**CLIL: Lesson plan created by Juta Laane**

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| Topic/Lesson Title:  **Interesting and strange facts about Estonia** |
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| Aims/Goals or SWBATs   * Students will at the end of the lesson be able to know some interesting and strange facts about Estonia. * They will be able to describe something about Estonia and what interesting and strange facts they learned about Estonia. * They will be able to write a report about Estonia´s interesting and strange facts. |
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| Age group: 12-13 years old students, 6th grade |
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| Level: A2 |
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| Time (Lesson duration): 45 minutes |
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| Materials:  „Singing Revolution“ 2006 Trailer in Youtube: <https://youtu.be/pm3yzSN8aVk>  Reading and listening text and the gap exercise. |
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| Lead-in *What’s going to happen here to introduce your students to the topic?* Time \_5\_\_\_\_\_  We will look „Singing Revolution“ 2006 Trailer in Youtube: <https://youtu.be/pm3yzSN8aVk>  and discuss afterwards whether they know anything about it. |
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| *What can students predict or do to get started with the lesson?* Time\_0\_\_\_\_  The students are all from Estonia, so they have prior knowledge. |
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| *What vocabulary could teachers focus on? What needs to be pre-taught?* Time \_\_5\_\_\_  Vocabulary to use to introduce a country, such as population, area, etc. |
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| *What kinds of texts can students* ***listen*** *to or* ***read*** *to deepen their knowledge?* Time \_10\_\_\_\_\_  Students have a reading text about interesting and strange facts about Estonia.  The paragraphs of the text must first be put in the correct order, the facts are incomplete. First we have to put them together in pairs for reading. Then we read the text aloud sentence by sentence. |
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| *What kinds of questions can students answer from the* ***listening*** *or* ***reading****? How many should they answer? What should they notice or analyze?* Time \_\_5\_\_\_  Students have a short gap-filling text individually based on the lyrics of the Eurovision winning song “Everybody” (2001): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92TSUlqzFi8>  We listen to and watch a music video and students fill in the gaps. |
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| *What will students* ***speak*** *about in pairs or in small groups?* Time \_\_15\_\_\_  Students can talk about if they know anything interesting and strange about Estonia that was not discussed in the small group (3 people). This will take 5 minutes and the presentation will take 10 minutes. Later, present it to the whole class. |
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| *What will students* ***write*** *about during class time or for homework?* Time \_10\_\_\_\_  They will write a short report about Estonia´s interesting and strange facts. Individually, about exactly what was interesting and strange to them. |
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| *What are other follow up (or homework) activities that can be included?*  In the future, we will use the same format for other European Union countries. Students can think about how to collect interesting and strange facts about different countries. |
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| Other thoughts about this lesson plan:  The reading text and gap-filling exercise are included on the following pages. |
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Appendix 1

The reading text

**Interesting and strange facts about Estonia**

**ESTONIA:**

| **Overview:** |
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| Capital: Tallinn  Official EU language(s): Estonian  EU Member State: since 1 May 2004  Currency: euro (€)  Euro area: member since 1 January 2011  Schengen: member since 21 December 2007 |
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| **Figures:** |
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| Geographical size: 45 336 km2  Population: 1 374 687 (2024) |
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| **Estonia is the birthplace of 10 unicorns or companies valued at over $1 billion! Not bad for a small country in northeastern Europe!** |
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| Here is a list of famous Estonian companies:   * **Skype**: Founded in Estonia, Skype revolutionized global communication by enabling free video calls and messaging over the internet. Skype was invented in Estonia by Estonian developers, even though the company was owned by Swedes. * **Bolt (formerly Taxify)**: Bolt began in Estonia and has grown into a major global ride-hailing and transport service. * **Wise (formerly TransferWise)**: Wise was created in Estonia to make international money transfers cheaper and more transparent. * **Playtech**: Playtech, an Estonian company, is a leading developer of software for online gambling and gaming, powering platforms worldwide. |
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| **In Estonia, internet access is a human right that everyone must have.** |
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| With 99% of all government services available online, Estonia is considered to have one of the world's most sophisticated digital infrastructures. The only government service not available online is divorce; paying taxes takes less than five minutes, and over 51% of the votes in the last election were cast online. |
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| **Singing helped Estonia regain independence** |
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| Estonians have one of the world’s largest collections of folk songs. During the Soviet occupation, they embraced this passion to maintain their cultural identity and used it as a powerful tool for independence. Estonians have one of the biggest collections of folk songs in the world, with written records of about 133,000 of them.  Between 1986 and 1991, 300,000 people gathered to sing patriotic songs, creating an impressive display of unity and resistance. This inspiring movement became known as the “Singing Revolution” and played a key role in Estonia regaining its independence in 1991, alongside Latvia and Lithuania. This inspiring movement spanned five years and played a key role in Estonia regaining its independence in 1991. The Singing Revolution inspired films like the 2006 U.S. documentary about the courageous revolution. |
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| **Estonia has won the Eurovision Song Contest once** |
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| In 2001, Estonia became the first former Eastern Bloc country to win the Eurovision Song Contest. "Everybody" is a song recorded by Tanel Padar and Dave Benton, along with 2XL, with music composed by Ivar Must and lyrics written by Maian-Anna Kärmas.  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92TSUlqzFi8> |
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| **Some more interesting facts** |
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| Estonia has one of the lowest population densities in the world (28 per sq km; 72.5 per sq mi) – placing it 188th in the world.  Estonia has the fourth smallest population in the European Union, and the eighth smallest land area.  Estonia has the largest number of museums per person in the world, at one museum for every 5,300 Estonians. On average, Estonians visit a museum twice a year. |
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Appendix 2

