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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 Tide Resort, Bangsaen Beach, Chonburi.

There will be a variety of English activities at the camp. We strongly encourage all the 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!

ITINERARY FOR ENGLISH CAMP AT TIDE RESORT, BANGSAEN BEACH August 27-29

Wednesday, August 27

- 09.30 Leave the Institute of Foreign Affairs
- 11.45 Arrive at Tide Resort
- 12.00 Lunch
- 14.30 Opening of the English Camp
- 14.45 English activities
- 15.30 Coffee/tea break
- 15.45 English activities (continued)
- 18.30 Dinner

Friday, August 29

- 09.00 English Rally
- 11.30 Lunch
- 12.30 Leave Tide Resort
- 17.00 Arrive at the Institute of Foreign Affairs

Thursday, August 28

- 09.00 English games
- 10.30 Coffee/tea break
- 10.45 English games (continued)
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Group production
- 14.30 Coffee/tea break
- 15.00 Group production (continued)
- 18.30 Dinner



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

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Culture Corner



Gift Giving in Japan



General Guideline



- Gift-giving is an important part of Japanese business protocol. Moreover, gifts are exchanged among colleagues on July 15 and January 1 to commemorate midyear and the year's end respectively.
- A gift for an individual should be given in private. If you are presenting a gift to a group of people, have all of the intended recipients assembled.

- Present gifts with both hands.



- It is a mistake to give the same gift to two or more Japanese of unequal rank. People will also take offence if you are in the presence of a group of people and give a gift to one person, but fail to give one to the others who are present.
- Gifts are opened in private, because if the gift turns out to be a poor choice, "loss of face" will result. Also, if several gifts are presented to people of different status, opening them privately prevents any possible comparisons.



- Before accepting a gift, it is polite to modestly refuse at least once or twice before finally accepting.
- The safest gift-wrapping choices are pastel-colored papers, without bows. Avoid wrapping a gift with brightly covered papers or bows.
- If you are invited to a Japanese home, bring flowers (an uneven number), cakes or candy.
- If you receive a gift, be sure to reciprocate.
- Gifts in pairs are considered lucky.



<http://www.1worldglobalgifts.com/japangiftgivingetiquette.htm>

Piyaporn

Here's the Answer

Ten Minutes' Walk or a Ten-Minute Walk

Q Which of these phrases is correct?

- ten minutes' walk
- a ten-minute walk

A Both are correct. Let me explain in detail.

- We use the possessive in measuring expressions of time which begin with a number.

Examples: *ten minutes'* walk
a week's holiday

- When expressions of time are used as adjectives, they are normally singular.

Examples: a *ten-minute* walk
a *four-day* journey
a *two-week* holiday



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

Napassawan

LEARNING STRATEGIES

Learn English from Movie

Believe it or not, one way to learn English is by watching movies! You can learn English by listening to movies while trying to read the subtitles in English. By doing this, you are introduced to lots of new vocabulary and expressions that you have never learned from any textbook. In addition to new words, watching a movie or TV program is a good way to review.

Why are movies or TV programs more useful than other materials? One big advantage is that the language is rich and colourful, and though not completely real, the language is at least similar to real life. Beyond the language, we can also learn everyday culture – how people live, think and feel. The story in a movie or TV program also helps students understand new words and remember them better than they would by reading ordinary textbooks.

If you really concentrate on listening, then reading the subtitles at the same time can be very useful because the subtitles can help you catch some words or expressions that you may not know yet. With practice, though, you will eventually need to use subtitles less and less.



So, what kind of movies or TV programs should you watch? Generally speaking, action movies are less useful than others because there is less speaking and often there is too much slang. Animations, such as *Shrek* and *The Simpsons*, are usually very good because the pictures help you understand the words more clearly than live actors. The best approach is to try many different videos until you find a few that you really like. Good luck!



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

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FUN WITH ENGLISH

No.9 Which verb?

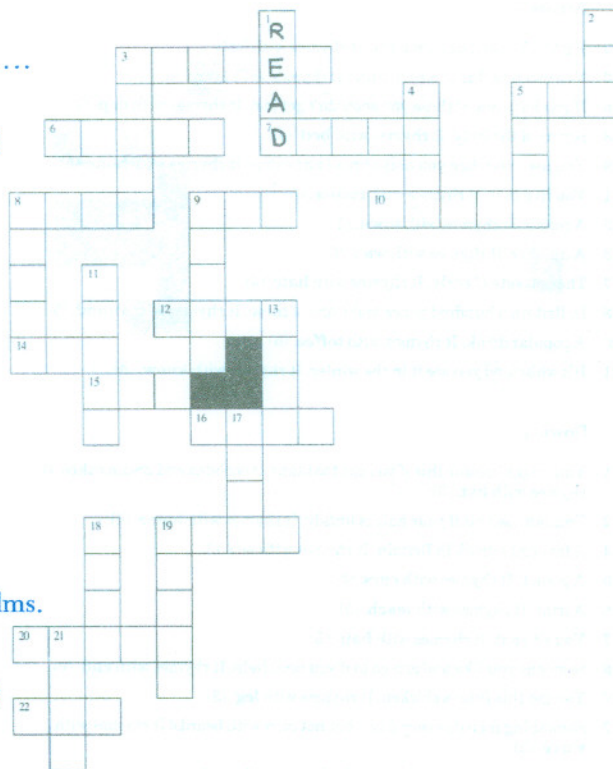
Complete the crossword by filling in the missing verbs in the sentences. (See example.)

Across

- 3 You.....to the radio. (6)
 5 You.....things with a knife. (3)
 6 My brother is only two but he can already.....
 from 1 to 100. (5)
 7 You.....a car. (5)
 8 You.....your hands when they are dirty. (4)
 9 After you wash your hands, you.....
 them with a towel. (3)
 10 I usually.....coffee in the morning. (5)
 12 You should always.....on the pavement. (4)
 14 Animals only.....food when they are
 hungry. (3)
 15 People often.....when they are sad. (3)
 16 I went to the post office to.....a letter. (4)
 19 Can you.....a song in French? (4)
 20 My cousin can.....two languages. (5)
 22 You should always.....your electricity
 bill on time. (3)

Down

- 1 I.....a newspaper every day. (4)
 2 She told us to.....on the sofa. (3)
 3 I always.....when I see Charlie Chaplin films.
 They are so funny! (5)
 4 The men in this office always.....suits. (4)
 5 I was hungry so I decided to.....a meal. (4)
 8 You.....with a pen or a pencil. (5)
 9 You usually.....at night when you are
 asleep. (5)
 11 How often do you.....television? (5)
 13 She asked me to.....her on the lips. (4)
 17 Could you.....the window, please? It's very hot in here. (4)
 18 Do you know how to.....a horse? (4)
 19 I used to.....forty cigarettes a day. (5)
 21 Would you like to.....tennis on Saturday? (4)



Answers no.8 5-letter words

| Across | Down |
|----------|----------|
| 3 round | 1 Irish |
| 6 sheep | 2 queen |
| 8 green | 4 first |
| 10 fruit | 5 sleep |
| 11 clock | 7 purse |
| 13 Egypt | 9 flute |
| 15 above | 12 clean |
| 18 tiger | 14 table |
| 19 shirt | 16 March |
| 20 young | 17 fifty |
| 23 house | 19 sugar |
| 24 dress | 21 glass |
| | 22 chair |

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