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What's happening this week?

LEARNING STRATEGIES

Quiz Day is designed for ILC trainees to practise the English skills they have learned in the form of group work with an enjoyable atmosphere. It is a great chance for all ILC students to practise their listening, writing and speaking skills, while widening their general knowledge.

Quiz Day will be held at Vithes Samosorn Hall on Sri Ayutthaya Road this Friday, February 15. The quiz will run from 9.00 to 12.00.



NOTE:

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

Being a Supportive Listener

Here are the most important things to do to be an effective listener:

- **Show you are interested** - One very important element in fluent, confident speech is being interested in what is being said. Try to make sure you take an active interest when you are listening. Think of at least one question you can ask the speaker to show you have been listening.
- **Ask for clarification** - Sometimes a speaker can say something which you don't understand, or which isn't really clear. Practise asking for **clarification** - that is, asking the speaker to make their meaning clearer. For example, if the speaker says he or she is feeling 'exhausted' and you are not sure of the meaning, you can ask '*I'm sorry, I'm not sure what you mean. How do you feel?*' Remember, the responsibility for making sure that the conversation is successful is always shared between the speaker and the listener!

Adapted from: <http://www.bbc.co.uk>

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Culture Corner



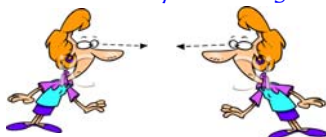
Cross Cultural Quiz-Korea



1. How do Koreans greet one another?

- A. They rub noses
C. They bow slightly

B. They shake hands



2. Maintaining eye contact is considered good etiquette.

A. True

B. False

3. When meeting Koreans on business, how should you address them?

A. By title and surname

B. By first name only

C. By surname only



4. When receiving a business card, you should do so with ...

A. Your right hand only

B. Both hands

C. Your left hand propped up with your right hand

5. Putting business cards into a pocket is considered rude.

A. True

B. False



6. Gifts are exchanged in business as....

A. Bribes

B. A way of opening negotiations

C. A way of cementing relationships

7. When reciprocating in gift giving, what should you do?

A. Make sure the gift you give in return is more expensive

B. Make sure the gift you give in return is of equal value/worth



8. If you were to buy a Korean one of these gifts, which would be the most suitable?

A. Business stationery

B. A craft item from your own country

C. Chocolates

9. When receiving a gift, it is good etiquette to...

A. Kiss the giver's right shoulder

B. Refuse it three times

C. Accept it with the left hand while shaking hands with the right.



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Here's the Answer...

Question Tags



I get confused about how to give a response for a tag with a negative statement. Could you explain?



We answer a tag question according to the **truth** of the situation. Your answer reflects the real facts, not (necessarily) the question.

For example, everyone knows that **snow is white**. Look at these **questions**, and the **correct answers**:



Tag Question	Correct Answer		
Snow is white, isn't it?	Yes (it is).	The answer is the <i>same</i> in both cases- because snow IS WHITE!	However, notice the change of stress when the answerer does not agree with the questioner.
Snow isn't white, is it?	Yes it is!		
Snow is black, isn't it?	No it isn't!	The answer is the <i>same</i> in both cases- because snow IS NOT BLACK!	
Snow isn't black, is it?	No (it isn't).		



In some languages, people answer a question like "*Snow isn't black, is it?*" with "*Yes*" (meaning "*Yes, I agree with you*"). This is the **wrong answer** in English!

Here are some more examples, with correct answers:

- The moon goes round the earth, doesn't it? Yes, it does.
- The Earth is bigger than the moon, isn't it? Yes.
- The Earth is bigger than the sun, isn't it? **No, it isn't!**
- Asian people don't like rice, do they? **Yes, they do!**
- Elephants live in Europe, don't they? **No, they don't!**
- Men don't have babies, do they? No.
- The English alphabet doesn't have 40 letters, does it? **No, it doesn't.**



Source: <http://www.englishclub.com/grammar/verbs-questions-tag.htm>

Napassawan

FUN WITH ENGLISH

No.7 Puzzle it out

Here are five words:

CABBAGE BANANA CARROT STRAWBERRY EGG

Read through the following dialogue and try to work out which words the above are used instead of. (e.g. If you think the word “egg” is used instead of “the”, you write “Egg means the”, etc.)

- A: Excuse me, do you **cabbage** children?
 B: No, I'm afraid I **banana**.
 A: Oh, **carrot**'s a pity.
 B: Why do you say **carrot**?
 A: Because everyone should **cabbage** children.
 B: Why?
 A: Well, **strawberry**'s only natural.
 B: I disagree. I egg **carrot** there are far too many children in the world already and I certainly **banana** want to add to the numbers.
 A: **Carrot**'s a strange way to egg.
 B: Is **strawberry**? I egg **strawberry**'s the only sensible way to look at things.
 A: Well, I certainly want to **cabbage** at least four children.
 B: I **egg carrot**'s a very selfish attitude to take.
 A: I **banana** care! **Carrot**'s what I'm going to do.
 B: Well – go ahead – **cabbage** all those children but **banana** try to tell me to **cabbage** any.
 A: **Banana** worry, **carrot**'s the last thing I'd **egg** of doing.
 B: I'm glad to hear **strawberry**.

CABBAGE means

BANANA means

CARROT means

STRAWBERRY means

EGG means

Answers no.6

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| 1 beef | 2 veal |
| 3 carrot | 4 mutton |
| 5 banana | 6 lamb |
| 7 onions | 8 duck |
| 9 tea | 10 orange |
| 11 sugar | 12 chips |

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