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what's happening this week?

On Friday we will take our first excursion outside Bangkok, this time as a one-day trip. The purpose of this trip will be to give students an opportunity to practise using English in a simulation of a real situation, through giving and listening to briefings, and asking and answering questions in English. More importantly, you will get some ideas on how to make a presentation more effective.

Our first destination will be the Lopburi National Museum, or Narai Rajaniwet Palace. This palace was formerly the residence of King Narai the Great, who reigned during the Ayutthaya period. It has also accommodated foreign ambassadors.



The ruins of a once grand palace nestled among the trees.

In the afternoon, we will head to Ayutthaya and visit the Ayutthaya Historical Study Centre, a national research institute devoted to the study of Ayutthaya. Then we'll visit Wat Phra Si Sanpeth, a royal temple that was built as part of the Grand Royal Palace during the reign of King U-Thong, the founder of Ayutthaya. Our last destination will be Wat Na Phra Mane, where the most beautifully attired Buddha image in Thailand is kept.

I hope that you'll gain benefits from this excursion, and that your English knowledge will be broadened.

NOTE: Casual dress is recommended; a hat or an umbrella will also be useful.

Tentative Itinerary

- 07.30 Leave the Institute
- 09.30 Arrive at Lopburi National Museum
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.30 Arrive at Ayutthaya Historical Centre
- 14.30 Arrive at Wat Phra Si Sanpeth
- 15.30 Arrive at Wat Na Phra Mane
- 16.30 Depart for Bangkok



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Culture Corner



Giving in Latin Cultures



- Latin cultures do not have formal or traditional ceremonies surrounding gift giving. However, business relationships are developed as personal relationships. And in order to build a strong and lasting friendship, gifts are a thoughtful way to make a good first impression, and to show generosity, appreciation and kindness.

- Because relationships become personal, find out about your Latin counterpart or client's lifestyle. Then using these details, select insightful gifts that will reflect how important this person is. Always have the gift wrapped in a quality paper, as this is a subtle detail that can express the value of the relationship.

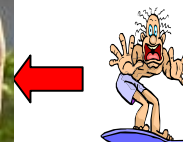


- If you are a man giving a business gift to a female, in order for the gift not to be construed as a romantic overture, tell her you are delivering the gift to her on behalf of your wife, or your secretary.

- Symbolism in this culture will also influence the choices you make for gifts and wrapping paper. Black or purple paper is not appropriate because these colours are used during Holy Week.



- Items associated with death or funerals that wouldn't be used include handkerchiefs, and yellow, red or white flowers.



Here's the Answer...

LEARNING STRATEGIES

Talk About Future

Q : Can I use present tenses to talk about the future?

A : Several different future forms are possible, but in general we most commonly use the **present continuous** to talk about an **arrangement**.



I'm **taking** my exam tomorrow!



I normally leave work early on Friday, but this Friday I **am working** late.

Have you heard from Luca recently? He's **getting** married next month.

■ We use **will** for **instant reactions, predictions and promises**.

That's the doorbell! I'll **get** it.



I'll **probably stay** in tomorrow night.

It's very gloomy weather; I think I'll **stay** indoors today.



Sorry I'm late. I promise it **won't happen** again!

■ We use the **present simple** for future **timetabled events**.

The plane **leaves** at 8 am.



The conference **starts** at 9 am, so we'll have to set off early.

There's no hurry, the film **doesn't start** until 9 am.



Source: Tayfoor, S. 2004. *Common Mistakes at First Certificate and How to Avoid Them*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Napassawan

Tips For Listening

✚ **Listen to something you enjoy**

Probably the greatest advantage about using the Internet to improve your listening skills is that you can choose what you would like to listen to and how many and times you would like to listen to it. By listening to something you enjoy, you are also likely to know a lot more of the vocabulary required!



✚ **Listen for Keywords**

Use keywords or key phrases to help you understand the general ideas. Remember that understanding the main idea will help you to understand the detail as the person continues to speak.

✚ **Listen for Context**

If you focus on words you do not know, you might become frustrated. However, if you think in context, you probably will understand.

Listening often is the most important way to improve your listening skills. Enjoy the listening possibilities offered by the Internet and remember ... **relax**.



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FUN WITH ENGLISH

No.4 True or False?

Choose whether you think the following sentences are correct or not by writing the words "True" or "False" in the appropriate column.

		True	False
1	You usually buy strawberries in a punnet.	.....	.....
2	A trilby is something you wear.	.....	.....
3	A cantankerous person would make very good company	.....	.....
4	A catkin is a female kitten.	.....	.....
5	Another word for attic is loft.	.....	.....
6	Manure is good for the garden.	.....	.....
7	"You can't see me - I'm invincible!"	.....	.....
8	A crony is an old, close friend.	.....	.....
9	You would probably feel flattered if someone described you as a pervert.	.....	.....
10	Biennial means "twice a year".	.....	.....
11	A barge is a type of boat.	.....	.....
12	A female sheep is called a ewe.	.....	.....
13	A dais is something you stand on.	.....	.....
14	If you have halitosis you have trouble with your feet.	.....	.....
15	The nadir is the highest point of something.	.....	.....
16	Spokes are found on a bicycle.	.....	.....
17	A dipstick is used to locate water hidden underground.	.....	.....
18	Most people enjoy having a chinwag with their friends.	.....	.....
19	Brisket is beef cut from the chest of the animal.	.....	.....
20	You can go to a turf accountant if you want advice about your lawn.	.....	.....

Answer no.3

1	abridge	11	abhor
2	procure	12	snicker
3	revere	13	thwart
4	vex	14	shelve
5	bicker	15	chide
6	postulate	16	scurry
7	crow	17	jibe
8	dupe	18	allure
9	corroborate	19	fathom
10	coerce	20	pillage

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