

British empire

TOPIC : Britain, exploration, colonies, conquest, discoveries

LEVEL : intermediate/ upper intermediate

Time : 45 minutes

Objectives:

- to learn or revise vocabulary connected with the golden age of the British Empire
- to learn about the British Empire
- to develop reading, speaking and listening comprehension skills
- to enable students use the Internet to gather specific information

Language functions:

- to exchange ideas about geography and sea explorations
- to understand a written text
- to communicate in English

CLIL: Geography, IT Technology

MATERIALS: websites, worksheets

For this lesson, you will need:

- Computer with Internet access

STAGE	AIMS	PROCEDURE	MATERIALS/ RESOURCES	TIME
WARM UP	-to get students interested in the topic -to encourage them to work in pairs	PAIR WORK Sts get a handout (worksheet1) with some questions for Student A and B. They are asked to spend about 5 minutes on asking and answering them. If there is time, they are encouraged to ask more questions in order to get more details on given issues.	Worksheet 1	5 min
MAIN PART OF THE	-to develop listening skills -to learn about the British Empire in a funny and relaxing way	LISTENING & WATCHING Before watching a short video on you tube called " History of British Empire for Dummies ", sts are asked a question – How come Britain has so many connections with so many countries around the world?	Worksheet 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U14cVAuHlaE&list=PLrQkxJ9CTb3wIERzQFEyab6QM_DlsoY66&index=1	10 min

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LESSON		They are given a handout (worksheet 2) with some vocabulary and two comprehension questions. They can work in pairs to explain vocabulary. After this short activity, they turn to a watching and listening activity. They have one minute to complete the questions and then discuss their answers with the rest of the class.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -to revise vocabulary - to learn about the British Empire - to enable sts use the Internet to gather information 	<p>ONLINE QUIZ/ WEBQUEST</p> <p>Sts go to the following website: http://www.quia.com/quiz/2493439.html?AP_rand=1301694724. They have to complete a set of questions on the British Empire. They can follow the links given there to answer the questions or visit different websites. After completing the task they submit the answers online and get the score. They can share their score with rest of the class.</p>	http://www.quia.com/quiz/2493439.html?AP_rand=1301694724	15 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -to enable students to explore the topic of British Empire - to develop reading comprehension, vocabulary, and summarizing skills 	<p>READING</p> <p>Sts are asked if they know anything about Queen Victoria. They are told that they are going to read a text about the British Empire. They are given a handout (worksheet 3) with a reading text and one exercise. After completing the task, they share their answers with the rest of the class.</p>	worksheet 3	20 min
WRAP - UP/ CLOSURE	-to revise vocabulary which sts came across during the lesson	<p>WORDSEARCH PUZZLE</p> <p>Students receive a handout (worksheet 4) with a word search featuring words related to the British Empire. If time does not allow to do it in the classroom, they will do it as their homework.</p>	Worksheet 4	5 min

SOURCES:

http://www.esldiscussions.com/g/great_britain.html

http://www.quia.com/quiz/2493439.html?AP_rand=1301694724

<http://busyteacher.org/3943-the-british-empire.html>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U14cVAuHlaE&list=PLrQkxJ9CTb3wIERzQFEyab6QM_DlsoY66&index=1