Класс: 8

Тема урока: ENGLISH - SPEAKING COUNTRIES.

Цели:

1. Развивать иноязычную компетенцию, т.е. способность учащихся использовать полученную информацию в различных ситуациях.
2. Формировать интерес к культуре англоговорящих стран.

Ход урока.

1. Организационный момент. Good morning, my dear. Today we are going to speak about ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES. We need summer up our knowledge on this theme and use them in various situations.

2. Речевая зарядка. And now I want you to answer my questions:

1. How many English-speaking countries do you know?

2. What are they?

3. What is the official name of Great Britain?

4. What is the capital of the USA?

5. What is the capital of Australia?

What country: 1…is the smallest continent and the biggest island?

2…consists of 4countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?

3…is the second largest country in the world?

4…is called Land Down Under?

5…has unique flora and fauna?

Now you are welcome. Presentation «Great Britain»

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is situated on the British Isles. It consists of four parts: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The territory of the United Kingdom is about 244000 sq. km. The population is over 56million people. The United Kingdom is a monarchy and the Queen is the head of the state. But in practice it is ruled by the government with the Prime Minister at the head. The British Parliament consists of two chambers known as the House of Commons and the House of Lords. London is the capital of the United Kingdom and it is one of the largest cities in the world. It is situated upon both banks of the River Thames. The population of London is about 8 million. Traditionally London is divided into several parts: the City, Westminster, the West End and the East End. The City is the oldest part of London, its financial and business center. Numerous banks, offices and firms are concentrated here. Few people live in the City but over a million come to work here.

Trafalgar Square is the geographical center of London, it was named in the memory of Admiral Nelson’s victory in the battle of Trafalgar in 1805. There are a lot of places of interest in London: St. Paul’s Cathedral, the Tower of London, Westminster, Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and others.

Presentation “England through football”

Well, thank you, boys. Now we have a video «Window on Britain.», and then we’ll do some exercises.

Now the introduction of the second country (слайд15-20)

Girls, you are welcome.

-Hello, Ann,

-Hi, Kate, I haven’t seen you for ages. Where have you been?

-I’ve been to America.

-Oh, really? I know the USA is situated in North America and the country is bordered with Canada and Mexico. The capital is Washington DC. Where have you been?

-I’ve been to New York.

-Do you like it?

-Yes, of course, it is a very beautiful city. There are a lot of sights in N.Y., but best of all I remembered the Statue of Liberty in NY City’s harbor. It is the most famous symbol of freedom and the historic gateway to America. France presented it to the USA in 1884.In her right hand she holds a torch, representing liberty, and in her left she holds a tablet reading “July 4th1776”-the date of the declaration of American Independence. Her crown with seven sun-like rays, represents seven continents and seas of the world.

Now answer the questions:

1. How many stripes are there on the American flag?

a)12, b)13, c)50

2. Where is the Statue of Liberty situated in?

a)New York, b)Washington DC, c)Atlanta.

3. What is the American flag known as?

a)Union Jack, b)Stars and Stripes, c)Tricolor.

4…. Discovered America in 1492?

a)James Cook, b)Admiral Nelson, c)Christopher Columbus.

5. In the north the USA is bordered by

a)Mexico, b)Canada, c)France.

Well , now the 3-rd country.

«Canada through music.»

Canada is the second largest country in the world. Canada is situated in North America. Its total land area is about 10 mil.sq. km . As Canada extends for thousands of miles from the Arctic Ocean to the USA and from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, all kinds of weather conditions, are to be found there. The population of Canada is 29 million people. The capital is Ottawa, which is located on the banks of the Ottawa, Rideau and Gatineau rivers; the main cities are: Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. The word Canada comes from one of the Red Indian languages «Kannata» , meaning «a number of huts». Canada is often called « The land of the Maple Leaf». The maple leaf is the national symbol of Canada. History of Canada goes back to over 400 years. The French were the first settlers of this country. In 1759 Canada became a part of the British Empire. In 1931 it became independent from Britain. Today Canada is an independent federative state, consisting of 10provinces and 2 territories. It is a member of the Commonwealth, headed by the Queen of Great Britain. The federal Parliament is made up of the House of Commons and the Senate. The leader of the party that wins the largest number of seats in a newly elected House of Commons is asked to form the government. The two official languages are English and French. Canada is a country with very high standards of living. This country is particularly advanced in the areas of health, education, social protection and human rights.

