

The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 20/09/13

The seven wonders of the world

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To begin with let's look at the seven classic wonders.

- 1) The Great Pyramid of Giza.
- 2) The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- 3) The Statue of Zeus at Olympia
- 4) The Lighthouse of Alexandria
- 5) Colossus of Rhodes
- 6) The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus
- 7) The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus

Role forward to today and we can consider creating our own seven wonders of the modern world. There are many to consider. Here is a suggested list...

- 1) The Great Wall of China
- 2) Stonehenge
- 3) The Grand Canyon
- 4) The Colosseum
- 5) Christ the Redeemer in Brazil
- 6) The Great Pyramid of Giza, Egypt.
- 7) Machu Picchu

Naturally we can discuss and debate till the cows come home other possibilities. That is the purpose of today's English lesson.

SPEAKING

Think of three of the ancient wonders of the world. 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 Stonehenge?
- 2) Where will you find the Grand Canyon?
- 3) In what country is the Colosseum?
- 4) Where were the Hanging Gardens?
- 5) What is a mausoleum?

Student B questions

- 1) Where is Machu Picchu?
- 2) In what Brazilian city will you find Christ the Redeemer?
- 3) Where will you find the Great Pyramid?
- 4) Where is the Great Wall of China?
- 5) What is a lighthouse?

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WRITING / SPEAKING

Seven natural wonders of the world

In pairs. Think of seven natural wonders of the world. Write them below. Look online to help you! Discuss together!

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

Seven wonders of the industrial world

In pairs. Now add seven wonders of the industrial world. Write them below. Look online to help you! Talk about them together!

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

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Have you been to Egypt to see the pyramids? If yes, when?
- 3) Did you know the seven wonders of the ancient world before today's lesson?
- 4) What is the Grand Canyon?
- 5) Where is Stonehenge?
- 6) What is the Colosseum?
- 7) Describe a lighthouse!
- 8) Where was Babylon?
- 9) What do you know about the Great Wall of China?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

WRITING / SPEAKING

Seven wonders of your country

In pairs. Think of seven wonders of your country. Write them below. Look online to help you! Discuss together!

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

**Seven alternative wonders of the world /
Seven great lakes, mountains and seas**

In pairs. Now add seven alternative wonders of the world – **or** – add seven great lakes and mountains. Write them below. Look online to help you! Talk about them together!

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

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you read?
- 2) Name two other modern wonders in the world.
- 3) Would you like to have visited any of the classic wonders of the world?
- 4) Why is history so important to us?
- 5) Explain the meaning 'till the cows come home'.
- 6) What do you know about the Lighthouse of Alexandria?
- 7) What is the 'eighth' wonder of the world?
- 8) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 9) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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To begin with let's look at the seven classic wonders.

- 1) The Great Pyramid of Giza.
- 2) The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- 3) The (6)___ of Zeus at Olympia
- 4) The (7)___ of Alexandria
- 5) Colossus of Rhodes
- 6) The (8)___ of Artemis at Ephesus
- 7) The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus

classic / history / lighthouse / remember / world / temple / statue / lesson

Role forward to today and we can consider creating our own seven wonders of the (1)___ world. There are many to (2)___ . Here is a suggested list...

- 1) The Great Wall of China
- 2) Stonehenge
- 3) The Grand Canyon
- 4) The Colosseum
- 5) Christ the Redeemer in Brazil
- 6) The Great (3)___ of Giza, Egypt.
- 7) Machu Picchu

(4)___ we can discuss and (5)___ till the (6)___ come home other (7)___ . That is the (8)___ of today's English lesson.

naturally / consider / cows / possibilities / purpose / modern / debate / pyramid

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

The seven wonders of the world

Today is a bit of a history lesson as we're going to talk (1)___ the seven wonders of the world. Can you remember (2)___ (3)___ are? For (4)___ of you (5)___ can't in this lesson we will look at not (6)___ the seven classic wonders of the world but (7)___ seven modern wonders in the world today.

To begin (8)___ let's look at the seven classic wonders.

- 1) The Great Pyramid of Giza.
- 2) The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- 3) The Statue of Zeus at Olympia
- 4) The Lighthouse of Alexandria
- 5) Colossus of Rhodes
- 6) The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus
- 7) The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus

also / what / only / that / with / about / those / they

Role forward to today (1)___ we can consider creating (2)___ own seven wonders of the modern world. There are many (3)___ consider. Here is (4)___ suggested list...

- 1) The Great Wall of China
- 2) Stonehenge
- 3) The Grand Canyon
- 4) The Colosseum
- 5) Christ the Redeemer (5)___ Brazil
- 6) The Great Pyramid of Giza, Egypt.
- 7) Machu Picchu

Naturally (6)___ can discuss and debate till the cows come home other possibilities. That is (7)___ purpose (8)___ today's English lesson.

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

The seven wonders of the world

Today is a bit of _____ we're going to talk about the seven wonders of the world. Can you remember what they are? For those of you that can't in this lesson we _____ the seven classic wonders of the world but also seven modern wonders in the world today.

To begin with let's look at the _____.

- 1) The Great Pyramid of Giza.
- 2) The _____
- 3) The Statue of Zeus at Olympia
- 4) The _____
- 5) Colossus of Rhodes
- 6) The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus
- 7) The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus

_____ and we can consider creating our own seven wonders of the modern world. There are many to consider. Here is a suggested list...

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- 2) Stonehenge
- 3) The Grand Canyon
- 4) The Colosseum
- 5) _____ in Brazil
- 6) The Great Pyramid of Giza, Egypt.
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_____ discuss and debate till the cows come home other possibilities. _____ of today's English lesson.

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *As a class* - Draw a map of the world. Pinpoint all the wonders of the world you have talked about in today's lesson - **or** - look on Google maps and do the same thing! Discuss together.

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

- 1) The Grand Canyon _____
- 2) The eighth wonder _____
- 3) Stonehenge _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **My seven wonders of the modern world.** Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) history
- 2) remember
- 3) lesson
- 4) classic
- 5) world
- 6) statue
- 7) lighthouse
- 8) temple

ANSWERS

- 1) modern
- 2) consider
- 3) pyramid
- 4) naturally
- 5) debate
- 6) cows
- 7) possibilities
- 8) purpose

SPELLING

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

- 1) history
- 2) remember
- 3) classic
- 4) modern
- 5) statue
- 6) mausoleum
- 7) role
- 8) forward
- 9) consider
- 10) naturally

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) debate
- 12) cows
- 13) possibilities
- 14) purpose
- 15) those
- 16) discuss
- 17) temple
- 18) lighthouse
- 19) pyramid
- 20) world