



# LANGUAGE LINKS

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## What's happening this week?



**T**his week's excursion is a visit to the elegant King Prajadhipok Museum, a national heritage site located very close to Ratchadamnoen Nok Avenue.

The main purpose of opening this museum was to exhibit the biography and life work of His Majesty King Prajadhipok, Rama VII, who agreed to a constitutional monarchy for the people of Thailand and became the first king in Thai history to rule under a legal constitution.

The historic home that houses the King Prajadhipok Museum was registered by the Fine Arts Department as a national heritage site in 1995. The Public Works Department and the Ministry of Interior then launched a conservation and renovation project, which was completed in 1999.

On 26 April 2001, responsibility for the management of the museum was turned over to the King Prajadhipok Institute, and the Public Works Department agreed to house the museum in its building. The museum was opened on 7 December 2002.

### NOTE

- ⌚ Students are expected to be at the museum by 9.00 a.m.
- ⌚ Please dress neatly

## LEARNING STRATEGIES

### Learn English:

### Q uestions and A nswers

#### Do I have to learn grammar?



Learning English means more than just memorizing grammar rules; the grammar must be incorporated into the everyday use of the language.

Theory and practice should go hand in hand.

#### How long will it take me to learn English?

It depends on a variety of factors such as your motivation and the level of English proficiency you wish to acquire. Some people are satisfied with their level after learning for 1 to 3 years, whilst others might spend 4 years, 10 years, or even a lifetime! You can't give accurate time frames for learning.



#### Is learning English difficult?



**No, English is an easy language to start learning because:**

- nouns are not classified by gender. All objects are 'neuter', not 'masculine' or 'feminine', so you can use the pronoun 'it' for such things, and you do not need to learn any genders.
- it usually has easy verb endings. Apart from a few irregular verbs, verb endings are easy, and hardly change.
- adjectives remain the same for all words – there are no different endings to learn.
- the pronoun 'you' is both singular and plural. Also, there is no polite or intimate form of this pronoun.

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

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# Culture Corner



## United Arab Emirates



### Communications



- Do not discuss the subject of women, not even to inquire about the health of a wife or daughter. The topic of Israel should also be avoided. Sport is an appropriate topic

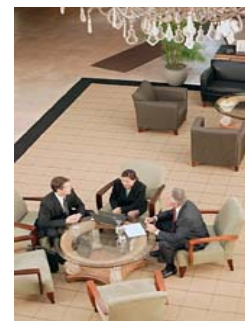


- Communication is slow; do not feel obligated to speak during periods of silence. "Yes" usually means "possibly".



- Meetings are commonly interrupted by phone calls and visits from friends and family.

When holding business meetings in the United Arab Emirates, some foreign business people suggest holding the meeting in the lobby of an international hotel rather than in an office. The advantage of this is that there will be fewer people wandering in and out of the meeting. Also, your counterpart's willingness to come to you demonstrates a true interest. You will also have access to refreshments that may be more to your taste.



- The person at a meeting who asks the most questions is likely to be the least important. The decision maker is likely a silent observer.



- When Muslims greet each other, instead of saying "Good morning" or "Hello", they say "Assalamo Alaikum", which means "May peace be upon you, and may God's blessings be with you". This greeting makes a Muslim aware that he has to spread love and peace wherever he goes.



# Here's the Answer...

## Big, Great or Large?

**Q** Do we use the words *big*, *great* and *large* with the same expressions?

**A** Adjectives meaning '*big*' are used in these expressions:

- *great fun, of great importance, a great pleasure, a great success, a great variety*
- *a high level of something, high prices, a high standard of living, high wages.*
- *a large amount/number/quantity of something*
- *a wide choice/range/variety of something*

It's a **great** pleasure to meet you.



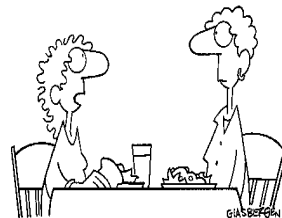
We think our work here is **of great** importance.



We were paid a **large** amount of money as a bonus.



There is a **wide** range of foods available here.



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# FUN WITH ENGLISH

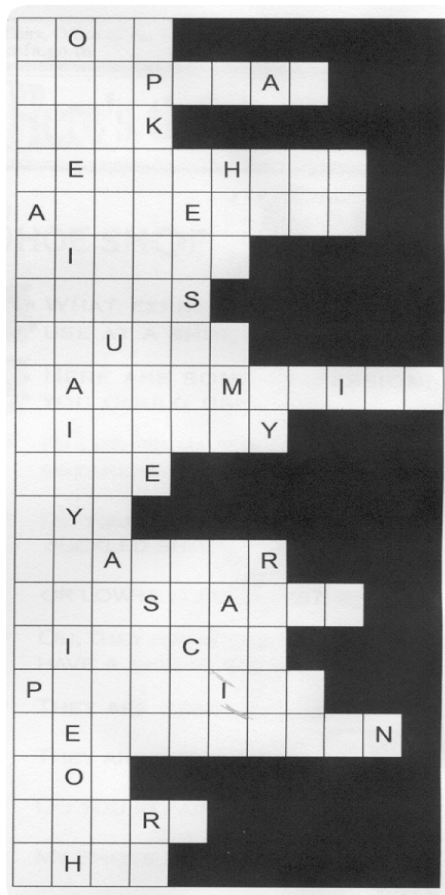
## No.3

### Word Association

Each word in the following groups of four words is connected with the same thing. Look at the four words in each group and then complete the words on the right.

**Example:** clutch, brake, indicator, wheel = CAR

- 1 jacket, spine, title, chapter
- 2 matron, ward, surgeon, theatre
- 3 vault, deposit, counter, cash
- 4 receiver, dial, code, exchange
- 5 javelin, relay, shot, hurdles
- 6 ribs, neck, string, bow
- 7 clubs, shuffle, pack, deal
- 8 aisle, sermon, pew, tower
- 9 square, root, divide, fraction
- 10 shelf, reference, book, lend
- 11 trunk, bark, branch, rings
- 12 pupil, iris, lash, glasses
- 13 depression, front, outlook, forecast
- 14 column, circulation, leader, article
- 15 pump, saddle, crossbar, spoke
- 16 frame, canvas, signature, landscape
- 17 aerial, tube, volume, channel
- 18 horn, udder, graze, milk
- 19 crime, bench, magistrate, case
- 20 stern, rails, funnel, deck



### Answer no.2

- |               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| 1 big-headed  | 6 rude      |
| 2 immature    | 7 ambitious |
| 3 intelligent | 8 eccentric |
| 4 moody       | 9 obstinate |
| 5 sympathetic | 10 strict   |

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