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What's happening this week?

At last, here comes the day many of you have been waiting for: September 5, the last day of the ILC course! Starting at 9 o'clock, we have our final Friday Activity, the ILC Class Projects. Following these, 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, 5 September

- 09.00 Registration
- 09.15 ILC Class Projects
- 10.15 Coffee/tea break
- 10.30 ILC Class Projects (continues)
- 11.45 Awarding of certificates
- 12.00 Lunch



NOTE: Don't forget - the ILC final test is on Thursday, September 4. Punctuality is essential.

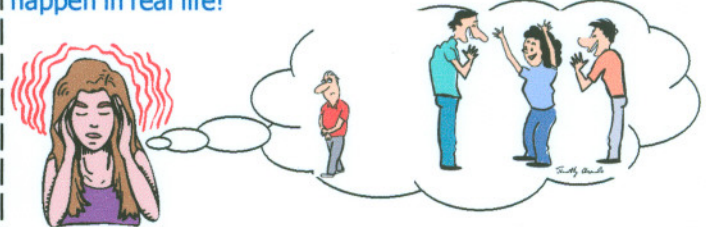
Final test schedule

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

LEARNING STRATEGIES

Visualization: If you can see it, you can do it!

Visualization is a powerful technique that has been used by professional athletes, the great scientist Albert Einstein and others. All you have to do is spend a few minutes every day imagining yourself speaking fluent English, and it will happen in real life!



Make a clear, detailed picture in your mind. See yourself in the future: you can speak English easily. You have the chance to speak to many different people, from many different countries, in many different jobs. You always find the right word at the right time. Your pronunciation is clear and understood by everybody. You feel relaxed, breathing easily. It is easy to understand anybody, no matter how fast they speak. If any new words come up, you quickly ask about the meaning, keeping the conversation going as long as you want. Speaking English is so enjoyable! You can talk, laugh, and make many new friends. It feels good!

When you can see this fluency in your "mind's eye", you will be using your whole brain, not just the logical left brain. If you do this every day, then when any problems in English arise, your brain will find a way to get to the fluent conversation you have visualized.

This is what athletes do when they visualize. They see themselves running faster or jumping higher, and this leads their bodies in that direction. When they have a problem, they still see the final goal and keep moving towards it. Your visualization will also lead to your goal - better pronunciation, saying sentences faster and smoother, and having greater confidence when speaking.

Try visualizing yourself as a fluent English speaker for ten minutes every morning before breakfast and ten minutes every night before going to bed. After three or four weeks, you will be amazed!

Usana

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

Culture Corner



Quick Etiquette Tips for Business Lunches



By Catherine Franz

phillyBurbs.com

1. Be in the present moment with whoever you are with. Limit glancing around the room. It's a sign that you are looking for something better. There is nothing worse than having a conversation with someone who is half there.



2. Be on time. This sounds so commonsensical. The percentage of people being late is over 65 percent. Don't push your time to the last minute before leaving the office so you will be late. Take some reading or some work with you, arrive early, sit in the lobby, and work. Or give yourself some space to think over how you want to approach the time together: your introduction, tone and style, or even a plan for a quick getaway if the union isn't working. The memory implant of your lateness will always override any request for forgiveness.



3. Turn off your cell phone before entering the restaurant. No one around you wants to hear your conversation. Even if you let it ring, pick it up and then take it outside. Did you leave your lunch companion alone? This is just plain rude. If you have an "I don't care attitude" about this, I'll tell you a story about a lunch guest of mine who did this. The three prospects she was meeting didn't even sit down. They saw her talk; she waved a 1-minute finger single to them; and they turned around and walked out. They wouldn't even answer her phone calls or e-mails afterwards.

4. If you are a woman and this is business, it's appropriate now to stand up and shake the hand of a male. This overrides the old rule of staying seated. If the meeting is for your spouse's business and you are coming along because other spouses are coming, then you stay seated as your spouse stands up. This rule applies for either gender.

5. Offer your hand and give a firm handshake. Sometimes people who don't like to shake hands will not meet yours. Don't think anything of it if they don't, this is just their preference. And particularly don't say something cute or funny.

6. Think of an opening statement to make as you are shaking hands. This is part of your first impression, so make it good. Always use the guest's first name either at the beginning or at the end of the statement. For example, "Thank you for taking the time to get together today, Catherine." When needing to complete a group of introductions, highest rank rules over gender.



7. What to eat and use first? Which glass or which fork to use can be confusing. Bread and salad plates are always to the left, drinking glasses to the right. Utensils start from the outside in and the dessert fork is by the dessert plate. Lay your fork and knife across your plate to indicate to the server that you're finished.

<http://www.phillyburbs.com/pb-dyn/news/271-10182004-384924.html>

Piyaporn

Here's the Answer

Using the Definite Article

Q

I always make mistakes when using "the". Can you explain when to use it?

A

There are grammatical rules for its use. Let's have a look at the following.

NO ARTICLE	DEFINITE ARTICLE
<p>Meals:</p> <p>We had breakfast at 8 o'clock.</p> 	<p>Meals:</p> <p><u>The</u> breakfast on the train was awful.</p> 
<p>Times of day:</p> <p>We left at midnight/night/ sunrise/midday/noon/ lunchtime.</p> 	<p>Times of day:</p> <p>In <u>the</u> morning In <u>the</u> afternoon In <u>the</u> evening</p> 
<p>Methods of travel:</p> <p>For example: by air/by sea/boat/ train/bus/car/bicycle</p>	<p>Methods of travel:</p> <p>We came by <u>the</u> early train/ <u>the</u> number 40 bus/<u>the</u> express coach.</p>
<p>Cities: New York, Hong Kong</p> <p>Mountains: Mount Everest Ben Nevis</p>  <p>Countries: France, Argentina</p> <p>Streets, squares and circuses: Oxford Street Leicester Square Piccadilly Circus</p> 	<p>Oceans, seas, waterways and rivers:</p> <p>The Pacific Ocean The South China Sea The Suez Canal The Mississippi</p>  <p>Mountain ranges:</p> <p>The Alps The Himalayas</p>  <p>Plural countries:</p> <p>The United States The Philippines</p>

Source: O'Connell, S. 2005. *First Certificate*. Harlow: Pearson Education Limited.

Napassawan

FROM TEACHERS

Wish 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

You 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

Whenver 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

Congratulations 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

Use 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

Answers no.9 Which verb?

Across

3 listen
5 cut
6 count
7 drive
8 wash
9 dry
10 drink
12 walk
14 eat
15 cry
16 post
19 sing
20 speak
22 pay

Down

1 read
2 sit
3 laugh
4 wear
5 cook
8 write
9 dream
11 watch
13 kiss
17 open
18 ride
19 smoke
21 play

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