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what's happening this week?



The OCC students will be busy working together at a workshop in Singapore. The main objectives of this workshop are to enhance internationalist views about presentations and meetings, and to provide the OCC students with a chance to work systematically through what they learnt during their course. It will involve discussion in a formal meeting in addition to presentation making, from planning and introducing, to concluding and handling questions. In terms of the output of the workshop, the aim is for the students to be able to make a clear, well-organized presentation in front of an audience.

Does it sound like a practical activity?



What's happening for ILC students this week?



*T*his Friday, ILC students will visit the Bank of Thailand Museum, which is housed in Bangkhunprom Palace (now a part of the Bank of Thailand's premises). The tour will run from 9.30 to 12.00.

One of the museum's objectives is to preserve the Thai currency, which is an important cultural heritage showing the civilization of the Thai kingdoms. The museum serves to stimulate the research and study of the evolution of the Thai currency. The exhibitions cover prehistoric medium of exchange ; ancient currencies from the Funun, Dvaravati and Sri Vijaya Kingdoms; Pot Duong; Thai coins; Thai bank notes; including money from the North (Lanna money) and the Northeast (Lanchane money). In addition, we'll see an exhibition on the history of the Bank of Thailand, its roles and responsibilities.

NOTE:

-  See you at the Bank of Thailand Museum at 9.10
-  Casual dress in **NOT** acceptable.

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Here's the Answer

Listen or Hear



Like a lot of English language learners, I'm not sure of the difference between the words *listen* and *hear*.



Listen is used to talk about sounds that we make an active effort to focus on.

For example:

- Did you **listen** to the news on the radio last night?
- She was **listening** to music on her iPod when I walked in.
- Mike **listened** to his teacher and then repeated what she had said.
'Just **listen** to yourself! You talk such rubbish!' she said angrily.



(Note that *listen* is nearly always followed by *to* – you **listen to** something or somebody.)



Hear is used for sounds that come to our ears; we do not need to be actively engaged in trying to listen to the sound.

For example:

- Mike **heard** a bang in the night, which woke him up.
- She **heard** someone screaming and called the police.
- I **heard** a loud explosion, and then the building collapsed.



The following conversation shows clearly how the two verbs are used:

'Did you **hear** what I said?' asked John's father. 'No, I wasn't **listening**,' replied John. 'Well, if you don't **listen** you will never **hear** what I am telling you!'

In this case, John did not make an active effort to listen and so did not hear his father's advice (even though he may have heard the sounds his father was making!)

So, you can *hear* something without wanting to, but you can only *listen* to something intentionally.

http://www.english4today.com/englishgrammar/grammarfaq/grammarfaq_answer.cfm?qid=6937

Culture Corner



Cultural Gestures

UNITED STATES



• Direct eye contact in social and business settings is very important. Gaps in conversation are uncomfortable. While dining, the left hand is placed in the lap, and the right hand is used to eat with. Wrists are permitted on the table (while eating), but elbows are not.

• It is proper to use a **firm handshake** with direct **eye contact**.



• Women may briefly hug other women, and men may quickly kiss the cheek of a woman.

CHILE



• Men rise when women enter the room.



• Yawns should be stifled or covered.

• Wine must be poured with the right hand.



• Holding the palm upward and then spreading the fingers signals that someone is stupid.

ENGLAND

• To signal a waiter for the bill, make a motion with both hands as if signing your name on paper.



• Privacy is very important; do not stare.

• Tipping at bars is rare.

• Loud behavior is considered rude. The victory sign with your palm facing in is considered vulgar.

• When queuing, never push in.



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LEARNING STRATEGIES

Tips on Learning English

Our study tips help you to learn English more effectively and with more enjoyment. If you follow our tips, you will find learning easy and fun.



Targets

Set small, achievable targets. For example:

- Learn 10 new English words or phrases every day, Monday to Friday. Revise on Saturdays; relax on Sundays.
- “Unlearn” one typical mistake before the next test.
- Study for 15 minutes every day.
- Read the lyrics of an English song every week and try to understand its main content.
- Read and try to understand one short English text every week.

Reaching your target step by step is much better than setting a huge target that you cannot achieve.

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Motivation is half the work

“Boring!” Well, that’s definitely not the way it works.

Try to find a positive aspect to studying. Why not watch your favourite film in English and write down some useful words or phrases that you want to remember. You could also read the lyrics of Top 10 songs and try to understand what they are about. Or check out celebrity sites and learn more about famous actors, bands and other stars. This is good for your vocabulary, and on top of that it’s lots of fun.

Always look on the bright side of life.

Continued next week...

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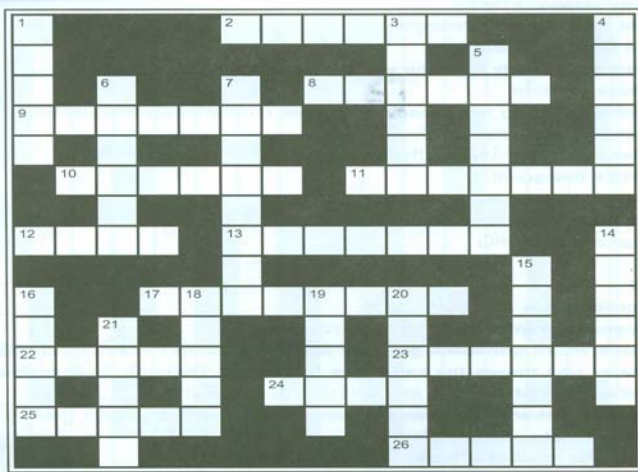
FUN WITH ENGLISH

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Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 2 Once a year, yearly
 8 Any person, animal or object thought to bring luck
 9 The study of structural relationships in a language
 10 Chessman shaped to resemble the head of a horse
 11 Income
 12 Fermented juice of grapes
 13 Place where clothes are washed
 17 Something inherited at birth
 22 _____ violet (UV)
 23 Beginner
 24 Flightless New Zealand bird
 25 Preliminary version of a written work
 26 St is an abbreviation for

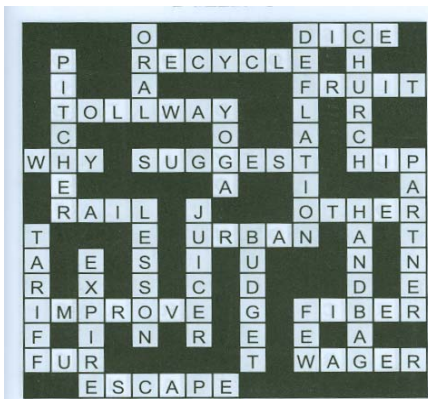


Down

- 1 To expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily
 3 Suppose, presume
 4 Bon _____
 5 Drawing of lots for a prize
 6 Large artillery gun
 7 Unmarried man, undergraduate academic degree
 14 A man in authority
 15 Dictionary
 16 Basic monetary unit of the United Kingdom
 18 Precise, correct, accurate
 19 Poisonous
 20 "One Night _____"
 21 For example, T-bone, rib eye, sirloin

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Answer no.5



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