LONDON BY THE SEA



EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Learn some idiomatic expressions, learn about Brighton, test your comprehension. Practice using modal verbs.

Activity 1 - **True or False** (In teams - decide which facts are true and false).

A. 'Brighton' is not the city's full name

B. Brighton is home to the fictional detective 'Sherlock Holmes'

C. When ABBA won the Eurovision song contest in 1974, the event was held at the Brighton Dome concert hall

D. Brighton has Britain's oldest cinema

E. The Brighton Zoo is the world's oldest zoo

F. Brighton doesn't have a nickname

G. Singer Sir Paul McCartney and boxer Chris Eubank both lived in Brighton

H. The Queen owns a hotel in Brighton

I. There are lots of tunnels underneath Brighton, supposedly because Prince Regent could move about Brighton without being seen.

J. Brighton football club was promoted to the Premier League in 2017.

Activity 2 - **Pictures slideshow.**

Watch the slideshows about Brighton, and then with your partner, use adjectives to explain your impression of the city based on the pictures.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L17z448DlvQ
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFUyAym2Wns

Activity 3 - Read the text about Brighton and underline the **modals** -

http://www.independent.co.uk/student/student-life/4-reasons-why-brighton-is-the-best-student-city-in-the-uk-a6718141.html

4 Reasons Why Brighton is the Best Student City in the UK

1) The beach

Okay, it's not a sand beach, but does that really matter? Whether you're walking down the beach with a coffee, trying to cure a hangover or you're on the beach after a night out waiting for the hangover to kick in, the sea makes everything better. It's cathartic. Brighton's famous pier is also full of fun and games. You can shoot some hoops, invest in the never-ending coin machines or even go on the log flume if you're feeling brave enough. Over the past year, the Brighton i360 has started to be erected which looks set to be the world's tallest moving observation tower – just another reason as to why Brighton is great.

2) Nightlife

A student city would be nothing without pubs, bars and clubs – which is lucky, because Brighton has got a lot. There's an abundance of choice: if you fancy a quiet pint, you'll find a pub within five minutes. If you want to go out clubbing, head down to the seafront, you'll be sure to find something from the row of clubs and bars. From jazz to indie, pop to hip-hop, you can find pretty much any music of your choice in Brighton. One word of advice though: make sure you take – those winter nigh be very chilly by th seafront.



3) Culture

Every year, thousands of people across the UK flock to Brighton for Pride. Celebrating the brilliant culture of the city is always a fun time. Every bar is open, there are street parties around every corner and everyone is enjoying themselves. What more could you ask for?
The famous Pavilion - nicknamed the Taj Mahal lookalike by many - is also pretty cool. In winter, there's a huge ice rink and in the summer, you can pretend you're at the actual Taj Mahal. Regardless, it's only a £8 entry for students, so it's a must do.

4) The North Laines

If you've been to Brighton, you would've definitely been through the North Laines. Famous to Brighton, the Laines host some of the strangest, coolest and most picturesque locations in the city. Restaurants, cafes, vintage clothing, bars, comedy clubs - you name it, it's in the Laines. Through the back alleys, you will be able to find some of the most impressive graffiti art you'll ever see.

Activity 4 - Match the British **expressions** to their meaning

Mate	A period of two weeks
Knackered	Something wrong, illegal, or just 'off' in one way or another
Gutted	When someone has failed to turn up for work or school
Cock up	To vomit, to throw up
Cheers	A curse word, or an expression of derision or disbelief
Chunder	To be devastated or saddened about a situation
Bollocks	To be tired or exhausted, used in friendly circles
Fortnight	A mistake, a failure of large proportions
Dodgy	Toasting a drink, or 'thank you'
Skive	A close friend

Activity 5 - Match the riddles to the places in Brighton

Brighton Beach **Brighton Pier** **The Laines**
The Royal Pavilion **Devil's Dyke** **Brighton Marina**

A.
It stretches out, into the sea,
You can buy candy floss, or even ice cream,
There's stalls where you can try to win a prize,
And at the end lies the funfair and many fun rides

B.
Go and check out the boats or do some shopping
There's a big Asda store, if you want to just pop in, seek,
Take a seat at a café, drink something hot,
As you survey the scene, and think of buying a yacht

C.
This big green valley is a beautiful sight,
And maybe a bit creepy, during the night
It's a great expanse, with many moors,
And world's away from the sea and the shore

D.
It's the staple of Brighton, what everyone knows
In the summer, this is where all the tourists go
The shame is that, there is only rocks and shingle
And the icy water will make your feet tingle

E.
These windy little streets are very unique
It can be easy to get lost in search of what you
There's the north and the south, it's all very quaint
The buildings and walls are in all shades of paint

F.
This mosque looking building was built for a prince
Even though no-one has lived there since
Built with domes, and minarets too
For weddings and other events, it's a perfect venue

Activity 6 - Modal verbs for advice - Could, Should (Must - not really for advice but in English we can use it to convince someone to do something e.g. If you go to Paris you must visit the Eiffel tower!)



- Example (could): If the weather isn't too bad, you could go and walk on Brighton beach.
- Example (should): You should have a gander through the lanes, as it's really pretty and they have a lot of unique shops.
- Example (must): You must have a walk on the pier, it's one of the most famous landmarks in Brighton!

In partners think of a country or city in the world. Try to use each modal verb in a sentence (so 3 sentences), and give advice about what to visit, or where to go in your chosen city/country.
The others must guess what place you are describing.

Activity 7 - Watch the short video of The Kooks talking about Brighton and then answer the questions - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPOniDP8-3k

a) According to the singer, where is Brighton?

b) What is Brighton full of?

c) What adjectives does he use to describe Brighton?

d) What adjective does he use to describe London?

e) Why does he prefer living in Brighton to London?

Activity 8 - Listen to the song by The Kooks (She Moves in Her Own Way) and fill in the gaps!

So at my show on Monday
I was hoping _____
You'd be on your way to better things
It's not about your _____
Or how you try to shape up
To these _____ paper dreams
Paper dreams, _____

So now you _____ your heart out
You're telling me you're _____
You're not about to lie down for your cause
But you don't pull my _____
'Cos I'm a better man
Moving on to _____ things

Well uh oh, oh I love her because she _____ in her own way
Well uh oh, oh she came to my _____ just to hear about my day

And at the show on Tuesday
She was in her _____
Tempered furs and spangled boots
Looks are _____
Make me believe it
And these tiresome paper _____
Paper dreams, honey
Yeah

So wont you go far
Tell me you're a _____
Not about to lie down for your cause
And you don't pull my strings
'Cos I'm a better man
Moving on to better things

Chorus

yes I _____ that we never made it
Through all the summers
They're keeping us instead of
Kicking us back
Down through the_____
yes I wish that we never made it
Through all the _____
They're keeping us instead of
Kicking us back
Down through the _____

Activity 9 - **Role-plays** (using the modals and expressions from the earlier activities)

A. You are trying to increase the number of tourists in Brighton. You try to highlight the virtues of the city to the rep of a travel agents, who is normally used to selling holiday packages to exotic places like Rio, Miami etc.

B. You have a French friend who is looking to study and live in England. You propose Brighton, because it is similar to Montpellier, but also unique in its own way.

C. You have a friend who lives and works in London. You are looking for a job, but you live between London and Brighton. You discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each city.

D. You work for the local government in Brighton. You have a project to make Brighton an even more attractive city. You propose something that you think Brighton is missing to the mayor.

Activity 10 - **Quiz**
http://www.funtrivia.com/playquiz/quiz16001912535f0.html

