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Lesson plan and student worksheets
with answers

Lesson 9

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Level: Intermediate and above

Topic: The internet

Language: Single letter prefixes – e-

Aims: Listening skills – A short talk

Materials: Worksheet 1 – Introductory speaking and vocabulary exercises, listening section 1
Worksheet 2 – Listening section 2
Worksheet 3 – Extra work: Vocabulary and writing
Tapescript – Available in teacher's notes
Recording of the talk – Available online at bbclearningenglish.com

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LESSON STAGES

A

Explain to the students that they are going to listen to a talk by Professor David Crystal about the way the English language changes. This particular talk is about a prefix which has come from the internet: e- (e hyphen)

B

Hand out **Student Worksheet 1**. Students do **Speaking Exercise 1** in small groups or pairs.

C

Students do the **Vocabulary Exercise 2**, without dictionaries at first. Practise the pronunciation of the vocabulary, as they will hear it in the talk.

D

Students read **Listening Exercise 3** and then listen to Section 1 of the talk. They answer the questions.

Students listen again and answer **Listening Exercise 4**

E

Hand out **Student Worksheet 2**

Students answer **Listening Exercise 5**

Students listen to section 2 of the talk and check their answers for **Listening exercise 5**

F

Students try to answer **Listening Exercise 6**. They listen again to **Listening Section 2** to check their ideas and then answer **Listening Exercise 7**

G

If you wish to do some extra work with the class, hand out **Student Worksheet 3**

For the vocabulary exercise, give the students copies of the tapescript and play the complete talk as they read.

The language work focuses on other single letter prefixes that use a hyphen.

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TAPESCRIPTS

Listening Section 1

In a vote, in 1998, the American Dialect Society looked for "the new word that was most likely to succeed." And they had an accolade - "the word of the year". And that particular year, it wasn't a word at all, it was 'e-', e hyphen, the prefix, meaning electronic of course, as you'll find it in e-mail for instance, these days, a lot. Well, why did they think it was going to be such a successful development? Well because in the mid-1990s they had noticed, the American Dialect Society had noticed how many people were starting to use this e- prefix and applying it to all kinds of circumstances.

Listening section 2

And in the 1990s you got all these developments: e-books (electronic books); e-voting (electronic voting); you could get a loan from a company by e-mail, and it would be an e-loan. There were e-newsletters, e-securities, e-shopping, hundreds more. And people after a while began to play with the word - you will have heard this too: you know about retail and retailing. Well now you can have e-tail and e-tailing, because that's retail shopping over the internet. And of course it didn't take long before people started to complain about the way in which it was over-used. In fact a couple of years later, one of the big internet magazines said "this is a word, this is a prefix that has to go! Everybody is using it too much." Well, it hasn't gone - it's here to stay. E-speak is the future!

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ANSWER KEY

VOCABULARY

2.

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| a. an accolade | An award or prize, recognition of achievements |
| b. a hyphen | A punctuation mark, a dash that connects two words |
| c. a dialect | A version of a language, normally non-standard |
| d. circumstances | Situations or contexts |
| e. a loan | Money lent to you by a bank, for example |
| f. securities | A type of financial investment |

LISTENING SECTION 1

3.

- a. E
- b. A hyphen (-)
- c. A prefix. It is used before other words
- d. Electronic

4.

- a. True
- b. False – 'the new word that was most likely to succeed' and/or "the word of the year"
- c. False – The American Dialect Society
- d. True

LISTENING SECTION 2

5.

genuine examples: e-books, e-voting, e-newsletters, e-securities, e-loan, e-shopping

6.

- a. Selling over the internet

7.

- a. False – 'it **didn't take long** until people started to complain about the way in which it was over-used.'
- b. True – "... this is a prefix that has to go!"
- c. False – 'Well, it hasn't gone - it's here to stay. E-speak is the future!'

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EXTRA WORK

1.

- a. likely
- b. to play with something
- c. here to stay

LANGUAGE

2.

A-bomb A-line A-frame

E-number

U-bend U-boat U-turn

3.

- a. U-boat
- b. A-bomb
- c. A-line
- d. E-number
- e. U-turn
- f. U-bend
- g. A-frame

4.

E can be an abbreviation for East or eastern

E is the chemical symbol for an electron

E can be the physics symbol for energy

E is a narcotic drug known as ecstasy

Note: In some academic marking schemes E is the symbol for a very poor grade.

LISTENING SECTION 1

- 3. Now, listen to Professor Crystal talking about a small word that has entered the language from the world of technology. Answer these questions.**
- a. What is the word?
 - b. What comes immediately after the word?
 - c. What type of word is it? Is it used before or after other words?
 - d. What does the word mean?
- 4. Listen again and decide if the following statements are true or false, according to Professor Crystal.**
- a. The word won a special award in 1998
 - b. The award was ‘the most successful word of the last ten years’
 - c. The award was given by the American Dialogue Society
 - d. The society had noticed that the word was already being widely used

WORKSHEET 2

LISTENING SECTION 2

5. Many people started using the prefix 'e-'. **Which of these uses do you think are genuine examples? Choose 6.**

e-books e-shower e-voting e-bread e-newsletters
e-plants e-securities e-taxi e-loan e-shopping

Listen to Section 2 of the talk and check your ideas. Were you correct?

6. What is e-tailing?

- a. Selling over the internet
- b. Chatting over the internet
- c. Sending pictures over the internet

7. Are the following sentences true or false?

- a. After a long time, some people said the word was used too much.
- b. An internet magazine thought the word should not be used.
- c. The word will disappear soon.

Listen again to check your answers.

WORKSHEET 3 - EXTRA WORK

VOCABULARY

- 1. Look at the tape script and find words or phrases that mean the following.**
- a. probable
 - b. to experiment with something, to try using it in different ways
 - c. will exist forever, permanently

LANGUAGE

- 2. The use of a single letter prefix with a hyphen is unusual. Here are some words which can combine with a single letter prefix. Which letter do you think they take?**

bomb number bend boat line turn frame

A-_____

A-_____

A-_____

E-_____

U-_____

U-_____

U-_____

- 3. Match the new words with the correct definitions.**
- a. A type of submarine, specifically a German one used in the Second World War
 - b. A type of weapon
 - c. A style of skirt or dress
 - d. The classification of artificial food additives, according to the European Union
 - e. A driving manoeuvre that involves changing direction by 180 degrees
 - f. A special shape in a pipe or tube, especially under a sink
 - g. A physical structure, often a lifting or supporting device, shaped like the letter A

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4. E has other meanings or uses. Which of these are genuine?

E can be an abbreviation for East or Eastern

E can be the physics symbol for Energy

E means an exit in a building

E is the academic symbol for excellent

e is the chemical symbol for an electron

E is a narcotic drug known as ecstasy