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What's happening this week?

At last, we've come to the final week of the OCC course. As their final assignment, the OCC students will be given a task that will enable them to put the knowledge they have gained over the last five weeks into practice in the form of stimulating discussions and presentations. This event, the "OCC Presentations", will be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this Friday, February 6.

This activity will mark the end of the OCC course, the aim of which has been to develop fluency and confidence in the participants' speaking skills, particularly with regard to making presentations and attending meetings.

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

NOTE:

- * Please be at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by 8.45 a.m.
- * Casual dress is NOT acceptable

Tentative Schedule

- 09.00 OCC Discussions
- 10.30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 10.45 OCC Discussions (continued)
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 OCC Presentations
- 14.30 OCC Presentations (continued)
- 16.00 Certificate Awarding



What's Happening for ILC Students?

We have now come to the half way point of the course. This is a good time to review what you have learnt from the course. Here is a tip to help you organize your study: go over texts and the notes you made and revise the language skills, not the contents; for example, how to apply the right reading techniques to approach a particular text, how to make your writing precise and clear with the fewest grammatical mistakes, how to be fluent during a conversation, and how to concentrate and listen carefully while having a listening test. If there are still some points that are not very clear, discuss them with your classmates or ask a teacher.

Friday, 6 February is a self-study day, giving you time to check your understanding and review all the things you have learnt.

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Culture Corner



Dining in the United Kingdom



- ◆ Summon a waiter by raising your hand. Don't wave or shout.
- ◆ Most business entertaining is done in restaurants or pubs over lunch. The host, the one who extends the invitation, pays the bill.



- ◆ A British business associate may invite you to a cricket match, or to the regatta. Both are prestigious events. Wear your tweed sports jacket or blue blazer.



- ◆ Do not discuss business at dinner in someone's home unless the host initiates the conversation.
- ◆ In England, when invited to someone's home, arrive at least 10-20 minutes after the stated time. Never arrive early. In Scotland and Wales, arrive on time.



- ◆ Keep your hands on the table at all times during the meal – not in your lap. However, take care to keep your elbows off the table.



- ◆ When the host folds his napkin, this signals that the meal is over.
- ◆ Leave a dinner party shortly after dinner ends.
- ◆ Write a thank you note to the hostess.



- ◆ It is considered impolite to ask for a tour of your host's home.
- ◆ Entertain anyone who has entertained you, but don't try to impress British guests with an extravagant dinner. The British prefer understatement.

Adapted from material compiled by Window on the World, a cross-cultural training and consulting firm. Originally based on material contained in the *Put Your Best Foot Forward* series of books by Mary Murray Bosrock.

Here's the Answer

Question: Please tell me which of the following is correct, and why.

1. Your visit will be welcome.
2. Your visit will be welcomed.



Answer: In this case, *welcome* is a predicate adjective. The noun *visit* is followed by the linking verb *will be*, which must, in turn, be completed by either a predicative noun or adjective.

Example: A: Thank you.
B: You're welcome.



Welcomed is a verbal – a verb being used as another part of speech. In this case, it is, also, an adjective. It is unnecessary to use a verbal as an adjective when a simple adjective already exists to fulfill requirements of the grammatical rule governing this sentence.

Example:

Welcome to Thailand.



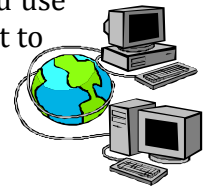
LEARNING STRATEGIES

How to Love Learning English

... continued from last week

◆ Use your English whenever you can

Because English is so popular, you can use it everywhere. You can watch American movies and cartoons, you can play games on your computer, or you can read interesting books in English. The more you use English, the more you will want to learn it.



◆ Find a friend who is learning English

If you can find a friend who is learning English, and who is at a similar skill level to you, you will be in an excellent situation.

- You will have someone to talk about English with. These conversations will increase your interest in English.
- Learning English will be easier because you will be able to discuss your problems with your friend.
- You will study English more because you will want to speak English more correctly with your friend.



◆ Spend some money on learning English

If you spend money on something, you will want to use it. If you want to increase your desire to learn English, buy a new dictionary, an interesting English book, English cable TV, etc. The idea is simple: you paid for it, so you will want to use it, and you will improve your English.

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by S. Tomasz and W. Michal

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FUN WITH ENGLISH

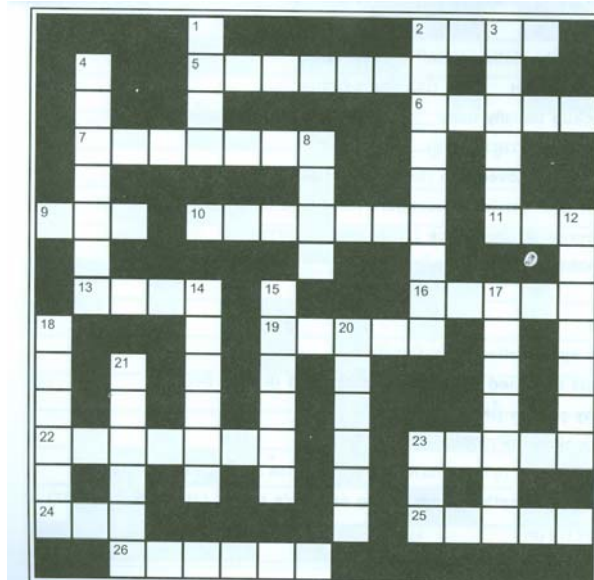
No.5 Crossword Puzzle

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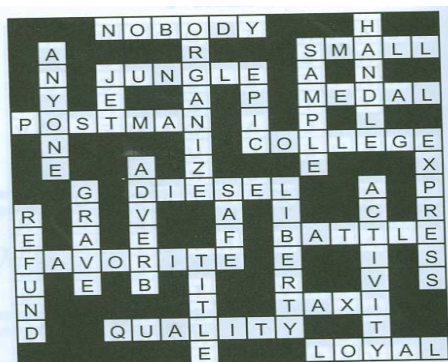
- 2 Small cube with 1 to 6 spots on six faces
 5 Reuse
 6 For instance, apple, banana, orange
 7 Expressway
 9 For what reason
 10 To hint at
 11 Part of the body near the waist
 13 Track
 16 Person or thing not already mentioned
 19 Relating to a city
 22 Make better
 23 Brief (anagram)
 24 Hairy coat of a mammal
 25 To make a bet
 26 Run away

Down

- 1 Spoken exam
 2 Opposite of inflation
 3 Place where Christians go every Sunday
 4 Player who throws the ball to the batter
 8 Indian form of exercise
 12 Spouse, either of two persons dancing together
 14 Unit of instruction
 15 Used for squeezing juice
 17 Woman's purse
 18 Tax on imports or exports
 20 Money allocated for a particular purpose
 21 To come to an end
 23 Consisting of a small number



Answers no.4



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