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What's happening this week?

Welcome all students to the English language courses run by the Institute of Foreign Affairs. To support students' needs, there are two courses being held this term, each offering different English programmes. For students who want to improve their English for their jobs, the Intensive Language Course (ILC) offers not only normal classroom lessons but also a variety of English activities at different locations. The other course is the Oral Communication Course (OCC), designed to build confidence in students and improve fluency and competence in social communication skills. Lessons will begin for all students at 11.00 a.m. Wednesday morning, following orientation. It sounds like hard work might be recommended throughout the course. Nevertheless, I hope you enjoy it and gain lots of knowledge and experience.

Students are expected to attend all classroom lessons, and it is **COMPULSORY** to participate in all Friday activities, two of which are excursions outside Bangkok. This Friday's activity has been arranged so that all ILC and OCC students, as well as teachers and staff, can get together, get to know each other better and perhaps make some new friends! There will be a number of fun English-based activities for you to join in, giving you the chance to meet, talk to, and work together with students from other classes, as well as your own. These "Ice Breaking Activities" will be held at the Prince Palace Hotel, starting at 9 a.m. and finishing about midday. We look forward to seeing you there!



NOTE:

- Please be at the Prince Palace Hotel (11th floor) around 8.45 a.m.
- Wear your nametag.
- Dress appropriately.

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Culture Corner



What are Britain's Social Customs?



Drop in anytime and *Come see me soon* are phrases often used in social settings but seldom meant to be taken literally. It is wise to telephone before visiting someone at home. If you receive a written invitation to an event that says **RSVP**, you should respond to let the person who sent the invitation know whether or not you plan to attend.



Never accept an invitation unless you really plan to go. You may refuse by saying 'Thank you for inviting me, but I will not be able to come'. If, after accepting, you are unable to attend, be sure to tell those expecting you as far in advance as possible that you will not be there.


Oh! I have a date with my girlfriend on that day.

What about going to see a baseball game with me tomorrow evening?



That sounds interesting, but I won't be available at that time. Um, how about next week...?



Although it is not necessarily expected that you give a gift to your host, it is considered polite to do so, especially if you have been invited for a meal. Flowers, chocolate or a small gift are all appropriate. A thank-you note or telephone call  after the visit is also considered polite, and is an appropriate means to express your appreciation for the invitation.



Source: Woodlands Junior School [Terms & Conditions](#)
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Tonbridge, Kent. TN10 4BB UK

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Here's the Answer...

When and if



I really don't know how to use *when* and *if*. Can you explain?



'IF' → We use *if* to say that we are not sure whether something will happen.

Example:

I'll see you in August if I come to New York.



(Perhaps I'll come to New York; perhaps I won't.)

'WHEN' → We use *when* to say that we are sure that something will happen.

Example:

I'll see you in August when I come to New York.



(I'm sure I'll come to New York.)

We can use either *if* or *when* to talk about things that always happen.

Example:

If/When you heat ice, it turns into water.



Source: Swan, M. 2000. *Basic English Usage*.
Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Napassawan

LEARNING STRATEGIES

Tips for Learning English

Learning any new language takes a lot of dedication, practice and time. Learning English has limitless advantages. You will benefit greatly from learning English simply because so many people speak the English language. Use the following tips to help you in your language learning process.

- **Have desire** – Learning English requires a lot of study and dedication. Only true desire will keep you motivated.
- **Know your motive** – Why do you want to learn English? Identify your reason and remember it when you are having a hard time.
- **Set goals** – Set goals for yourself. Goals will keep you motivated.
- **Study a little each day** – At the beginning of each study session, review what you learned in the lesson before.
- **Make a set study schedule** – Set aside a specific time for study each day.
- **Study out loud** – Pronounce the words out loud to yourself as you study. You will remember them more easily and you will be able to practice your pronunciation at the same time.
- **Use different learning methods** – Find out which method works best for you and use a variety of other methods for practice such as speaking, reading, writing, and associating pictures with words.
- **Practise speaking** – Practise the language you have learned as much as possible.

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Adapted from <http://esl-software-review.toptenreviews.com/tips-for-learning-english.html>

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FUN WITH ENGLISH

No. 1

Quiz

1. How many stars are there in our solar system?
2. If we mix yellow and light blue, what is the result: green, white or light grey?
3. Which of the following adjectives describes someone who refuses to change their mind about things: donkey like, pig-headed, or bear like?
4. What is a diamond anniversary?
5. What does the word “mafia” mean in Italy?
6. What did Sigmund Freud call “the guardian of sleep”?
7. What number does the Roman numeral “L” represent?
8. What’s the total number of dots on a pair of dice?
9. In a standard deck of cards, which king doesn’t have a moustache?
10. In the equation $E=mc^2$, what does “c” stand for?



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