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Welcome all students to the English language courses run by the Devawongse Varopakarn Institute of Foreign Affairs. To support students' needs, there are two courses being held this term, each offering different English programmes. For students who want to improve their English for their jobs, the Intensive Language Course (ILC) offers not only normal classroom lessons but also a variety of English activities at different locations. The other course is the Oral Communication Course (OCC), designed to build confidence in students and improve fluency and competence in social communication skills.

Students are expected to attend all classroom lessons, and it is **COMPULSORY** to participate in all Friday activities, two of which are excursions outside Bangkok. Lessons will begin for all students at 11.00 a.m. Monday morning, following the orientation programme. It sounds like hard work might be recommended throughout the course. Nevertheless, I hope you enjoy it and gain lots of knowledge and experience.

what's happening this week?

This Friday's activity has been arranged so that all ILC and OCC students, as well as teachers and staff, can get together, get to know each other better and perhaps make some new friends! There will be a number of fun English-based activities for you to join in, giving you the chance to meet, talk to, and work together with students from other classes, as well as your own. These "Ice-Breaking Activities" will be held at the Prince Palace Hotel, starting at 9 a.m. and finishing about midday. We look forward to seeing you there!

NOTE:

- Please be at the Prince Palace Hotel (11th floor) around 8.45 a.m.
- Wear your nametag.
- Dress appropriately.



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Culture Corner



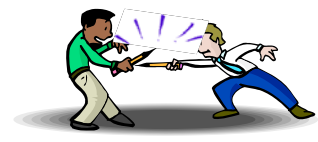
American Culture: Space & Time



- ★ If you have an **appointment**, you'll mutter an excuse if you're five minutes late, and apologise profusely if it's ten minutes. An hour late is almost inexcusable.



- ★ If you're talking to someone, you get uncomfortable if they approach **closer than about two feet**.



- ★ About the only things you expect to bargain for are houses, cars and antiques. **Haggling** is largely a matter of finding the hidden point that's the buyer's minimum.

- ★ Once you're past college, you very rarely simply **show up at someone's place**. People have to invite each other over – especially if a meal is involved.



- ★ When you negotiate, you are polite, of course, but it's only good business to '**play hardball**'. Some foreigners pay excessive attention to status, or don't say what they mean, and that's exasperating.



- ★ If you have a **business appointment or interview** with someone, you expect to have that person to yourself, and the business shouldn't take more than an hour or so.



Here's the Answer

Q Can you explain how to use the prepositions *to*, *through* and *across*?

A These prepositions can be used to show movement. Let's look at how to use them.

- We use *to* to show movement with the aim of a specific destination.



For example:

Our family moved *to* Germany in 1998.

He carried the rubbish *to* the bin.



- We use *through* to show movement from one side of an enclosed space to the other.
- We also use *through* for a movement in a group of things or a mass of something that is on either side of you or all around you.

For example:

The train went *through* the tunnel.

I walked *through* the crowd to the bar.

I walked *through* the wood.



- We use *across* to show movement from one side of a surface or line to another.

For example:

She swam *across* the river.



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

<http://www.learnenglish.de/grammar/prepositionmovement.htm>

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LEARNING STRATEGIES

A Great Site for Learning English

One of the most popular websites in the world to help you learn English is called You Tube. "Tube" is a slang word meaning "television". Anyone can put videos on You Tube; some of these are serious, some are funny, and some are useful. So, how can you use You Tube to help you?

The simplest way to learn from You Tube is to do a search for something like "learn English" or "English pronunciation". Then you can choose any video that looks good. If you're not sure whether or not you want to watch a video, you can read comments that other people have written.

Another way to use You Tube is to search for a topic you are interested in. If you like poetry, for example, you can do a search on "poetry" or "poems" or even on "Shakespeare sonnets". If you like sports, you can search for "football" or whatever sport you like.

You can also click on "Channels", which will allow you to choose from videos made by different people or groups. In the "Channels" section you have a choice of looking at the most recent videos, videos from the past month or videos from anytime in the past.

One of the best things about You Tube is that it's free, and it's easy to set up an account. Once you have an account, you can then "subscribe" to one person's videos then you will know whenever that person posts new videos.

Good luck. You Tube is a great resource. I'm sure you will learn a lot if you use it often.

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

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FUN WITH ENGLISH

No.1

Opposites: Adjectives

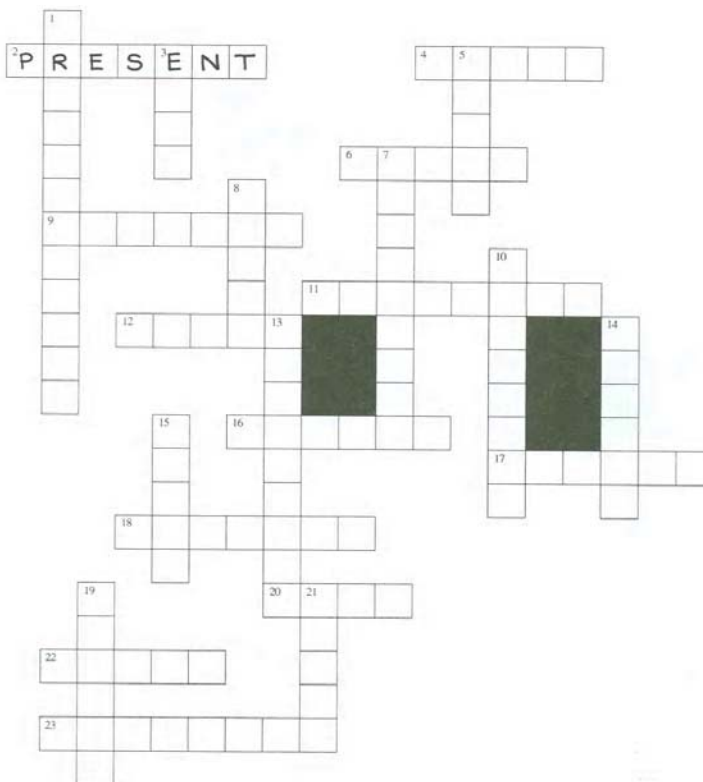
Complete the crossword by using a word that is opposite in meaning to each of the adjectives. (See example)

Across

- 2 absent (from class) (7)
 4 dead (5)
 6 loose (5)
 9 deep (7)
 11 careful (8)
 12 blunt (knife) (5)
 16 rough (a surface) (6)
 17 tidy (6)
 18 useful (7)
 20 wild (animals) (4)
 22 stale (bread) (5)
 23 negative (8)

Down

- 1 amateur (12)
 3 odd (number) (4)
 5 dark (5)
 7 correct (9)
 8 drunk (5)
 10 mean (8)
 13 temporary (9)
 14 private (6)
 15 quiet (5)
 19 wide (6)
 21 asleep (5)



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