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what's happening this week?

This week we will have our first excursion, 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 Bank of Thailand's Note Printing Works. The major responsibilities of the Note Printing Works are the printing and production of all denominations of Thai banknotes, and the printing of classified documents for government agencies.

In the afternoon, we will head to the Thai Human Imagery Museum, the first museum in Thailand to display fibreglass models. The exhibition consists of various scenes from Thai history including images of Chakri Dynasty kings; the 'Enlightenment Monks'; and King Rama V the Great & the independence of the slaves. All the models look authentic in every respect - bodies, skin, eyes, arms and even hair.



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 Note Printing Works, Bank of Thailand
- 12.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Arrive at Thai Human Imagery Museum
- 16.00 Depart for Bangkok

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Culture Corner



Making Conversation Around the World

United States of America



Generally, Americans like to laugh, and they enjoy being with people who have a sense of humour. They usually maintain regular eye contact and smile a lot.



People often compliment each other (for example, about their clothing or achievements), especially as a way to start a conversation – even with a stranger.



Americans often ask “What do you do?” to begin a conversation, and it is very acceptable to ask about work-related matters.



Sports are very popular in the US, especially baseball, football (American football, not soccer) and basketball.



Books, food, music and movies are good topics, but **not religion, politics or other controversial subjects** such as racism, unless you know the person you’re talking to well.



Finally, Americans will expect you to speak English, as many never learn a foreign language.



Knight, G. and O’Neil M. 2003. [Business Explorer2](#). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Here's the Answer...

I am to... You are to ...



A

I wonder how to use the structure *be + infinitive*?

Q

We use this structure in a formal style to talk about plans and arrangements especially when they are official.

Examples:

The president is to visit Nigeria next month.



We are to get a 10 per cent wage rise in June.



We also use the structure to give orders. Parents often use it with their children.

Examples:

You are to eat all your supper before you watch TV.



Source: Swan, M. 2000. *Basic English Usage*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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LEARNING STRATEGIES

EXaggerate!

When we learn a language, we sometimes form bad habits. One way to overcome our bad habits is to exaggerate – in other words, go beyond what is normal. For example, sometimes you should practise speaking English very softly, even in a whisper. Other times, you should **SHOUT** in English! Other times still, you should try to speak very fast. And yet other times you should speak in an angry way or a happy way or a sad way.



Practising by speaking English in such exaggerated ways has two benefits. First, you will speak with more natural English rhythm. Second, you will better remember what you say with exaggeration, because the brain remembers things that are different.



When saying the number 15, for example, you need to stretch it out ("fifteenneen") in order to show the difference between it and 50.

Say the words *big* or *huge* with a loud voice, but say *small*, *soft* or *tiny* with a soft voice. By speaking in exaggerated ways and with exaggerated feeling, you can succeed in speaking English naturally.

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FUN WITH ENGLISH

No.3 Quiz

- Who said "Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate"?
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - Eleanor Roosevelt
 - Plato
 - John F. Kennedy
- Who said "We have nothing to fear but fear itself"?
 - Winston Churchill
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - Sigmund Freud
 - Queen Elizabeth II
- Who said "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country"?
 - Martin Luther King
 - George Washington
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Patrick Henry
- Who said "Law is mind without reason"?
 - Mahatma Gandhi
 - Aristotle
 - George Washington
 - Mark Twain
- Who said "We must learn together as brothers or perish together as fools"?
 - John Lennon
 - Nelson Mandela
 - Martin Luther King
 - Thomas Paine
- Who said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"?
 - Winston Churchill
 - John Lennon
 - Plato
 - Eleanor Roosevelt
- Who said "Imagination is more important than knowledge"?
 - Albert Einstein
 - Aristotle
 - Mark Twain
 - Sigmund Freud
- Who said "The weak can never forgive; forgiveness is the attribute of the strong"?
 - Oscar Wilde
 - Mahatma Gandhi
 - Benjamin Franklin
 - Winston Churchill
- Who said "When I do good, I feel good; when I do bad, I feel bad, and that is my religion"?
 - Martin Luther King
 - Benjamin Franklin
 - Socrates
 - Abraham Lincoln
- Who said "By all means marry – if you get a good wife, you'll be happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher"?
 - Socrates
 - Sigmund Freud
 - Mahatma Gandhi
 - Aristotle

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Answers no.2

Across

- 3 shoplifter
6 ambassador
10 vegetarian
13 spy
15 murderer
18 witness
19 architect
20 traitor

Down

- 1 thief
2 optimist
4 refugee
5 jockey
7 burglar
8 pedestrian
9 bachelor
11 tourist
12 composer
14 opponent
16 newsagent
17 spectator

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