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What's happening this week?

At last, here comes the day many of you have been waiting for: September 7, 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

Friday, 7 September 2007

- 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, September 6. Punctuality is essential.

Final test schedule

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

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Culture Corner



Invitations Out



Being invited to someone's home in a foreign country poses questions about

what to wear,



what to take, and



when to arrive and leave.



Going out for a meal or a drink can present other difficulties. It is not always clear from the invitation who is going to pay. Questions like '*Do you fancy a drink?*' or '*What about a meal?*' could mean you are offering to buy a drink or a meal. Alternatively, they could mean you are simply looking for company.



In the UK, people often buy drinks in 'rounds' – one person buys drinks for everybody, on the basis that the next round of drinks will be bought by somebody else.



At the end of a meal for which all the diners are paying, we often '*split it*'; in other words, take the total bill and divide it by the number of people present. Insisting that you would like to pay can also be difficult. You hear expression like '*This one is on me*', '*This is my round*', '*Let me get this*', or '*This is my treat*'.



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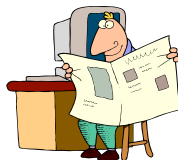
LEARNING STRATEGIES

Here's the Answer...

What is necessary to learn English well?

Learning English requires action. You may know all the learning tips, but if you don't start doing things, you will achieve nothing. The fact is, if you want to learn to speak English well, you must **change your life**. Here are some examples of things you will have to do:

- read a book in English for an hour every day, analyzing the grammar in sentences and looking up words in an English dictionary
- listen to an audiobook or other recording in English, stopping it frequently, trying to understand what is being said, and trying to imitate the speaker's pronunciation
- spend your afternoons practising the pronunciation of the English "r" sound
- carefully write an e-mail message in English, using a dictionary or a Web search every 20 seconds to make sure every word is correct, and taking 5 minutes to write one sentence
- think about an English sentence you've read, wondering if it could say "a" instead of "the" in the sentence, and trying to find similar sentences on the Web to find out the answer
- walk down the street and build simple English sentences in your head (talking to yourself in English about the things you see around you)



Will...?

Q Do you know when we use 'will' in questions?

A We use '**will**' in many different situations. Some examples follow:

1. To make polite invitations or offers.

Examples:

Will you stay for supper?

Will you join me for a drink?

Will you follow me, please?

Won't you sit down?



2. To ask or tell someone to do something.

Examples:

Will you drive me home?

Will you listen again, Andrew?

Will you hold, please?

Wipe the jam off my mouth,

will you?



Adapted from: www.antimoon.com

Source: Collins Cobuild Dictionary

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Napassawan

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

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

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Answer no.9

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| 1 feat | 9 rasher |
| 2 pride | 10 spell |
| 3 series | 11 wad |
| 4 stroke | 12 attack |
| 5 troupe | 13 collection |
| 6 anthology | 14 quiver |
| 7 course | 15 joint |
| 8 medley | |

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