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what's happening this week?



For this week's excursion, we're taking you out on an English Camp, to be held at the Cha-Am Methavalai Hotel.

There will be a variety of English activities at the camp. We strongly encourage all students to USE ENGLISH throughout the whole trip, not only while doing organized activities, but also when just chatting to each another. 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 CHA-AM METHAVALAI HOTEL
CHA-AM, PETBURI
MAY 23-25**



May 23

07.30 Leave the Institute
11.00 Arrive at the Cha-Am Methavalai Hotel
12.00 Lunch
13.30 The Opening of the English Camp
13.45 English Activities
14.30 Coffee / Tea Break
15.00 English Activities (continued)
18.30 Dinner

May 24

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)
14.30 Coffee / Tea Break
15.00 Group Production Activity (continued)
18.30 Dinner

May 25

09.00 English Rally
12.00 Lunch
13.30 Leave the Cha-Am Methavalai Hotel
18.00 Arrive at the Institute



NOTE: *Casual dress is recommended

*Lots of facilities are available; e.g., swimming pools (swimming suit is needed), fitness centre, tennis court and karaoke room.

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Culture Corner



Socializing in the U.S.



- Offer a firm handshake (lasting 3- 5 seconds) upon greeting and leaving. Maintain good eye contact during your handshake. If you are meeting several people at once, maintain eye contact with the person you are shaking hands with until moving on to the next person.



- Good eye contact during business and social conversations shows interest, sincerity and confidence.



- Introductions include one's title if appropriate, or Mr, Ms, Mrs and the full name.

- Business conversation may take place during meals. However, many times you will find more social conversation taking place during the actual meal.

- Business meetings may be arranged as breakfast meetings, luncheon meetings or dinner meetings depending on time schedules and necessity. Generally a dinner, even though for business purposes, is treated as a social meal and a time to build rapport.

- Gift giving is discouraged or limited by many US companies. A gracious written note is always appropriate and acceptable.

- If you do give a gift, it should not appear to be a bribe.



- An invitation for a meal or a modest gift is usually acceptable.

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Piyaporn

Here's the Answer...

When do I use 'of' and 'on'?

Q : Could you tell me when we use *of* and *on* in expressions?

A : We use *of* in expressions such as:

- to be fond of: I'm very *fond of* cats.

- to have experience of: I have no *experience of* sailing.



- in spite of: She managed to get to sleep *in spite of* the noise.



We don't use *of*:

- after despite: *Despite* the rain, we still went on the picnic.

- between **most** + **noun**, when most is followed directly by the noun.

Compare:



Most restaurants in London are expensive.

Most of the restaurants I went to were very good.



We use *on* in expressions such as:

- to depend on someone/something: Most people in that village *depend on* tourism for a living.

- to be keen on someone/something: I'm *keen on* fishing.



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

Cambridge University Press.

Napassawan

LEARNING STRATEGIES

How to Improve Your English Reading Skills

Make a habit of reading regularly. Read as many English books, newspapers and magazines as you can find. This should be fun, so make sure the texts you choose are not too difficult for you. Find an **author you like** and read all their books. By doing this you will get used to the style of a particular author and the typical vocabulary and grammar they use. As you read more of his/her books you will find it easier and easier.

Try reading things more than once. Read something and then read it again a few weeks/months later. You should find your understanding has improved.



Learning Tip

- *don't try to understand every word.*
- *try to understand the overall meaning of a sentence or passage.*
- *don't translate*
- *only use a dictionary if a word keeps appearing in a text and you still don't understand it.*



Adapted from :<http://www.learnenglish.de>

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FUN WITH ENGLISH

Add a letter

Add one letter to each of the following words (in any place) to form a new word. A clue is given to help you. Look at the example first.



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| 1. NOW | SNOW | seen in winter |
| 2. PACE | | what most people would like to see |
| 3. PURE | | a container |
| 4. CRATES | ..... | lots of these on the moon |
| 5. HOST | ..... | fact or fiction? |
| 6. PINT | ..... | in English it is considered rude |
| 7. EAR | ..... | not cheap |
| 8. ROOF | ..... | you need this to convict someone of a crime |
| 9. PEAR | ..... | a hunting weapon |
| 10. RAY | ..... | used for carrying things |
| 11. SWAM | ..... | a collective term for bees |
| 12. SEW | ..... | you eat it |
| 13. CRAM | ..... | made from milk |
| 14. COW | ..... | a bird |
| 15. SOON | ..... | a piece of cutlery |
| 16. GRAVE | ..... | small stones |
| 17. CARS | ..... | a popular pastime |
| 18. RAT | ..... | a sort of boat |
| 19. LATE | | a piece of crockery |
| 20. SAG | | a difficulty, problem or drawback |

Answers no.7

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. umpire | 2. regretted |
| 3. foretold | 4. optimistic |
| 5. mortuary (morgue-American English) | |
| 6. inaudible | 7. congregation |
| 8. stamina | 9. ambidextrous |
| 10. insomnia | |

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