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what's happening this week?

For this week's excursion, we're taking you out on an English Camp, to be held at Phala Cliff Beach Resort & Spa, Rayong.

There will be a variety of English activities at the camp. We strongly encourage all students to USE ENGLISH throughout the whole trip, not only while doing organized activities, but also when just chatting to each other. Most importantly, this is a good chance for all of you to join in activities with people from other classes. How does that sound?

We hope what you will get from this trip is not only a chance to practise English outside the classroom, but also an opportunity to gain knowledge in various areas.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on this trip!

TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR ENGLISH CAMP AT PHALA CLIFF BEACH RESORT & SPA RAYONG MAY 28-30

Wednesday, May 28

- 08.00 Leave the Institute
- 11.30 Arrive at Phala Cliff Beach Resort & Spa
- 12.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Opening of the English Camp
- 14.10 English Activities
- 15.30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15.45 English Activities (continued)
- 18.30 Dinner

Thursday, May 29

- 09.00 English Games
- 10.30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 10.45 English Games (continued)
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.30 Group Production Activity (continued)
- 14.30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15.00 Group Production Activity (continued)
- 18.30 Dinner

Friday, May 30

- 09.00 English Rally
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.30 Leave Phala Cliff Beach Resort & Spa
- 18.00 Arrive at the Institute



NOTE: * Casual dress is recommended
* Lots of facilities are available, e.g. swimming pools (swimming suit is needed) & fitness centre.

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Culture Corner



Cross-Cultural Gift Giving Etiquette



China



- ↪ It is proper etiquette for gifts to be exchanged for celebrations, as thanks for assistance, and even as a sweetener for future favours.
- ↪ When the Chinese want to buy gifts, it is not uncommon for them to ask what you would like.
- ↪ It would be wise to demonstrate an appreciation of Chinese culture by asking for items such as ink paintings or tea.



- ↪ Business gifts are always reciprocated. Not to do so is bad etiquette.
- ↪ When giving gifts, do not give cash.
- ↪ Depending on the item, avoid giving one of something. Chinese philosophy stresses harmony and balance, so give in pairs.



Japan



- ↪ Gift-giving is a central part of Japanese business etiquette.
- ↪ Bring a range of gifts for your trip, so if you are presented with a gift, you will be able to reciprocate.
- ↪ The emphasis in Japanese business culture is on the act of gift-giving, not the gift itself.



- ↪ Expensive gifts are common.
- ↪ The best time to present a gift is at the end of your visit.
- ↪ A gift for an individual should be given in private.
- ↪ If you are presenting a gift to a group of people, have them all present.
- ↪ The correct etiquette is to present/receive gifts with both hands.
- ↪ When offered a gift, it is polite to refuse at least once or twice before accepting.
- ↪ Giving four or nine of anything is considered unlucky. Give in pairs if possible.



<http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/cultural-services/articles/cross-cultural-gift-giving-etiquette.html>

Piyaporn

Here's the Answer...

Camping Vocabulary



We're camping this week and taking camping gear. Can you tell us what to call camping equipment?



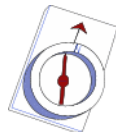
The words in the boxes below are the names of some items of camping equipment.



shelter



tent



compass



lantern



sleeping bag



torch



binoculars



hammock



backpack



flashlight/torch



campfire

Source: <http://www.languageguide.org/im/outdoors/eng/>

Napassawan

LEARNING STRATEGIES

What is the Best Dictionary?

In fact, there is not one "best" dictionary. Using a monolingual dictionary that has only English is the way to learn more English. Using a dictionary with no definitions in your own language is difficult at first, but there are some big advantages in using one.



One advantage is that it will help you to think in English. When you use an English-only dictionary, you will keep your mind only on one language, instead of changing from English to your language, and back to English. The second advantage is that you will learn how to explain words in English. This ability is called paraphrasing, one of the most useful conversation skills in English.

If your spoken English is not so fluent, you can buy a learner's dictionary. The Oxford Learner's Dictionary, the Longman Learner's Dictionary and the Cambridge Learner's Dictionary all have easy to understand definitions and excellent example sentences. If your spoken English is already quite good, you can buy any kind of dictionary, as long as it includes many examples. Avoid any dictionary that has simple definitions only!

<http://www.teacherjoe.us/LearnEnglish03.html>

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FUN WITH ENGLISH

No.9

Puzzle It Out – Who's Who at the Party?

Read through the sentences below and see if you can work out the names of the people at the party.

Mr Graham has fair hair.

Mr Collins is talking to Mrs Jones.

Mr Jones's wife is not wearing a striped dress.

Father Browne is a priest.

Mrs Collins is talking to Mr Gibson.

The man with Father Brown is married to the woman with dark hair.

Mr Gibson has his back to Mr Graham.

Mrs Collins has long, blonde hair.

The husband of the woman in the striped dress is smoking a pipe.

Number 1 is

Number 2 is

Number 3 is

Number 4 is

Number 5 is

Number 6 is

Number 7 is

Number 8 is



Test Your Vocabulary 2: Peter Watcyn-Jones

Answers no.8

Across

- 1 weather
5 shoe
6 fishing
7 pub
9 aeroplane
10 jacket
12 church
16 cards
17 astrology
20 policeman

Down

- 2 train
3 London
4 computer
8 orchestra
11 chess
13 cat
14 baby
15 book
18 ship
19 bank

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