**Integrated Skills Lesson on Singapore**

**Singapore Listening Lecture TEACHER COPY**

**Singapore**

**Introduction**

I am going to talk about Singapore. Singapore is the smallest country in Southeast Asia. It is 137 kilometers north of the equator. It is very close to Malaysia. That is spelt MALAYSIA. **It** is made up of 63 islands, 63! So you can see there are a lot of islands. The name “Singapore” means “Sea-Lion” in Malay.

**Weather**

Singapore is a warm place. The temperatures are between 22 °C and 34 °C. June and July are the hottest months. In November and December the weather is very wet and there is a lot of rain.

**Economy**

Singapore is a rich country. The economy is very good. Tourism is important. Many visitors go shopping in the Orchard Road shopping district. Visitors buy electronics because they are cheap there. Singapore sells computers and petroleum products to other countries.

**People**

Today, in 2015 there are about 5.5 million people living in Singapore’ that is 5 and a half million people. . About 75% are from Chinese families. 14% are Malays, and about 9% are Indian. Most people speak English.

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**Food**

Singapore is famous for its food. Singaporean food is a mix of Chinese, Malay and Indian foods. Seafood is very popular. You can eat many different kinds of food in Singapore, day or night.

1. How many islands is Singapore made of?
2. What does the word “Singapore” mean?
3. What is the weather like in November and December?
4. What can you buy in Singapore?
5. What is the population of Singapore?
6. Which language do most people speak?
7. Name on kind of food that you can eat in Singapore.

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[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UydA4Zkk5uw**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UydA4Zkk5uw)

TASK: Listen to your teacher talking about Singapore and answer the questions.

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**Singapore Reading + To Be + Adjectives**



**TASK 2: Read the text and add is/am/are**

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**Singapore 7.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not a poor country. The economy 8.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ good. Tourism 9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ important. Singapore sells computers and petroleum to other countries.**

**English 10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ popular in Singapore, but the national song of Singapore 11.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Malay. The most common second language 12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chinese.**

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**TASK 3: Draw a Venn diagram and brainstorm the things that are the same in both countries and the things that are unique to each country.**

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| **Only in Singapore** | **In both countries** | **Only in the U.A.E** |
| **Wet weather in November** | **Small population**  **Tall buildings** | **Dry weather** |

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| **It is**  **They are + adjectives** | **They have**  **It has + thing** | **They sell (subject + verb)**  **It sells (subject + verb + s)** |
| **Beautiful**  **Hot** | **Small population**  **Tall buildings**  **Shopping malls** | **Sell petrol**  **Speak English** |

**Comparing Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.**

**TASK 4: Use the words in the box to complete the blanks below.**

**It is visit have because are**  **both enjoy wear**

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