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THE LISTENING / READING SCRIPT

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WARM UPS

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1. BRAINSTORM CHAT: Write all the words you can think of about NBA on the board or on a piece of paper. Talk about these words with your partner(s).

2. NBA MORNING: Each student pretends to be an employee of NBA. They walk around the class and talk about the company and their job.

3. RUMOURS: Each student writes down a pretend rumour about NBA. They then walk around the class and talk to other students about their rumour.

4. GOOD AND BAD: Brainstorm good and bad things about NBA and write them on the board. Students talk about these in pairs.

5. TRUE OR FALSE: Students find out several facts about NBA. They write these down and add the same number of things about the company that are false. Students test each other on which of their points are true or false.

6. FACTS: In groups, students write down as many facts as they can about NBA. The winner is the group with the most facts. Teacher may wish to have groups share their facts to make sure they are real.





LISTENING / READING GAP FILL

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CORRECT THE SPELLING

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UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT TENSE

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REWRITE WITH SPACES

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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multi
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televised
franchised
record
popular
consists





PROJECT NBA

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Part 1. Your mission is to increase the profits and sales of NBA. Complete this table with your project partner(s):

Main products			
How to improve them			
A brand new 'killer' product			
How the NBA is better than the competition			
How to beat the competition			

Part 2. Change partners and look at their project. Suggest improvements. Ask for advice on your project:

Part 3. Make a presentation on your project. Give it to the class. Vote the best projects.





NBA – ROLE PLAY 1

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Role A – NBA CEO

You believe your company is the best in the world. It pays its workers very well and working conditions are great. Your company is very green – it cares about the environment. You think your levels of customer service are great. Disagree with person B, C and D.

Role B – NBA worker

You think it's a bad company to work for. You're very unhappy with pay, raises and bonuses. You are very unhappy with the working environment. You don't like the company's policy on the environment. You keep hearing profits are more important than customers. Disagree with A and C. Tell D the truth.

Role C – NBA customer

You are a customer of NBA. You used to think it was great, but not now. Its workers are always very rude. No one ever answers the phone. You are shocked about its policy on the environment. You think all staff should get less pay. You disagree with person A and B. Tell D the truth.

Role D – A journalist

You keep hearing bad things about NBA. You want to tell the world in your newspaper. You heard the CEO gets a huge bonus every year. You found a company memo saying profits are more important than the environment. You want to know why so many staff are ill. Find the truth.





NBA – ROLE PLAY 2

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Role A – NBA New Products Director

You have created a new product for NBA. You believe the new product will be the company's best ever. It will be a bestseller. There are people who do not agree with you. You need B, C and D on your side. Tell them why this is a product that will bring great things to NBA.

Role B – NBA Marketing Director

You think the company's new product is a really bad idea. It will give your company a really bad name. You think the New Products Director is trying to destroy the company. Try to get him/her to understand there's no way the new product will sell. Try to get person C and D on your side.

Role C – NBA Market Researcher

You have interviewed thousands of people about the new product. They don't like it or hate it. You think it will be successful if they make many changes. Tell the New Products Director he/she needs to change the product. You neither like nor trust person B. Disagree with him/her.

Role D – NBA Shareholder

You know a lot about NBA's new product. You are worried it will not sell and share prices will go down. You think A is crazy and must find a new job. You agree with everything B says. You don't agree with C. The new product should not go on the market.





JOB INTERVIEW ROLE PLAY

INTERVIEWER (Write the questions you want to ask the candidate.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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JOB INTERVIEW ROLE PLAY

INTERVIEWEE (Write questions you want to ask the interviewer.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____





DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____





NBA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about NBA in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.





WRITING 1 – SPEED WRITING

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Write anything about NBA for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.





WRITING 2 – LETTER OF COMPLAINT

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Write a letter to NBA. Complain about one of its products. Ask for a refund. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.





HOMEWORK

- 1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- 2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about NBA. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- 3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about NBA. What have they done recently? What are their plans? Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- 4. NBA POSTER** Make a poster about NBA. Make sure you sell the company to the public. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.
- 5. MY NBA LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on NBA. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.
- 6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on NBA. Share your findings with the class.

