### ALWAYS LEARNING

### IF YOU TELL THE TRUTH YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMEMBER ANYTHING.

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In Search of Truth: Improving Learner Outcomes Through Authenticity



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Authentic Teachers

Topic Authenticity

Authentic Materials and Culture



### **The Authentic Teacher**

## **Spot the Fib**

- I won a jiu-jitsu tournament when I was 20.
- I have never seen Titanic.
- As a student I worked in an ice factory.





## Teacher Authenticity...

- Helps *build rapport* with learners
- Makes teachers more approachable
- Reminds learners that *teachers are people*!







What about writing?

 In February, I went to California to visit my parents.



## **Topic Authenticity**

### **Solve the Anagrams!**

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Nature Work **Technology** Culture Family Animals Home Shopping







### Odd one out?







### Using and Adapting Authentic Content



# **Sources for Authentic Content**

- Videos
- Texts
- Podcasts
- Course books?

#### BBC

# Do child actors go to school every day?

#### Child actors in London's West End

A lot of young people do the same things every day. They get up in the morning, go to school, play with friends, do homework and go to bed. But some children have a very different day.

Ezra Maye is eleven and he's a young actor. He acts in a show called The Lion King. He lives in London with his parents, but his day is often different from his friends. Every second Wednesday he finishes school at 12.00. His mum, dad or grandmother take him to the theatre. In the afternoon he acts in the matinée. He also acts in the show in the evening - two times every week. On those days he is at school all day. Then he eats dinner at a restaurant near the theatre. His favourite meal is burger and chips! After that he acts in the show. He's tired after school, but excited about the show. Sometimes he doesn't go to bed before midnight.

Some child actors don't live in London, but they are in shows there. They stay in London for the shows and then they go home for a few days. Then they come back to London again! They study with a special teacher in London. It's difficult and the children miss their friends and family at home. But they all think that they are very lucky because they love acting.



#### GLOSSARY

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{actor} (n) \text{ sb who plays in films, television programmes or plays} \\ \textbf{mathee} (n) \text{ an afternoon show of a play, film, etc.} \\ \textbf{show} (n) \text{ sth you watch at the theatre or on TV} \\ \textbf{theatre} (n) \text{ a building where you go to see plays} \end{array}$ 

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A successful video lesson...

1....is *full of* new language

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3....has watching tasks
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# **Other variations...**

• Predict 5

words/phrases

- *Write* 5 questions
- Jumbled title



### **Smarter Make Smartphones Do You?**

### **Do Smartphones Make** you Smarter?



# **Other variations...**

• Comprehension Questions





### Do smartphones make you **SMArter**?

#### How do teenagers in the UK and the USA use their mobile phones?

More than ninety percent of British teenagers own a mobile phone; a minority have two or more. These screenagers spend more than twenty-seven hours a week online. They can now connect when and where they like with smartphones and tablets. Apparently, UK teenagers avoid using smartphones to chat with friends. Instead, they choose to watch video clips, play games, share photos and send instant messages. As for social media, teens like keeping in touch via Twitter, Snapchat or Instagram. They leave Facebook to their mums and dads!

Teenagers may be connected all the time, but there is one place where most teenagers can't use their digital devices: school! In the UK there is no law about phone use in schools, but teachers can remove devices from students if necessary. However, not all teachers agree and some even try to use smartphones in class.

A recent British report said that removing smartphones from schools will give students more time for their education. It said that smartphones are a big distraction, make students less productive and are bad for learning.

However, in the USA some people do not agree. Recently one school in New York decided to allow students to use smartphones at school. They said that smartphones can be an excellent resource for the classroom. We carry a lot of information in our pockets and this information can be really useful. In this New York school, smartphones can definitely make you smarter!

#### READING

- In pairs, ask and answer the questions.
- 1 What do you do with your phone?
- 2 Do you think it makes you smarter or less smart? Why?
- 3 Do many people have smartphones in your country?
- 2 Correct the sentences about the article. Write the answers in your notebook.
  - All UK teachers believe smartphones are bad for students.
- A recent UK report said that using smartphones in school can be positive.
- All schools in the USA and the UK have similar ideas about smartphone use in schools.

