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What's happening this week?

At last, here comes the day many of you have been waiting for: March 9, the last day of the ILC course! Starting at 9 o'clock, we have our final Friday Activity, the inter-class ILC Debates, during which the stimulating public speaking skills of several of our students will be showcased. From a practical point of view, it should be possible to feel that language learning is continuing to take place in a meaningful way during this activity.

Following the debates, there will be the awarding of certificates to all ILC trainees. This day means all ILC students will have achieved what they have put their efforts into.

In closing, on behalf of the teachers, I would like to thank all ILC students for your support and participation throughout the term. We have had wonderful experiences. I hope you will always remember the good times we have had during the course.

Wishing everyone all the best!

INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSE

CLOSING CEREMONY

At the Prince Palace Hotel (Room: Prince 1)

Friday, 9 March

08.45	Registration
09.00	Debate 1
10.30	Coffee/tea break
10.45	Debate 2
11.45	Awarding of certificates
12.00	Lunch



NOTE: Don't forget - the ILC final test is on Thursday, 8 March. Punctuality is essential.

Final test schedule:

09.00-09.30	Reading
09.40-10.35	Writing
10.40-11.35	Listening
11.40-13.30	Speaking

To ensure that you don't miss the test, please come before 9 o'clock.

Usana

Learning Strategies



Tips for Successful Language Learning

• You must accept that at first you will not understand a thing about a language. You must work at it, and do all your assignments consistently and conscientiously.

o Nearly everything you must know to be successful in a language is taught in the first year. After that it is practice.

o What you learn today you will need to know for as long as you use the language. What you fail to learn today will hurt you over and over again for as long as you use the language.

o Learning a foreign language is cumulative. Think of it like a snowball rolling down a hill with you on top. If you don't keep up - every step of the way - you are going to get buried.

o You will not learn the language adequately by "going over it" just one time. Successful language learning requires going over the same things repeatedly: hearing it, seeing it, speaking it and writing it. These are nothing more than four different ways for learning the same thing.

o Once you think you have learned something, you will not retain it without regular review. Successful language learning requires not only getting on top of new material but also reviewing the old stuff.



Adapted from <http://www.mlc-wels.edu>

Usana

Here's the Answer...

Spoonful/Teaspoonful – Are They Nouns?

Q I've seen the words *spoonful* and *teaspoonful*. Are they nouns? Are there any other words ending with *-ful*?

A Yes, they are nouns. You can also add *-ful* to the following words: *bag*, *bucket*, *basket*, *plate* and *tank*.

Examples:

He brought me a bagful of sweets.



Pour a bucketful of cold water on the ash.



She ladled three spoonfuls of sugar into my tea.



They were collecting basketfuls of apples.



She is holding a plateful of bacon and eggs.



A tankful of petrol can cost over a thousand baht these days.



Source: Collins Cobuild English Grammar.
(Adapted)

Napassawan

Culture Corner



Interesting Facts from Around the World

Australia

Australia has a very friendly and open culture. However, "G'day" – the informal "hello" – is *over-used* by tourists.

Australians expect one's work to speak for itself, so they are not impressed with your position, title or status. Don't arrive in town wearing the latest status symbol – it will only announce how important *you think you are*.



Brazil



Nearly 50 percent of the population is under twenty years of age.

Despite massive economic problems, Brazil is often regarded as a potentially rich country, strong in both industry and agriculture, with abundant natural resources. An example of its efficient utilization of resources is the

processing of sugarcane into ethyl alcohol, which fuels 1.5 million Brazilian cars.

New Zealand

This country has always been very forward thinking. Its forefathers not only believed in individualism, they created an environment for it to develop. They also understood their obligation to the people who worked to establish and maintain their society. In 1893, this British Commonwealth nation gave women the right to vote, and, in 1898, established an old-age pension, the first Commonwealth member to do so.



If you are walking down the street and see two people *pressing noses*, they are probably Maoris using their traditional greeting. Incidentally, the Maoris are highly regarded for their tattoo art.

Spain

When attending a business dinner, be prepared to stay up late. Most restaurants do not open until after nine o'clock, and often do not get busy until around eleven!



Japan

The Japanese tend to be rather direct in their questioning of foreigners. You may be asked personal questions such as how much money you earn, or how large your house is.



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Piyaporn

FROM TEACHERS

Wish you all kinds of success especially in English skills. Give yourself a chance for English practice even after this ILC Course.

All the best to all of you.

Usana

I always enjoy working with all of my marvelous ILC learners. If you just stop and think about it for a moment, it's easy to know why. I'm pretty sure that you have enjoyed learning English here. So have I. Anyway, don't forget to keep it in mind about "Although you've already completed the ILC course, you yourself can maintain language learning everlastingly". You actually realize how to do so, don't you?

Wish you all the best,

Piyaporn

Whenever you have a chance to learn and use English, don't hesitate!!! Hopefully, you will always have good memories of your time at the Institute of Foreign Affairs. I wish you all the best of luck.

Napassawan

Dear students

I'm very happy to teach you. All of you are diligent in "Writing" and you can improve it a lot.

Moreover, you're qualified students.

I absolutely appreciate you.

With love

Nongluck

You are very lucky to be here together. Not only getting English knowledge but gaining other profits, such as having new friends, learning how to participate in many activities also. Being successful in study is good, but being successful in living happily is better.

Good luck to all of you!!

Machamon

End of course note

Where have the weeks gone? My teaching time with ILCI and ILCII has been extremely enjoyable. The students have been a source of challenges, satisfaction but above all, great joy.

The first couple of weeks were quite uncertain as we tried to figure out who we all were and what we had to offer to other members of our groups. We soon realised we were all learners. Once this was achieved, our mood changed. We all worked our hardest and everyone contributed so much. It seemed like there was no stopping but we always had fun and much laughter.

I now feel pleased with what we have achieved but sad that my students are leaving. I would like to wish them every success in their future.

Martina

Congratulations on your completion of the ILC course. Your efforts have been rewarded. Good luck for the future.

Robert

To all the ILC Students,

After returning to the 'real world' of your offices, I hope you will have the chance to use your English skills.

Please continue to speak and write in English and also listen to the language as much as possible.

I hope your time here has been enjoyable and also useful. Good luck in the future, whatever you do.

Best Wishes

Andrew

Use your English Skills at every opportunity you are given.

Get as much exposure to the English language as you possible can. eg. making English Speaking Friends, radio, TV and reading.

When you go back to your Government Department remember the saying "If you don't use it, you'll lose it".

All the best

Fun teaching you

Ian

Answers no.9

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| 1 adore | 11 valiant |
| 2 swindle | 12 conceited |
| 3 adamant | 13 bewilder |
| 4 zealous | 14 entirety |
| 5 undertake | 15 outcome |
| 6 artful | 16 impotent |
| 7 decree | 17 district |
| 8 entreat | 18 corpulent |
| 9 affluent | 19 exodus |
| 10 abhor | 20 slaughter |

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