



# LANGUAGE LINKS

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## What's happening this week?

**F**or this week's excursion, we're taking you out on an English camp, to be held at the Pung-Waan Resort, Kanchanaburi.

There will be a variety of English activities at the camp. We strongly encourage all the students to USE ENGLISH throughout the whole trip, not only while doing organized activities, but also when just chatting to each other. Most importantly, this is a good chance for all of you to join in activities with people from other classes. How does that sound?

We hope what you will get from this trip is not only a chance to practise English outside the classroom, but also an opportunity to gain knowledge in various areas.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on this trip!

### TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR ENGLISH CAMP AT THE PUNG-WAAN RESORT KANCHANABURI FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2



#### *Wednesday, February 28*

07.30 Leave Institute of Foreign Affairs  
11.00 Arrive at Pung-Waan Resort, Kanchanaburi  
12.00 Lunch  
13.30 Opening of English Camp  
13.45 English activities  
14.45 Coffee/tea break  
15.00 English activities (continued)  
18.30 Dinner

#### *Friday, March 2*

09.00 English Rally  
12.00 Lunch  
13.30 Leave Pung-Waan Resort, Kanchanaburi  
18.00 Arrive at Institute of Foreign Affairs

#### *Thursday, March 1*

09.00 Group Production activity  
10.30 Coffee/tea break  
10.45 Group Production activity (continued)  
12.00 Lunch  
13.30 Group Production activity (continued)  
15.00 Coffee/tea break  
15.15 Group Production activity (continued)  
18.30 Dinner



**NOTE:** → Casual dress is recommended  
→ Lots of facilities are available, e.g. swimming pools (swimming suit is needed) and traditional Thai massage.

**Usana**

# Learning Strategies

## Fun with English Ideas

- Have an English-only evening once a week. Cook in English (rewrite your recipe in English) or watch English movies.
- Write an English love letter. (If your loved one doesn't understand English that's even better!)
- Write English limericks. (These are excellent and simple for writing, pronunciation and rhythm practice.)
- Rewrite fairytales, jokes or instructions in English.
- Go out and pretend you don't understand your native language (try to get by in only English).
- Go online and find the lyrics to your favourite English songs and sing along to them (use a search engine).
- Learn the words to English national anthems. Sing along when you hear them on TV (sporting events).
- Invent an English character for yourself (with job, family, etc). Write this person's biography.
- Buy an English board game (like Monopoly or Scrabble).
- Play cards in English.
- Start up or join an English reading or conversation club.
- Talk to yourself in English while you clean or do the dishes.
- Go around the house and try to name everything in English (furniture, clothes, etc). Look up words you don't know.

<http://www.englishclub.com/learn-english/how.htm>

**Piyaporn**

# Here's the Answer...

## Even



Q: I don't know when to use the word *even*. Can you explain?

A: We can use *even* to talk about **surprising** extremes – when people do more than we expect.

She is rude to everybody. She is **even** rude to the police.

She has broken all her toys.

She has **even** broken her bike.



They do everything together. They **even** brush their teeth together.

He speaks lots of languages. He **even** speaks Esperanto.

*Even* can go in other positions when we want to emphasize a particular expression.

Anybody can do this. **Even** a child can do it.

He eats anything – **even** raw potatoes.

I work every day, **even** on Sundays.

Everybody got up early. **Even** George.



*Even so* means "however".

He seems nice. **Even so**, I don't really trust him.

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

**Napassawan**

# Culture Corner



## Travel Superstitions



**Business Traveler**  
David Grossman

"Check your travel superstitions, or carry them on?"

### Superstition:

belief which is not based on human reason or scientific knowledge, but is connected with old ideas about magic, etc.

Definition from <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/define>



On Continental Airlines there is no row 13. The same is true for Air France, Air Tran, KLM, and Iberia. Is it a coincidence that the rows jump from 12 to 14? Of course not. Airlines can be very superstitious.

Superstitions vary by culture. Many Japanese avoid the number four because it sounds like the word for death in their language and the word for nine sounds like the word for torture, a very unpleasant experience. Japan-based All Nippon Airways omits rows 4, 9 and 13 even though the unlucky reputation of 13 is allegedly based in Christianity and Viking folklore.



**NOOOOO**



Seventeen is considered unlucky in Italy because rearranging the letters in the Roman numerals for 17 could spell **VIXI** which means "I lived" in Italian. Lufthansa airplanes do not have row 13 or 17. You would certainly expect Alitalia airplanes to be missing row 17, but this is not the case. To add further to the confusion, Alitalia's Boeing 777's have row 13 while the rest of their fleet does not.



Many airlines do not offer a flight 13 as well. And the Koreans take superstition one step further as there are no gates 4, 13, or 44 at Seoul's Incheon Airport.

Adapted from [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/columnist/grossman/2005-10-31-grossman\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/columnist/grossman/2005-10-31-grossman_x.htm)

# ***FUN WITH ENGLISH***

## No.9

### Which word is the same?

*Underline the word which is closest in meaning to the first three words in each line.*

*Number 1 has been done for you.*

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|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1  | LOVE, LIKE, ENJOY              | hope, hate, <u>adore</u> , raise      |
| 2  | DECEIVE, FOOL, CHEAT           | swindle, lose, lyre, drop             |
| 3  | OBDURATE, STUBBORN, OBSTINATE  | stable, adamant, envious, stale       |
| 4  | EAGER, KEEN, ENTHUSIASTIC      | careful, interesting, strong, zealous |
| 5  | TRY, ENDEAVOUR, ATTEMPT        | undertake, make, construct, prove     |
| 6  | CUNNING, CRAFTY, SLY           | careful, artful, queer, inept         |
| 7  | ORDER, COMMAND, DICTATE        | claim, steer, decree, desire          |
| 8  | REQUEST, BEG, ASK              | assure, entreat, require, wish        |
| 9  | WEALTHY, RICH, PROSPEROUS      | affluent, noble, destitute, mean      |
| 10 | DISLIKE, HATE, LOATHE          | vomit, scour, abhor, stand            |
| 11 | BRAVE, PLUCKY, BOLD            | moody, feeble, strict, valiant        |
| 12 | PROUD, VAIN, ARROGANT          | conceited, stolen, heady, regal       |
| 13 | ASTONISH, AMAZE, ASTOUND       | favour, bewilder, increase, revise    |
| 14 | WHOLE, TOTAL, SUM              | amount, number, entirety, figure      |
| 15 | EVENT, RESULT, CONSEQUENCE     | reason, outcome, substitute, change   |
| 16 | WEAK, FEEBLE, POWERLESS        | stark, slow, impotent, able           |
| 17 | REGION, AREA, ZONE             | district, neighbour, suburb, border   |
| 18 | STOUT, FAT, OBESE              | shock, corpulent, stark, puny         |
| 19 | DEPARTURE, WITHDRAWAL, RETREAT | arrival, entry, exodus, loss          |
| 20 | KILL, SLAY, ASSASSINATE        | load, slaughter, die, lead off        |

### Answers no.8

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|---|---------|----|-----------|
| 1 | ward    | 8  | hold      |
| 2 | kitchen | 9  | larder    |
| 3 | cellar  | 10 | parlour   |
| 4 | attic   | 11 | studio    |
| 5 | cabins  | 12 | lounge    |
| 6 | study   | 13 | dormitory |
| 7 | crypt   |    |           |

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