



# LANGUAGE LINKS

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## what's happening this week?

**A**t last, here comes the day many of you have been waiting for: June 6, the last day of the ILC course! Starting at 9 o'clock, we have our final Friday Activity, the ILC Class Project. Following this, there will be the awarding of certificates to all ILC trainees. This day means all ILC students will have achieved what they have put their efforts into. In closing, on behalf of the teachers, I would like to thank all ILC students for your support and participation throughout the term. We have had wonderful experiences. I hope you will always remember the good times we have had during the course.

*Wishing everyone all the best!*

### INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSE CLOSING CEREMONY At the Prince Palace Hotel

- Friday, 6 June
- 09.00 Registration
  - 09.15 ILC Class Project
  - 10.15 Coffee/tea break
  - 10.30 ILC Class Project (continued)
  - 11.45 Awarding of certificates
  - 12.00 Lunch



**NOTE:** Don't forget - the ILC final test is on Thursday, June 5. Punctuality is essential.

#### Final test schedule

- 09.00-09.30 Reading
- 09.40-10.35 Writing
- 10.40-11.35 Listening
- 11.40-13.30 Speaking



**Usana**



## Working with the French

### Meetings

- ◆ The French do not organize **meetings** to reach a decision: they meet to exchange information, and then the person in charge makes the decision. If you need to have a serious and/or difficult discussion with someone, invite him/her for lunch. **Business lunches** are an important part of corporate communication. Of course, be ready to drink wine.
- ◆ Global French companies are not very different from their American counterparts, but some “traditions” may persist (particularly outside Paris). For example:
  - Beginning a meeting 15 minutes later than scheduled so as to allow for those who are late, and for those who expected it to start late. Most participants are surprised when the meeting starts right on time.
  - Interrupting the speaker, or speaking about a topic which is not on the agenda (when there is an agenda).



- French meetings are often more creative: take advantage of it!
- ◆ The French do not believe a **win-win** situation can exist (“if you win, it means I lose”), and negotiations are always difficult when people do not try to reach a consensus.
- ◆ Within the company, the French are less constrained by **social codes** such as “you must play golf with your boss”, or “each of us must give \$5 for this charity” etc, and they do not like to mix corporate life and personal life; being invited to one’s boss’s home is the worst possible thing that may happen!

[http://www.understandfrance.org/France/Intercultural3.html#\\_ancre2326424](http://www.understandfrance.org/France/Intercultural3.html#_ancre2326424)

# Here's the Answer...

# LEARNING STRATEGIES

## Excuse me

**Q** Can you explain when to use the phrase "Excuse me"?

**A** Following are some of the different ways "Excuse me" is used.

1. As a polite way of attracting attention, especially of someone you don't know.

Excuse me, does this bus go to Oxford Street?



2. To politely ask someone to move so that you can walk past them.

Excuse me, can I just get past?



3. To say sorry for something you have accidentally done.

Did I take your seat? Do excuse me.

4. Before disagreeing with someone.

Excuse me, but aren't you forgetting something?



5. In American English, to politely ask someone to repeat something they have said because you have not heard it. (UK: "Pardon?" or "I beg your pardon?")



Source: <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/define.asp?key=26847&dict=CALD>

**Napassawan**

## Learn to Write in English



*Write perfect paragraphs with the PREP method.*

**P** : Start with the main **POINT** of your paragraph.

The first sentence is usually called the "topic sentence". Simply state whatever the topic is. Try to start with an interesting sentence.

**R** : Give the **REASON** why you believe this.

Next, write why you think so. You might also try to link this sentence to the next one, to help make a smoother "transition".

**E** : Give an **EXAMPLE** to support your belief.

Find an example, or maybe two. This will "paint a word picture" in your readers' minds, which they will remember long after they finish reading.

**P** : Repeat your **POINT**.

Your readers will often remember the last thing you write more than anything else. If you can, try to use different words to say the same thing.

**Finally** , put it all together.

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

**Usana**

# FROM TEACHERS



**W**ish you all kinds of success especially in English skills. Give yourself a chance for English practice even after this ILC Course.

All the best to all of you.

**Usana**

**Y**ou are very lucky to be here together. Not only getting English knowledge but gaining other profits, such as having new friends, learning how to participate in many activities also. Being successful in study is good, but being successful in living happily is better.

Good luck to all of you!!

**Machamon**

**W**henver you have a chance to learn and use English, don't hesitate!!! Hopefully, you will always have good memories of your time at the Institute of Foreign Affairs. I wish you all the best of luck.

**Napassawan**

**I** always enjoy working with all of my marvellous ILC learners. If you just stop and think about it for a moment, it's easy to know why. I'm pretty sure that you have enjoyed learning English here. So have I. Anyway, don't forget to keep it in mind about "Although you've already completed the ILC course, you yourself can maintain language learning everlastingly". You actually realize how to do so, don't you?

Wish you all the best,

**Piyaporn**

**C**ongratulations on your completion of the ILC course. Your efforts have been rewarded. Good luck for the future.

**Robert**

*To all the ILC Students,*

After returning to the 'real world' of your offices, I hope you will have the chance to use your English skills.

Please continue to speak and write in English and also listen to the language as much as possible.

I hope your time here has been enjoyable and also useful. Good luck in the future, whatever you do.

Best Wishes

**Andrew**

**U**se your English Skills at every opportunity you are given.

Get as much exposure to the English language as you possible can. eg. making English Speaking Friends, radio, TV and reading.

When you go back to your Government Department remember the saying "If you don't use it, you'll lose it".

All the best

Fun teaching you

**Ian**

English is lot's of fun and You can enjoy a wide variety of Cultures when you masker basic Concepts. Check out the B.B.C. Website for Great links to many English resources.

**Simon**

## Answer No.9

Number 1 is Mr Graham  
 Number 2 is Mr Gibson  
 Number 3 is Mrs Collins  
 Number 4 is Mr Jones  
 Number 5 is Father Browne  
 Number 6 is Mrs Gibson  
 Number 7 is Mrs Jones  
 Number 8 is Mr Collins

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