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what's happening this week?

This week we will have 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 Buffalo Village in Supanburi, a resource centre established in order to encourage the public to appreciate this cute beast and its mighty contribution to Thailand in the past. While there, we will see a farmers' village and Thai-style teakwood houses, and also learn about His Majesty the King's "New Theory" on managing agricultural land.

In the afternoon, we will head to the Supanburi National Museum, where, from high-tech models, we will learn about the history of Supanburi - from pre-historic times through to the Ratanakosin period. We will also be entertained by listening to songs from famous local singers.



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
- 10.00 Arrive at Buffalo Village
- 12.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Arrive at Supanburi National Museum
- 16.00 Depart for Bangkok

Usana

Culture Corner



General Dining Etiquette

- ✓ Food is served from the left.



- ✓ Start eating hot food when it is served, do not wait for everyone else to begin.



- ✓ For soup, dip your spoon into the soup, moving it away from you from the edge of the bowl to the center. Only fill it $\frac{3}{4}$ full to avoid spilling any. Sip, don't slurp, from the edge of the spoon. Do not insert the whole bowl of the spoon into your mouth.



- ✓ Never turn your glass upside down to decline wine. It is more polite to let the wine be poured so as to not draw attention to yourself. If you are offered wine but will not be drinking, quietly decline.



- ✓ Do not ask to taste someone else's food. Similarly, do not offer a taste of your food to someone else.



- ✓ If your soup is too hot to eat, let it cool in the bowl. Do not blow on it.



- ✓ Practise good posture. If not eating, place your hands in your lap or rest your wrists on the table. Do not put your elbows on the table.

When dining out, order foods that can be eaten with utensils.



Source: Findalink.net

LEARNING STRATEGIES

7 Secrets for Learning English



The following 7 secrets are useful for learners of English.

Secret 1: Learn about word stress

Try to pronounce English words differently because one syllable in each word is stressed. This happens with words of 2 or more syllables, e.g., PHOtograph, phoTOGrapher, photoGRAPHic.

Native English speakers listen to the stressed syllables, not to the weak syllables.

Secret 2: Sentence Stress

Some words in a sentence are stressed and some are weak or quiet.

We **WANT** to go.

We **DON'T WANT** to go.

We **WANT** to **GO** to **WORK**.



Secret 3: Listen, Listen, Listen

Some students say they don't listen to programmes like the BBC news on the radio because the presenters speak too fast and it's difficult to understand. But, when it's too fast and you can't understand it, that's exactly when you **NEED** to listen to it.

Secret 4: Don't listen!

You should listen as often as possible. There is a difference between listening and hearing. Listening is active; hearing is passive. Sometimes it's better only to hear. Let the radio play. Your subconscious will listen for you. Your brain will hear and you will learn.

To be continued...

Adapted from: <http://saichonkloyiam.spaces.live.com>

Usana

Here's the Answer...

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?



Source: Collins Cobuild Dictionary

Napassawan

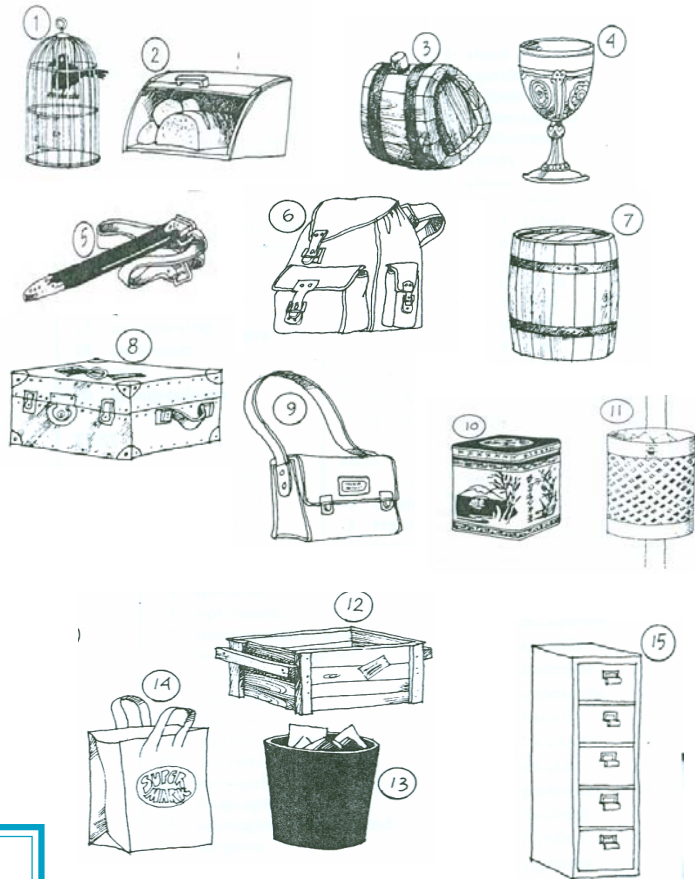
FUN WITH ENGLISH

No.4

Receptacles / Containers

Write the number of each drawing next to the correct word or words.

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|-------------------|-------|
| goblet | |
| tea caddy | |
| barrel | |
| bread bin | |
| crate | |
| filing cabinet | |
| carrier bag | |
| sheath | |
| satchel | |
| cage | |
| rucksack | |
| keg | |
| wastepaper basket | |
| litterbin | |
| trunk | |



Answers no.3

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|----|---------|
| 1 | speck |
| 2 | term |
| 3 | colony |
| 4 | school |
| 5 | item |
| 6 | stretch |
| 7 | clump |
| 8 | clap |
| 9 | block |
| 10 | state |
| 11 | article |
| 12 | flash |
| 13 | gaggle |
| 14 | panel |
| 15 | roar |
| 16 | plague |

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