? Discuss together.

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

The teacher will choose some pairs to hear their findings.

WRITING / READING / SPEAKING

In class - Write 50 words about: *The new princess.*

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

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Are you a royalist?
- 3) Have you ever visited Kensington Palace?
- 4) Would you call your child George or Charlotte?
- 5) Have you a message for the new princess?
- 6) What does Prince Harry think of it all?
- 7) Would you like to meet the royal family?
- 8) Will you be buying a royal commemorative mug, T-towel or similar such item?
- 9) Why is the British Royal family so popular?
- 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 outside Buckingham Palace in London in the *Discussion FM* 'on the road' radio studio. Today's interview is: *'It's a Girl! New Princess for Royal Couple.*

- 1) A Royal fan from Australia.
- 2) The Duke or Duchess of Cambridge.
- 3) A London taxi driver.
- 4) One of the grandparents.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs - *Student A* is a news reporter in London. *Student B* is a Royal correspondent. *Student A* interviews *Student B*. 3 mins.

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

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The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Do you know what the trending names were for the new princess before she was named?
- 2) Will the press leave the new princess alone?
- 3) Have you seen a photo of the new princess? And?
- 4) Would you like to be a royal prince or princess? Explain.
- 5) What will it be like to be the 'spare' heir?
- 6) Why does being the 'spare heir' matter?
- 7) Can you think of a spare heir who became King?
- 8) Could the new princess help tourism in Britain?
- 9) What advice would you give the Duchess of Cambridge?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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GAP FILL: READING

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

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1) On the board – As a class / In pairs - List 10 things you know about **the new princess**. Add another 10 things you know about **her older brother Prince George**. Five minutes. Discuss together.

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

- 1) Princess Charlotte _____
- 2) Prince George _____
- 3) The Duke and Duchess _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **'It's a Girl!' New Princess for Royal Couple**. Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) princess
- 2) celebrate
- 3) joyful
- 4) prince
- 5) throne
- 6) birth
- 7) commemorate
- 8) royal

ANSWERS

- 1) approval
- 2) press
- 3) earlier
- 4) outfit
- 5) grandparents
- 6) henceforth
- 7) later
- 8) Duchess

SPELLING

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

- 1) celebrate
- 2) instant
- 3) joy
- 4) throne
- 5) cotton
- 6) princess
- 7) birth
- 8) commemorate
- 9) unveiled
- 10) coins

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) within
- 12) daughter
- 13) earlier
- 14) outfit
- 15) Auntie
- 16) henceforth
- 17) Duchess
- 18) Kensington
- 19) grandparents
- 20) joyful

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