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What's happening this week?

The OCC Debates will be held at Narathip Auditorium on Sri Ayutthaya Road this Friday, January 25. The debates will run from 09.00-12.00. The stimulating public speaking skills of OCC 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. It is a great chance for all ILC students to practise their listening, writing, and speaking skills, while widening their general knowledge.



NOTE:

- * Please be at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sri Ayutthaya Road, by 8.45 a.m.
- * Casual dress is NOT acceptable

Here's the Answer...

NUMBER S 1 2 3 4

Q: Is 'and' used before tens in large numbers?

A: In *British* English, 'and' is used before tens in large numbers in spoken language.
one thousand two hundred and four
In *American* English, 'and' is not normally used.
one thousand two hundred four

Q: Do Americans use ordinal or cardinal numbers when talking about dates?

A: In *American* English, *cardinal* numbers are sometimes used when speaking about dates, but in *British* English people almost always use *ordinal* numbers.

American English:

March tenth two thousand and one.

March ten two thousand and one.

British English:

March the tenth two thousand and one.

The tenth of March two thousand and one.

Q: Are numbers considered to be single items?

A: Yes, they are. Here is an example:
\$1,000,000 is a lot of money.

But note this:

Up to 40 percent of funds are deposited.
(verb agrees with 'funds')

Source: Wallworkm, A. 2001. *Business Options*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Usana

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Culture Corner



Cross Cultural Quiz

This "Cross Cultural Quiz" is an opportunity to assess your cross cultural experience and skills.

1. In Bolivia, you are waiting for a bus, and when it arrives the driver gives you the "so-so" gesture (twisting the flat, open hand). This means...

A. There may be room if you give me a tip
B. Get on
C. The bus is full



2. How should one point in China?

A. With a closed fist



B. With an open hand

C. With the thumb



3. When an Arab brings fingers and thumb together and bobs the hand up and down, this means...

A. Calm down

B. I am waiting

C. Hurry up

4. A toss of the head in Finland means...

A. No

B. Yes

C. Come here



5. Jews are **forbidden** from eating which of these?

A. Duck



B. Lobster



C. Tuna



6. In India, one should **never offer** someone food from one's own plate.

A. True

B. False



7. In Belgium, how many times should you raise your glass when **toasting**?

A. Once

B. Twice

C. Three times

<http://www.kwintessesntial.co.uk>

ANSWER KEY
1) C 2) B 3) A 4) C 5) B 6) A 7) B

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LEARNING STRATEGIES

SELF-TEST ON LEARNING ENGLISH

...Continued from last week

G. Have you ever been in an English-speaking country? How long for?

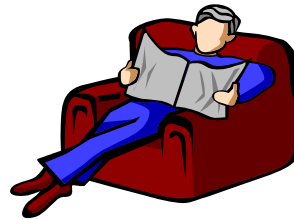
Students who have been in an English-speaking country longer have become accustomed to hearing English and will learn faster.

1. Never.
2. One or two weeks.
3. A month at least.
4. A few months.
5. More than 6 months.

H. How fast do you want to learn?

Some people may prefer to learn fast, others to learn slowly. Some people have more confidence.

1. Very slowly.
2. Slower than average.
3. Average speed.
4. Faster than average.
5. Fast.



I. How do you like to learn?

Students with a background of 'academic' study will learn faster.

1. I want to learn grammar and vocabulary on my own.
2. I want to have a teacher to tell me what to do.
3. I want to learn in a class with other students.
4. I learn by talking to my friends.
5. I learn by talking with people who speak English well.

J. Do you like to do a lot of written work?

1. None.
2. A little.
3. Some.
4. Quite a lot.
5. A lot.



FINAL SCORES

If you have scored over 35, you are very likely to learn fast, and you are probably not a beginner. You probably enjoy learning and will be successful quickly.

If you have scored between 20 and 35, you are very likely be an average learner – you will need to work hard, but within a few months you will have learned a lot.

If you have scored between 10 and 20 you will find it much harder to learn – it may take you a long time to learn, up to a year. Be patient and keep practising!

Adapted from: <http://www.soon.org.uk/page23.htm>

FUN WITH ENGLISH

No.4

Group nouns/Collective nouns 2

Fill in the missing words.

- 1 a of sand
- 2 a of land
- 3 a of dust
- 4 a of imprisonment
- 5 a of ants
- 6 a of whales
- 7 a of news
- 8 a of motorway
- 9 a of trees
- 10 a of thunder
- 11 a of concrete
- 12 a of emergency
- 13 a of clothing
- 14 a of lightning
- 15 a of geese
- 16 a of experts
- 17 a of laughter
- 18 a of locusts

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Test Your VOCABULARY 5 : Peter Watcyn-Jones

Answers no.3

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| 1 feat | 10 spell |
| 2 pride | 11 wad |
| 3 series | 12 attack |
| 4 stroke | 13 collection |
| 5 troupe | 14 quiver |
| 6 anthology | 15 joint |
| 7 course | 16 tuft |
| 8 medley | 17 shock |
| 9 rasher | 18 breath |

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