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What's happening this week?



This Friday will be different from the other weeks we have got together, as the Public Speaking Competition - one of the main language-based activities of the ILC course - will take place. There will be speakers from every ILC class, and prizes will be awarded to the three contestants who deliver the best speeches on the morning.

A panel of judges will decide the winners, using the following criteria:

1. How well was the speech **structured**? The best speeches are those that have been well written beforehand. There should be a strong opening to the speech, together with a good conclusion at the end. Ideas should be well organized, and each idea should "flow" smoothly to the next. Irrelevant points should not be included, and there should be no unnecessary repetition of ideas.

2. How good was the speaker's **presentation**? It is important that the contestants practise their speeches many times before Friday's event. They should not read their speech directly from a script, but, instead, use "cue cards" to help them remember the main points.

3. How clear and accurate was the speaker's **pronunciation**? When writing a speech, it is a good idea to use words that you are familiar with and know how to pronounce correctly.

4. Were there any serious **grammatical** mistakes? Incorrect use of grammar can often make the meaning of a sentence unclear.

5. How **interesting and original** was the speech? Judges and audiences alike prefer speeches that both inform and entertain!

We wish all the speakers good luck. See you at Narathip Auditorium, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at 8.45. Please dress appropriately.



Usana

Culture Corner

Cultural Gestures



ITALY

In churches, women should cover their heads; do not wear short sleeves or sleeveless shirts. When dining, only men pour the wine.

Handshakes are long.



When greeting, warm hugs and kisses are common.

POLAND

Do not chew gum while speaking, and speak with a soft voice.



To invite someone to drink, flick your neck.



Men may greet women by kissing their hands; women greet other women with a slight embrace and kiss on the cheek.

SPAIN



It is proper for men to cross their legs; it is considered unfeminine for women to do so. Eye contact may denote romantic interest.

The **OK** sign is obscene.



Both men and women use the *abrazo* for greetings; women may accompany that with a cheek kiss.


http://soc302.tripod.com/soc_302rocks/id6.html

Piyaporn


LEARNING STRATEGIES

Tips on Learning English

(...continued from last week)

 **D**on't over do it!

Studying for 15 minutes per day is more effective than studying for 2 hours once every week. For a whole week, try studying for 15 minutes each day. Not less. And definitely not more than that (even if you could). You will see that, each day, studying is much more fun, simply because you didn't push it to the limit the day before.

 **T**reat yourself to something good

Know when to stop before you start.

Everybody notices what you failed to do. But nobody appreciates what you succeeded in doing. That's rather frustrating, isn't it?

Appreciation is always good for motivation. And if nobody else appreciates your efforts, you'll have to yourself. Set a for the day, the week or the term, and also promise yourself a reward that you can look forward to.

For example: "If I achieve my target, I will treat myself to ..."

- an adventurous monster killing game on my computer
- a visit to the cinema at the weekend
- a short trip to London

If it's a long-time target, write your reward down on a piece of paper and hang it up in a place where it catches your eye. This will surely be a good motivation.

 **S**tudy English with friends

Go for it!

Meet friends and study English together.

You can revise your English vocabulary, do your homework together, and help each other with English grammar. Studying with friends simply is much more fun.

It's also a good opportunity to exchange ideas on studying in general. Maybe your friends have found a way of studying more effectively. Or, who knows, maybe you can advise your friends on this?

All for one and one for all.

Adapted from <http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/learning>

Usana

Here's the Answer

"Will Stay" or "Will Be Staying" ?



Would you kindly tell me what the difference is between these questions?

"How long will you stay?"

"How long will you be staying?"



To understand the difference, I think it might be useful to look at an example showing the differences between the Present Simple and the Present Continuous.

Compare these two sentences:



I work in London.



I'm working in London.

Both sentences are similar in that they identify the place where somebody works. So which is correct? Well, the answer is both of them are correct, depending on the situation of the person who is speaking.

One of the general meanings of Present Simple verbs is that **they describe things that are seen to be facts, i.e., statements of what is believed to be true, and therefore permanent.**

Present Continuous verbs are often used to **describe things which the speaker believes to be temporary or in progress.** They started before now and will end sometime after now. So this suggests perhaps that if I say "I'm working in London", I don't necessarily believe that to be a permanent thing; I imagine that sometime in the future I might work somewhere else.

So, in very simple terms, you could say that often *simple* verb forms are used for **permanent** things and *continuous* verb forms for **temporary** things.

Now, let's go back to the original question "**How long will you stay?**" or "**How long will you be staying?**"



I think it would be unusual for a native speaker to ask "How long will you stay?" This is the Future Simple. *Simple* forms often go with *permanent ideas* – but if you are asking someone this question, you believe that they will not stay permanently; their stay will be temporary, they're going to leave at some point. So I don't think it quite matches. I don't think we'd use the Future Simple to ask a question about a temporary condition. If someone is visiting you or your country, I think it would be much better to ask "How long will you be staying?"



http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/radio/specials/1535_questionanswer/page40.shtml

Napassawan

FUN WITH ENGLISH

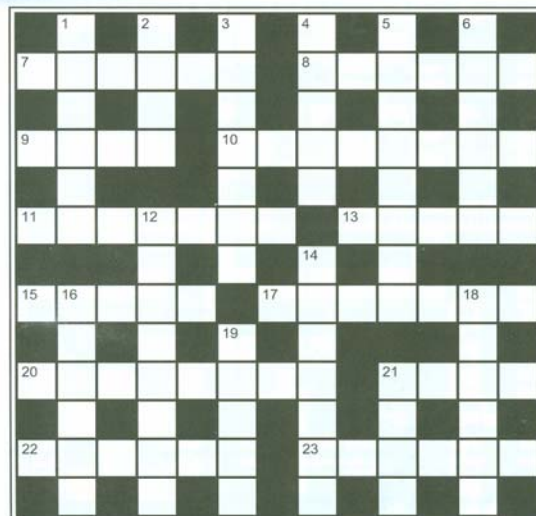
No.7 Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 7 Monkey's favourite food
8 Short trip to do something
9 Similar to can
10 Murderer of a public figure
11 Bring together
13 Servant of God
15 Buddhist or Hindu concept of cosmic cause and effect
17 Health-related treatment method
20 A writer of music
21 Similar to rim
22 Not being used
23 Number of days in April

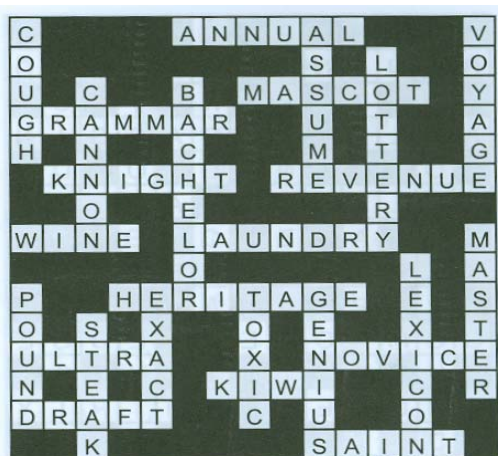
Down

- 1 Panda's favourite
2 Dislike
3 State of equilibrium
4 Sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch
5 Person who is kept in prison
6 Inner part
12 Tall post in the street with a lamp at the top
14 Organization for helping those in need
16 On every side
18 Place to keep pigs
19 To one side
21 Wicked



From: Crossword Puzzles Book

Answer no.6



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