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What's happening this week?

At last we've come to the final week for the OCC students, whose aims have been to develop fluency and confidence in their speaking skills, particularly for presentations and meetings. This Friday, the OCC Talent Show will take place as a kind of graduation party for the OCC students. It's at the Prince Palace Hotel, and all ILC students are invited!

This activity also marks the end of the Oral Communication Course. As their final assignment, the OCC students will conduct the show, thereby putting the knowledge they have gained over the last six weeks into practice through a variety of performances.

On behalf of all teachers, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all OCC students on this achievement.

NOTE:

- * Please be at the Prince Palace Hotel by 8.45 a.m.
- * Casual dress is NOT acceptable



Tentative Schedule

- 09.00 The OCC Talent Show
- 10.30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 10.45 The OCC Talent Show (continued)
- 11.45 OCC Certificate Awarding
- 12.00 Lunch

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Culture Corner

Mind Your Table Manners Internationally!



Brazil

◆ When you go to a restaurant, be careful to greet the people who work at the place, and don't forget to greet the people who are already waiting for you at the table. It's not necessary to hug and kiss everybody if they are already seated.



◆ Be careful not to put your elbows on the table while eating. It is not terribly rude, but it can be considered a little impolite by some people.

◆ It's not necessary to talk in a really low voice because Latin people usually talk a little loudly. But please, don't exaggerate.

Italy

◆ Don't eat spaghetti with a fork and a spoon, but only with the fork. If you use a spoon, people will immediately understand you are a foreigner and are not able to eat correctly.

◆ If you want to appear polite, you should remember not to put your elbows on the table.



- ◆ Don't ever touch your hair while seated at the table.
- ◆ Be careful not to use your fork when taking food from the dishes.



Japan

- ◆ Be careful not to start eating before your elders start. You might look very rude.
- ◆ Don't ever speak out loud with food in your mouth.
- ◆ Don't eat very fast. Remember to keep pace with other people.
- ◆ Always try not to make noise when you are chewing.
- ◆ You are not supposed to leave the table before the oldest person finishes his meal.



Here's the Answer

Bring, Take & Fetch/Get

Q Can you explain how to use the confusing words 'bring', 'take', 'get', and 'fetch'?

A The use of **bring** and **take** is confusing for many students. The choice between **bring** or **take** depends on the location of the speaker. If the speaker refers to something that is at her current location, she uses **bring**. Generally, use **bring** when something moves from *there* to *here*.

Examples:

I'm glad you **brought** me to this shop.
It's great!
I'll **bring** the map with me on the trip.



If the speaker refers to something that has been moved to a different location, she uses **take**. Generally, use **take** when something moves from *here* to *there*.

Examples:

The coach **took** the boys to the football field.
Jack **took** his laptop with him on his trip.



When speaking about going somewhere, getting something and then bringing it back, use **get** (American English) or **fetch** (British English).

Examples:

Could you **get** the newspaper?
She **fetches** her diary and showed him the entry.



http://esl.about.com/od/grammarintermediate/a/cm_bring.htm

Napassawan

LEARNING STRATEGIES

Learn to Read English Faster

How many words can you read in English in one minute? Generally speaking, native English speakers can read between 200 and 400 words in one minute. (We normally say "200 words per minute" or "200 wpm".) Many students of English can read fewer than 100 wpm. If that is true for you, then you need to practise a lot. Better students can read between 100 and 200 wpm. As you learn more English, including vocabulary, your wpm will increase.



Try each of the readings to see how fast you can read. Try to get the main ideas while you read, but if you have trouble with any words, just try to guess their meaning. If this is the first time you have ever tried to check your reading rate, don't worry if it's a bit difficult. As long as you keep trying, you can improve your wpm quite quickly.

In the future, continue reading for at least 20 minutes every day. Try to get main ideas first, trying to build up speed. You can get the details later, if you decide that you really need that information. With your daily practice, try reading one article or book for ten minutes. Count how many words there are in the first ten lines. Divide that number by ten to get the average number of words in each line. When you count how many lines you have read, you can easily calculate the total words read. Divide by ten (because you read for ten minutes) and you have the number of words per minute or wpm.