#### WATCHING





- 3 O 5 Watch Part 1 of the video and answer the questions.
- 1 What country can you see in photo A?
- 2 Why is this country so important in the video?
- 3 How similar is your country to the one
- in the report?
- 4 (2) 5 In your notebook, complete the sentences about Korea with the numbers below. Then watch again and check.

eight a couple of ten eighteen four

#### 5 What do you think about the issue of internet addiction in Korea? Do you think the same thing could happen in your country in the future?

- 6 (3) Watch Part 2 of the video. Match photos B–D with captions 1–3. Write the answers in your notebook.
  - 1 Students can interact online to solve problems.
  - 2 Reading online is not like reading a book.
  - 3 This is part of a big online conversation.

#### () Watch again. Choose the correct option. Write the answers in your notebook.

- Now we send / receive information via connections or hyperlinks.
- You can watch the angry cat and then create your own clip / text.
- 3 Korea is the most addicted / connected country in the world.
- 4 They are regularly at the top / bottom of the world's education league tables.
- 8 Do you think the report is in favour or against the use of the internet? Why? Discuss in pairs.

#### PROJECT

9 Work in groups. Prepare a debate based on the question below.

> Do smartphones make you smarter?

- Choose the side of the argument you would like to argue for.
- Make a list of points in favour of your side of the argument.
- Think of good examples to support your opinions.
- 4 Try to predict your opponents' arguments and think how to answer them.
- Put your arguments in a logical order and present them to the class.
- 6 At the end of your presentation, take your classmates' questions and answer them.
- 7 What was the most common point of view among your classmates?

### A fully integrated video-based lesson

group remove (v) take away 3 Some teen agers use the internet for 11 hours

4 Will your country be like this in \_\_\_\_ years from now?



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### Culture as a Language Learning Tool



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# English Around the World

- Customs
- Traditions
- Holidays
- Celebrations

#### CULTURE

Read about the main English-speaking countries. Which country has the biggest population?

#### **2** Read the text. Answer the questions.

- 1 Which famous people came from Dublin?
- 2 Which place in America sees the sun rise first?
- 3 What is the capital of Australia?
- 4 Which country has three capital cities?
- 5 What was special about the 2010 World Cup?

#### Explore the English-speaking world

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#### 3 In pairs, answer the questions.

- 1 What is the capital of your country?
- 2 What is the population and currency?
- 3 What is interesting about your country?
- 4 Write a short fact file about your country. Use your answers to Exercise 3 and the examples in the text to help you.

#### The English speaking world

#### The UK

Capital of the UK and England: London (Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland. Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland. Cardiff is the capital of Wales.) Population of the UK: 63 million

Full name: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Currency: British pound

Extra interesting facts: The English like drinking tea. An English person drinks more tea than anyone else. They drink over twenty times more than Americans!

#### The Republic of Ireland

Capital of the Republic of Ireland: Dublin Population of the Republic of Ireland: 4.8 million

#### Currency: euro

**Extra interesting facts:** In the Republic of Ireland people also speak Gaelic. English is the language of business. Ireland is famous for its writers. James Joyce and Oscar Wilde came from Dublin.

#### The USA

Capital of the USA: Washington DC Population of the USA: 319 million Full name: United States of America Currency: US dollar

**Extra interesting facts:** The state of Maine sees the sun rise before the other states!



#### Canada

Capital of Canada: Ottawa Population of Canada: 34 million Currency: Canadian dollar Extra interesting facts: They speak French and English in Canada.

#### Australia

Capital of Australia: Canberra Population of Australia: 22.6 million Currency: Australian dollar Extra interesting facts: There are more sheep in Australia than people!

#### India

Capital of India: New Delhi Population of India: 1.2 billion Currency: Indian rupee Extra interesting facts: India makes between 800 and 1,000 Bollywood films every year.