Canada through music…

I like music, especially youth bands. Now I want to show you the song of my favourite Canadian group …(Звучит песня на английском языке в исполнении ученика 10класса.)

The 4th- country. Guess it.(слайд27-31)

Australia.

The Commonwealth of Australia is a federal state. Its territories are the continent of Australia, the island of Tasmania and a number of smaller islands. It has an area of about 8 mil. sq.km. The population is about 18 million people. It is the world’s largest island and its smallest continent. The east coast of Australia was discovered by Captain Cook in 1770. The capital of Australia is Canberra. Australia has a federal parliamentary government. The Australian federation was formed on January 1, 1901, from former British colonies, which thereupon became states. The Australian constitution combines the traditions of British parliamentary monarchy with important elements of the US federal system. The government consists of the British sovereign and the Australian Parliament. There are 5 big cities in Australia: Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and others . Sometimes Australia is called the Land Down Under because the continent is south of the Equator, where winter comes in July and summer begins in December. During the Christmas holidays people often sunbathe on the beach or surf in the ocean. It is interesting to notice that though most of the territory is too dry or too hot Australia has an extraordinary collection of birds and animals. Many of them are found only there: the emu, the kangaroo, the koala, the dingo, the kookaburra, the great white cockatoo.

Now answer my questions:

1. What is the official name of Australia?
2. What is the capital of Australia?
3. What landscape is typical of Australia?
4. Name big cities of Australia.
5. Name the greatest rivers of Australia?

The 5th country is New Zealand(слайд32-37)

New Zealand is situated in the southwest Pacific Ocean on two large islands: the North Island and the South Island. Its total area is 268,680 sq.km. The population of New Zealand is about 4 million people with an average population density of about 12 people per sq.km. About 85% of the population is classified as European. English is the universal language.

The name «New Zealand» came from Dutch cartographers, who called the island «Nova Zeelandia», after the Dutch province of Zeeland. British explorer G.Cook adapted the name to the English language and it became New Zealand. It sometimes caked «Godzone» or «Kiwiland». Though the country is so small there are so many beautiful things that attract attention-volcanoes, subtropical rainforests, geysers, fiords, beaches, glaciers and high mountain peaks.New Zealand is an independent state and a member of the Commonwealth. It is a constitutional monarchy Officially the head of the state is the British Queen whose representative, the governor-general, is appointed for a five-year term . New Zealand draws many thousands of tourists to its shores because of the beauty, diversity and compactness of its natural attractions. The capital of the country is Wellington.

5. Физическая пауза. Гимнастика для глаз.

6. Активизация навыков аудирования. Open your books on page 39, listen to the text and do exercises 2a and 3:

Which event A, B, C, D:

Offers a cash prize?

Lasts the longest?

Is attended by British royalty?

Is a competition between two teams?

Choose the correct word.

1. The directors/presenters of all the major TV channels comment on the fashions at Royal Ascot.
2. The spectators/audience cheer the tennis players on at Wimbledon.
3. About 40,000 competitors/rowers run in the London Marathon each year.

6. Совершенствование лексических навыков. Закрепление страноведческой информации .

- We’ll have a rest with you. Match the countries and the word combinations corresponding to them.

(Учитель демонстрирует на мультимедийной доске названия стран и фразы, которые учащиеся подбирают и совмещают)

Great Britain ( an island state),

Australia (a “Lucky country”),

New Zealand ( an upside down country),

the USA ( a real melting pot),

Canada (the second largest country in the world)

7. Итоги урока (Учитель)

1) I’m very satisfied with your work today. Now we know a lot about English-speaking countries

2) Your marks for the lesson are…….. …….

3) Take ex. 31, p.40 for your homework. You have to read the texts again and choose one for retelling.

4) The lesson is over. You may be free.