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The top 10 places to visit: 1) London; 2) Edinburgh; 3) Bath; 4) Cambridge; 5) Oxford; 6) Stratford upon Avon; 7) Stonehenge; 8) Scotland; 9) Windsor; 10) Cornwall.

Category: Great Britain / Places to visit / Top 10

Level: Intermediate / Upper intermediate

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Five cities/towns to visit in Great Britain

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

What might you see there?

Five castles/museums to visit

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

What might you see there?

Five typically British places to visit

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

What might you see there?

Five typical British things to see in Great Britain

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

What might you see there?

EXERCISES

1. Great Britain: Think of three things you know about Great Britain. Go round the room swapping details with others.

2. Dictation: The teacher will read four to six lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self-correct your work from page one - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than five is very good. Ten is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than twenty - you need to do some work!

3. Reading: The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

4. Vocabulary: Students should now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

5. The article: Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?
- c) **Discuss the article**

6. Geography: Great Britain: Where is Great Britain? What countries and islands make up Great Britain? Draw a map on the board then **look on Google maps** to help you.

7. Great Britain: In pairs choose five places you might visit in Great Britain if you were visiting the country. Then add five places of your own you might like to see. Write them below. Discuss together.

From the article	Your thoughts
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

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

8. Let's roleplay 1: Radio London: In pairs/groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Radio London* radio studio. Today's interview is about: *Great Britain*.

1	A tourist	3	A Welch person
2	An English person	4	A Scottish person

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

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

10. **Let's roleplay 2:** In pairs. You are in a bar in London. Start a conversation about '*Great Britain*' *5-minutes*.

11. **Let's do 'The Article Quiz':** Have the students quiz each other in pairs. They score a point for each correct answer and half a point each time they have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

Student A

- 1) What is No 7 on the list?
- 2) Where is Bath?
- 3) Name the castle.
- 4) What can adventurous tourists do?
- 5) Where was Shakespeare born?

Student B

- 1) What might you see in Loch Ness?
- 2) What are the three ways to travel around London?
- 3) Name three things that you can see in London.
- 4) What can you see in Bath?
- 5) What can you see in the countryside?

12. **Let's play a game:** In a circle play the following game:

I went to Great Britain and I saw...

The rules are simple – each person has to repeat what has been said by the person on their right then they add one more place. If you forget anything that has previously been said you are eliminated! *The teacher can judge the game. 10 minutes.*

13. **Presentation:** In pairs, groups or individually: Prepare in class or at home a two minute presentation on: **Great Britain**. Stand at the front of the class to give your presentation to the class. The class can vote on the best presentation. Class – After the presentations go through the good and weak points on each presentation. Learn from the results.

14. **A week in Great Britain:** In pairs, imagine you have just been on a week's holiday in Great Britain. Discuss what you saw!

15. **Let's write an e-mail:** Write and send a 200 word e-mail to your teacher about: **Great Britain**. Your e-mail can be read out in class.

16. **Sentence starters:** Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) Great Britain _____
- b) Scotland _____
- c) Tourists _____

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Have you ever been on a London bus or in a London taxi?
- 3) What makes Scotland special?
- 4) Have you considered visiting Wales?
- 5) What do you think of British villages?
- 6) What can you say about Stonehenge?
- 7) Would you consider a visit to Windsor?
- 8) How would you travel around Great Britain if you were visiting the country?
- 9) Could you cycle between John O’Groats and Land’s End?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today’s English lesson?

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you read?
- 2) Will you be going to visit London this year?
- 3) What do you like to visit in London?
- 4) What makes Great Britain great?
- 5) Why is Cambridge and Oxford popular with visitors?
- 6) What do you think of Cornwall?
- 7) What about a trip to Manchester or Liverpool? What could you see?
- 8) Are you adventurous?
- 9) Would you consider a walking holiday along the Pennines or a climb up Snowdonia?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

SPEAKING

Let’s discuss! Great Britain

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class / small groups / pairs / 1 to 1

20 things about Great Britain

The teacher can moderate the session.

GAP FILL: READING: edited

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SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards, check your answers with your teacher, using the following ratings: **Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20**

1	architecture	11	might
2	countryside	12	especially
3	journey	13	probably
4	theatres	14	university
5	rural	15	endless
6	wonderful	16	experience
7	quaint	17	popular
8	adventurous	18	Edinburgh
9	venues	19	either
10	fabulous	20	county

LINKS

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Britain

<http://www.visitbritain.com/en/EN/>

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/questions/britain/britain.htm>

ANSWERS

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