As you read faster, you can enjoy more of what you read. Then you will find that your English vocabulary improves greatly. Not only will you know more words, you will also start to use them correctly, because you have seen them many times in your reading. As always, practice makes perfect, so keep on practising your reading!

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

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FUN WITH ENGLISH

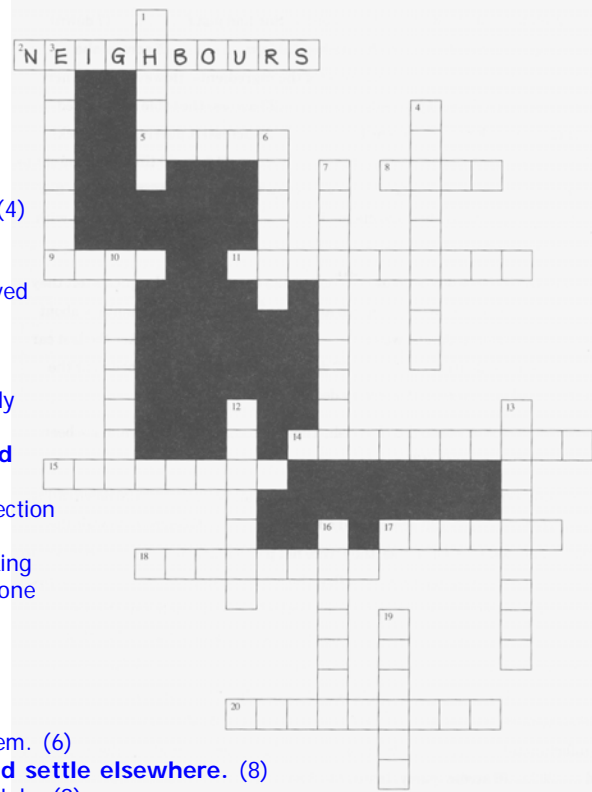
No.6

One Word Only

Complete the crossword by substituting one word for the phrases in bold type in the sentences. (See example)

Across →

2. We have very nice **people living next door**. That's one of the reasons we don't want to move from here. (10)
5. By the way, this is my **brother's daughter**, Samantha. (5)
8. The **men who ran the ship** all came from Pakistan. (4)
9. It was such a large department store that it took us quite a while to find the **way out**. (4)
11. She **said she was sorry** for the way she had behaved at the party. (10)
14. Most modern department stores have **moving staircases**. (10)
15. The **people sitting in the theatre** applauded loudly at the end of the performance. (8)
17. News has just come in of a severe **shortage of food** in Africa. (6)
18. Two men have been **caught by the police** in connection with the recent bank robberies in Brighton. (8)
20. He was a very bad tennis player when he started talking lessons, but **little by little** he got better and is now one of the best players in the club. (9)



Down ↓

1. Jeans usually **get smaller** the first time you wash them. (6)
3. I would find it very difficult **to leave my country and settle elsewhere**. (8)
4. We're off to Majorca for a **period of two weeks** in July. (9)
6. The police are still looking for the three prisoners who managed to **get free** from Parkhurst prison at the weekend. (6)
7. Although there were more than 300 **people applying for the job**, fewer than five per cent were suitably qualified. (10)
10. The student's work **got better** towards the end of the term. (8)
12. Have you **made up your mind** where you're going for your holidays this year? (7)
13. You don't have to do it – it's **entirely of your own free choice**. (9)
16. She was very stubborn and **turned down** all offers of help. (7)
19. We shall probably see a great many great many changes during the next **ten years**. (6)

Answers No.5 Word Association

Across	Down
4 hospital	1 football
6 dog	2 bird
8 tree	3 astronomy
10 library	5 bed
12 flower	7 golf
13 Christmas	9 newspaper
14 painting	11 athletics
17 bicycle	15 telephone
18 car	16 school
19 river	21 wedding
20 shirt	
22 tennis	

Test Your Vocabulary, It's Crossword Time! 2,
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