



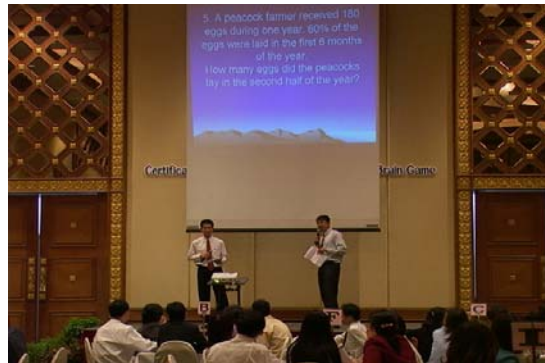
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What's happening this week?

The OCC Brain Game, a fun activity in which ILC students work together in teams in order to answer lots of general knowledge questions, will be held at the Prince Palace Hotel this Friday. Prizes will be awarded to the team that scores the highest number of points during the morning's activity. This will be a great chance for all ILC students to practise your listening, writing and speaking skills, while widening your general knowledge.



Friday's Brain Game also marks the end of the Oral Communication Course (OCC). As their final assignment, the OCC students will organize and run the activity, thereby putting the knowledge they have gained over the last six weeks into practice. On behalf of all teachers, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all OCC students on this achievement.

NOTE:

- * Please be at the Prince Palace Hotel by 8.45 a.m.
- * Casual dress is NOT acceptable

Tentative Schedule

09.00 The OCC Brain Game
10.30 Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 The OCC Brain Game (continued)
12.00 Lunch



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Culture Corner



VISITING



Did you know?

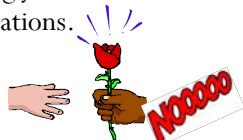
Some of the things that surprise visitors to the UK are: the weather; the variety of restaurants; children not being welcome in restaurants; eating the evening meal as early as 5.00 p.m.; queuing; and the lack of conversation among people using public transport.



The importance of punctuality varies widely from nation to nation. In some Mediterranean and Latin American countries, a half-hour delay is acceptable. In Scandinavia, guests are expected to arrive ON TIME.



In Western Europe, avoid giving your hostess red roses as they have romantic implications.



And do not give thirteen or an even number of flowers as this brings bad luck.

Most Scandinavians do not tip taxi drivers. There is also no tipping on restaurant and hotel bills.



'Corporate hospitality' – an evening at the theatre, for example – is more usual than gift-giving in British business life.



Wallwork, A. 1999. *Business Options*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Piyaporn

Here's the Answer...

Gonna, Gotta, Wanna ...



I've seen words like *gonna* and *wanna* and wondered what they mean.



Words like *gonna* and *wanna* are informal contractions. Informal contractions are short forms of other words that people use when speaking fast and informally. These informal contractions are not exactly slang, but they are a little like slang and are, therefore, unacceptable in most forms of writing. Here are the **seven most common informal contractions** with example sentences:

1. Gimme = give me

Gimme your money.

Can you *gimme* a hand?



2. Gonna = going to

Nothing's *gonna* change my love for

I'm not *gonna* tell you.



3. Gotta = (have) got to

I've *gotta* go now.

We've *gotta* do that.



4. Innit = isn't it

That's smart, *innit*?

5. Kinda = kind of

She's *kinda* cute.

Are you *kinda* mad at me?



6. Lemme = let me

Lemme see it!

7. Wanna = want to

Do you *wanna* watch TV?



Source: <http://www.englishclub.com> (adapted)

Napassawan

LEARNING STRATEGIES

The Three Biggest Challenges Facing an English Learner

1. Developing a passion for learning English

All English learners would like to speak English well, but don't like to be learning English. This is the first and biggest problem facing an English learner, because a person who doesn't like to learn English will not learn it well. If you don't love English, English won't love you back!

If you want to become a successful learner, you need to like the learning process itself. You need to treat time spent on English as time for pleasure and relaxation. For example, you need to enjoy:

- ➔ reading English sentences and thinking about their structure
- ➔ learning new words from a dictionary
- ➔ writing a correct English sentence by consulting dictionaries, grammar guides and the Web
- ➔ practising the pronunciation of English sounds and words



Ideally, learning English should be your hobby. You should think of yourself as an English Learner – a person who has chosen learning English as one of their favourite activities.

2. Making the first change to one's life

The decision to learn English requires changes in your life, for example, deciding that one will read a book in English for 30 minutes every day and keeping to that decision.

3. Making further changes to one's life

A lot of learners take the first step (e.g., they start reading a book in English every day) and stop there. They do not engage in other English-building activities.

A good learner will have a set of activities (reading, watching TV, practising pronunciation, listening to recordings, etc.) and choose from that set according to his or her mood. One activity is not good enough, because (1) you get bored more quickly, and (2) it gives you a range of language skills that is typically too narrow. For example, reading in English can't improve your pronunciation, although it can improve your grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension and writing skills.

Adapted from <http://www.antimoon.com/other/challenges.htm>

FUN WITH ENGLISH

No.6 **Word association**

Underline two of the words on the right which are associated with, or are part of, the word on the left.
Number 1 has been done for you.

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|----|------------|---|
| 1 | BABY | inspire, <u>cot</u> , <u>dummy</u> , creeping, barn |
| 2 | DENTIST | meat, toothache, skirt, denture, bore |
| 3 | LAW COURT | sentence, dumb, judge, wall, sing |
| 4 | SEWING | pattern, stick, tug, stitch, saxophone |
| 5 | TRAIN | lucky, compartment, spare, luggage-rack, trap |
| 6 | OFFICE | stable, mincer, gem, filing-cabinet, typist |
| 7 | PHOTOGRAPH | duck, slides, snapshot, ruler, whisper |
| 8 | SEASIDE | bath, stranded, beach, cough, deckchair |
| 9 | FUNERAL | coffee, widow, bride, duster, cemetery |
| 10 | BIRD | pigeon, trunk, beak, nib, foxglove |
| 11 | TENNIS | like, net, offside, umpire, Wembley |
| 12 | JACKET | wear, rusty, lapel, smile, crooked |
| 13 | RIVER | fly, bank, mining, Danube, cellar |
| 14 | NEWSPAPER | circulation, backside, lettuce, editor, reduction |
| 15 | BED | headboard, ponytail, slim, blanket, madness |
| 16 | CAR | slip, tired, bonnet, deck, radiator |
| 17 | CAT | purr, swan, bark, paw, river |
| 18 | HOUSE | sob, landing, wind, mortgage, tenor |
| 19 | CARDS | joking, clubs, dark, clover, shuffle |
| 20 | CHURCH | alter, prayer, hymn, audience, staffroom |

Answers no.5

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| 1 | throat | 11 | skiing |
| 2 | Saturn | 12 | eighty |
| 3 | wallet | 13 | pigeon |
| 4 | rabbit | 14 | lawyer |
| 5 | saucer | 15 | guitar |
| 6 | spider | 16 | nephew |
| 7 | willow | 17 | lizard |
| 8 | salmon | 18 | radish |
| 9 | vanish | 19 | petrol |
| 10 | blouse | 20 | gutter |

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