#### New Zealand

Capital of New Zealand: Wellington Population of New Zealand: 4.5 million Currency: New Zealand dollar

**Extra interesting facts:** It is the first country in the world to see the sun rise!

#### South Africa

Capital of South Africa: Pretoria, Cape Town and Bloemfontein Population of South Africa: 53 million Currency: South African rand Extra interesting facts: The Football World Cup was in South Africa in 2010. This was the first Football World Cup in Africa.





## **Memory Stars**

- 1. Draw a picture of a vivid memory
- 2. Guess the who, what, when, where, why of your partner's drawing







Memory Stars -Topics

- 1. Censorship
- 2. School trips
- 3. Family holidays
- 4. First concerts
- 5. Experiences abroad







- Is food important in your culture?
- 2. Write down and discuss 3 features of your culture
- 3. How important is art in your country?

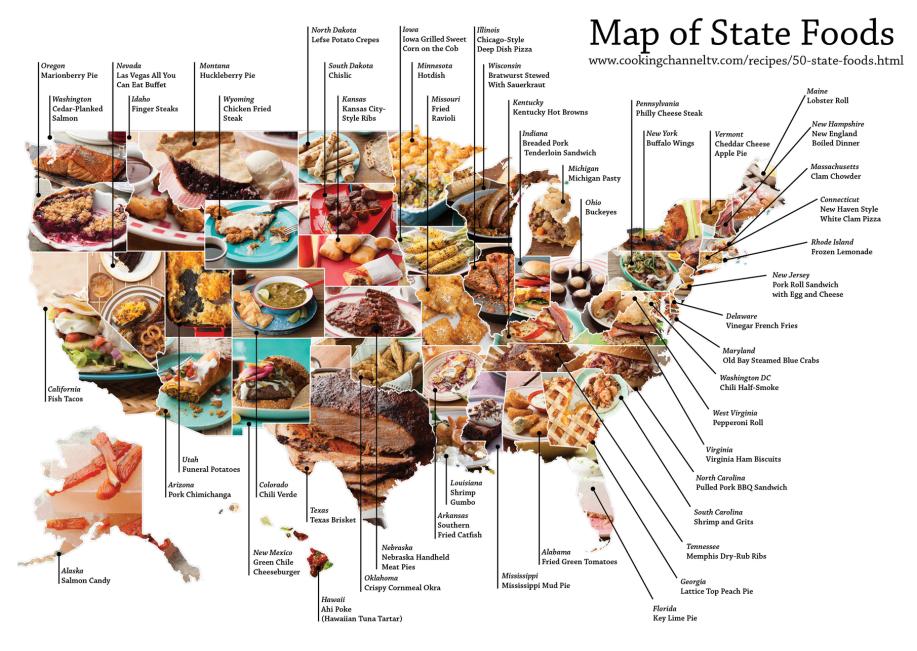


# **Other topics for exploring culture:**

- Transport
- Tipping
- Geography
- Food

In other countries around the world...





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### **CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA**





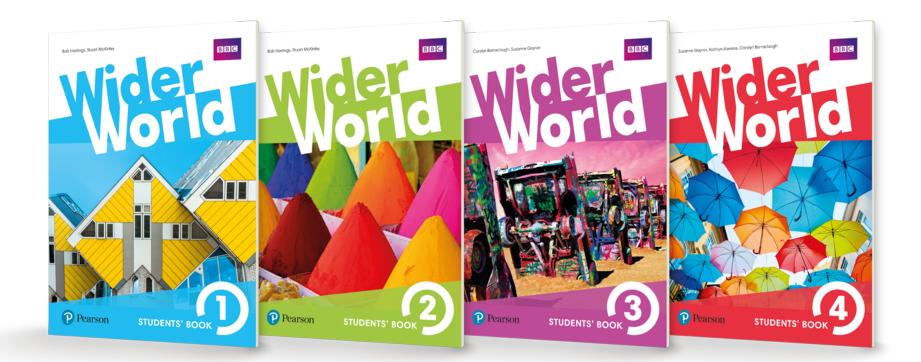


# Authentic teachers, topics, and content...

# ...AUTHENTIC COMMUNICATION



## Thank You and Happy Teaching





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