The gap-filling exercise

**Everybody** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92TSUlqzFi8>

All right - Hey hey...  
Well, are you ready? - You bet  
But are you ready? - Oh yeah  
All right - You give it to them now  
  
Well, every night's a ……………… night - Aha... what night?  
Ladies, this sure feels right - I guess this is ……………… time  
The two of us will sing again - Two of us together again  
The heart is young and we know when - Young and handsome, they say  
Come on, Dave  
  
To kick the sadness out the door - To kick the sadness out the door  
And roll the carpet from the floor - Haha... carpet from the floor, yeah  
Let the ………………………. hit the roof - I hit the roof, I hit the roof  
The two of us still know the moves  
  
And not even ……………………. can take away  
The starlight from us, no, it won't fade  
Still we believe that we were made to ……………………. and sing  
  
Come on, everybody, let's sing along  
And feel the ……………………. of a song  
Come on, everybody, let's feel the spark  
That always stays within our hearts  
Come on, everybody, and let it out  
And live the ……………………….. , here and now  
Come on, everybody, 'cause here's a chance  
To feel so light, to laugh and dance

A little rollercoaster ride  
Right into the starry night  
Leave the …………………………….. open wide  
And let the music pour inside  
  
Not even ………………….. can take away  
The starlight from us, no, it won't fade  
Still we believe that we  
Were made to ……………………….. and sing  
  
Come on, everybody let's sing along  
And feel the …………………………… of a song  
Come on, everybody let's feel the spark  
That always stays within our hearts  
Come on, everybody and let it out  
Live the …………………………… here and now  
Come on, everybody cause here's a chance  
To feel so light, to laugh and dance  
  
Look at us now, here together again  
We started out long ………………… ago, we knew back then  
The music within us could never, could never end  
  
Come on, everybody let's sing along  
And feel the ………………………….. of a song  
Come on, everybody let's feel the spark  
That always stays within our hearts  
Come on, everybody and let it out  
Live the ………………………… here and now  
Come on, everybody cause here's a chance  
To feel so light, to laugh and dance

**To check:**

**Everybody**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92TSUlqzFi8>

All right - Hey hey...  
Well, are you ready? - You bet  
But are you ready? - Oh yeah  
All right - You give it to them now  
  
Well, every night's a Friday night - Aha... what night?  
Ladies, this sure feels right - I guess this is party time  
The two of us will sing again - Two of us together again  
The heart is young and we know when - Young and handsome, they say  
Come on, Dave  
  
To kick the sadness out the door - To kick the sadness out the door  
And roll the carpet from the floor - Haha... carpet from the floor, yeah  
Let the spirit hit the roof - I hit the roof, I hit the roof  
The two of us still know the moves  
  
And not even time can take away  
The starlight from us, no, it won't fade  
Still we believe that we were made to laugh and sing  
  
Come on, everybody, let's sing along  
And feel the power of a song  
Come on, everybody, let's feel the spark  
That always stays within our hearts  
Come on, everybody, and let it out  
And live the moment, here and now  
Come on, everybody, 'cause here's a chance  
To feel so light, to laugh and dance

A little rollercoaster ride  
Right into the starry night  
Leave the windows open wide  
And let the music pour inside  
  
Not even time can take away  
The starlight from us, no, it won't fade  
Still we believe that we  
Were made to laugh and sing  
  
Come on, everybody let's sing along  
And feel the power of a song  
Come on, everybody let's feel the spark  
That always stays within our hearts  
Come on, everybody and let it out  
Live the moment here and now  
Come on, everybody cause here's a chance  
To feel so light, to laugh and dance  
  
Look at us now, here together again  
We started out long time ago, we knew back then  
The music within us could never, could never end  
  
Come on, everybody let's sing along  
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