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what's happening this week?

This Friday, ILC students will visit the Bank of Thailand Museum, which is housed in Bangkhunprom Palace (now a part of the Bank of Thailand's premises). The tour will run from 9.00 to 12.00.



One of the museum's objectives is to preserve the Thai currency, an important cultural heritage showing the civilization of the Thai kingdoms. The museum serves to stimulate the research and study of the evolution of the Thai currency. The exhibitions cover prehistoric mediums of exchange; ancient currencies from the Funun, Dvaravati and Sri Vijaya Kingdoms; Pot Duong; and Thai coins and banknotes, including money from the North (Lanna money) and the Northeast (Lanchane money). In addition, we'll see an exhibition on the history of the Bank of Thailand, its roles and its responsibilities.

NOTE:

- See you at the Bank of Thailand Museum at 8.45
- Please dress appropriately

What's happening to OCC students?

The OCC students will be busy working together at their workshop in Singapore from May 1-4. The main objectives of this workshop are to enhance internationalist views about presentations and meetings, and to provide the OCC students with a chance to work systematically through what they have learnt during the course. It will involve discussion in a formal meeting, in addition to presentation making – from planning and introducing, to concluding and handling questions. In terms of the output of the workshop, the aim is for the students to be able to make a clear, well-organized presentation in front of an audience.



Does it sound like a practical activity?

Usana

Culture Corner



Greetings



<http://members.aol.com/lupinaccim/bushabdullah.jpg>

In Middle Eastern countries, men hold hands for a considerable period of time and do not release them until greetings and some small talk have been exchanged.



The French are well known for their way of greeting friends: it is with a kiss on both cheeks, no matter which sex you are.



In some countries, greetings can be unusual. Take, for example, the Maoris of New Zealand, who poke out their tongues and intimidate their visitors. And there is the elaborate rubbing of noses used by the Eskimos of Alaska.



"WOW! YOU CERTAINLY KNOW HOW TO RUB NOSES!"



Piyaporn

LEARNING STRATEGIES

How to learn SPEAKING and pronunciation

- **Talk to yourself**

Talk about anything and everything. Do it in the privacy of your own home. If you can't do this at first, try reading out loud until you feel comfortable hearing your own voice in English.

- **Record your own voice**

This might feel very uncomfortable, but it will help you find your weak pronunciation points. Listen to yourself a few days later. Which sounds do you have difficulty hearing?

- **Use the telephone.**

- **Participate in class**

- **Learn common idioms**

- **Understand the sounds that your language doesn't have**

For example, many languages don't have the "r" sound. Sounds like this require extra practice.

- **Recognize that teachers are trained to understand you**

When you get out into the real world, average people will have a more difficult time understanding you unless you practise speaking slowly and with proper pronunciation.

- **Practise minimal pairs**

- **Study word and sentence stress**

- **Practice tongue twisters**

- **Useful Speaking links:**

[EnglishClub.com](http://www.englishclub.com) [English Speaking](http://www.englishclub.com)

[EnglishClub.com](http://www.englishclub.com) [English Pronunciation](http://www.englishclub.com)

[Speaking tips](http://www.englishclub.com)

[More speaking tips](http://www.englishclub.com)

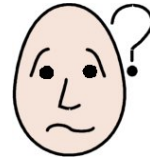


Adapted from: <http://www.englishclub.com>

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Here's the Answer...

Confusing Adjectives



I really get confused with some adjectives like **boring** or **bored** and **fun** or **funny**. Can you explain?



Boring or **bored**?

- We use adjectives ending in **-ed** to show how we feel about something.



I thought I'd be **bored** but my new job was great fun.
I'm **interested** in geology.
I'm **disappointed** with my exam results.

- We use adjectives ending in **-ing** to describe the thing which makes us feel this way.

It can get very **boring** in a seaside town in winter.
Geology is **interesting**.
My exam results are **disappointing**.



Fun or **funny**?

- We use **fun** to describe something we enjoy doing:



Ice-skating is **fun**.
It was **fun** when we went out together.
We should do it more often.



- We use funny to describe something which makes us laugh:



John's very **funny**. He should be a comedian!
The film was very **funny** and cheered us all up.

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

FUN WITH ENGLISH

Week 5 Too many words 1

Replace the words in bold type in the following sentences with a single word.
(The first letter of the word is given.)

1. My brother is **able to use both hands equally well**.
(a.....)
2. The passengers **went ashore** at Harwich.
(d.....)
3. These computers are **completely out-of-date** now.
(o.....)
4. **A great deal of** damage was caused by the earthquake.
(E.....)
5. One side of a postage stamp is **covered with a sticky substance**.
(a.....)
6. The two countries signed an **agreement to stop fighting**.
(a.....)
7. Your actions may have **put** our plans in **danger**.
(j.....)
8. The meeting was **put off** until later in the week.
(a.....)
9. The soldier was accused of **lack of courage** in the face of the enemy.
(c.....)
10. This month's sales figures have **gone beyond** our expectations.
(e.....)

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Answers no.4

- 1 True
- 2 True (It's a type of hat.)
- 3 False (A cantankerous person is very bad-tempered.)
- 4 False (It's a type of furry flower which grows on certain trees, e.g. birch or willow.)
- 5 True
- 6 True (It's animal waste.)
- 7 False (It should be "I'm invisible!" *Invincible* means too strong to be defeated.)
- 8 True
- 9 False (A pervert is someone whose sexual behaviour is not considered natural.)
- 10 False (It means every two years.)
- 11 True (It's a flat-bottomed boat, used for carrying heavy loads – especially on canals.)
- 12 True
- 13 True (It's a raised platform.)
- 14 False (If you have halitosis you have bad breath.)
- 15 False (It's the lowest point of something.)
- 16 True (They are the metal bars in a bicycle wheel.)
- 17 False (It is used to check the amount of oil in a car's engine.)
- 18 True (A chinwag is another word for a chat.)
- 19 True
- 20 False (A turf accountant is another name for a bookmaker – i.e. someone who takes bets on horse or dog races.)

