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What's happening this week?

Culture Corner

At last, here comes the day many of you have been waiting for: March 13, the last day of the ILC course! Starting at 9.30 a.m., 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, 13 March

- 09.15 Registration
- 09.30 ILC Class Projects
- 10.15 Coffee/tea break
- 10.30 ILC Class Projects
- 11.30 Awarding of certificates
- 12.00 Lunch



NOTE: Don't forget - the ILC Final Test is on Thursday, March 12. 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



Usana

Cultural Etiquette in Germany

The People

Germans value **order, privacy and punctuality**. They are thrifty, hard working and industrious. Germans respect perfectionism in all areas of business and private life. In Germany, there is a sense of community and social conscience and strong desire for belonging.



Body Language

☺ Germans may appear reserved and unfriendly until you get to know them better.

☺ Making hands into two fists (thumbs tucked inside the other fingers) and making a pounding motion lightly on a surface expresses "good luck".

☺ Never use the "okay" sign (index finger and thumb joined together to make a circle). This is considered a rude gesture.

☺ Don't point your index finger to your own head. This is an insult.



Helpful Hints

☺ Germans are more **formal** and **punctual** than most people in the world. They have prescribed roles and seldom step out of line.

☺ A man or younger person should always walk to the left side of a lady.

☺ Traditional good manners call for the man to walk in front of a woman when walking into a public place. This is a symbol of protection and of the man leading the woman. A man should open the door for a woman and allow her to walk into the building, at which time the woman will stop and wait for the man. The man should then proceed to lead the woman to her destination.

☺ Compliment carefully and sparingly - it may embarrass rather than please.

☺ **Don't** lose your temper publicly. This is viewed as uncouth and a sign of weakness.

☺ **Don't** shout or be loud, put your feet on furniture or chew gum in public.



http://www.ediplomat.com/np/cultural_etiquette/ce_de.htm

Piyaporn

LEARNING STRATEGIES

Valuable Sites for Learning English Online



You have been looking for ways to learn English online, and I hope that you are finding everything you need here. Over the years, I have learned that students need and want information, resources and anything else that can help them learn. Most people want to know what they can do outside the classroom, and one answer is to use the Internet. The Internet has brought me into your English learning life and it can also provide you other useful, quality websites.

Here are *amazing free resources!*

www.freerice.com

With freerice.com you can improve your vocabulary in a fun (almost addictive) way.

www.1-language.com is a relevant online resource for learning English. It features schools, a language directory, an audio course, fun interactive games for children and many interesting articles to read and enjoy.

www.englishmeeting.com Here is a clean and simple website filled with English audio and video. There you can practise your listening and speaking with these interactive lessons.

www.listen-to-english.com The Podcast website for people learning English is a wonderful resource. Discover interesting podcasts accompanied by quizzes to ensure you have understood the article.

www.wordchamp.com

Wordchamp is a new web tool that helps you know the meaning and pronunciation of words instantly with the click of a button.

www.anglomaniacy.pl

Here children learn English by playing. With the help of interactive tools, games and exercises, children can play and learn English at the same time.

Dave's ESL Cafe

Dave's website has a large number of reference materials and explanations for grammar, phrasal verbs, idioms and slang. It also has a large forum where you can have your questions answered.

Bite Sized English

There you will find interesting articles that help you learn new vocabulary through the use of reading and LISTENING.

LEO Network

The LEO Network is a large database of information for all English learners. Find everything from common mistakes, grammar exercises, dictations, quizzes and lots more.

Multimedia English Classroom

A free multimedia website to learn and practise authentic English while having fun. Many different videos and songs with transcripts, comments and explanations; jokes; chat; and more! All levels, including a section for beginners and for kids.

www.learnenglish-a-z.com

This site has lots of information on learning English for both children and adults. Games, practice and great links.

www.perfect-english-grammar.com

Study the verb tenses (and other grammar points, such as prepositions) with this site, which includes grammar explanations and lots of free practice exercises.

www.learn-english-options.com

Learn-English-Options.com offers free information, tips and even lots of Free Tests to help you to improve your English.



Adapted from: <http://www.helping-you-learn-english.com/learn-english-online.html>

Here's the Answer

Present Continuous – When to Use It



I have seen the Present Continuous tense used in many situations. Could you tell me when to use it?



1. We use the Present Continuous to talk about activities **happening now**.

*The kids **are watching** TV.
I **am not learning** German because this is an English class.
Who **are you writing** to?*



2. We can also use the Present Continuous to talk about activities **happening around now** (not necessarily this very moment).



*Sally **is studying** really hard for her exams this week.
I **am reading** a really interesting book now.
How **are you brushing up** on your English for the trip?*



3. The Present Continuous tense is also used to talk about activities **happening in the near future**, especially fixed arrangements.



*I **am seeing** my dentist on Wednesday.
Polly **is coming** for dinner tomorrow.
Are you doing anything tonight?
We **aren't going** on holiday next week.*

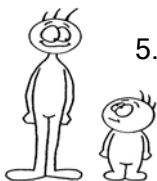


4. We use the Present Continuous to talk about **temporary situations**.

*I **am living** in London at the moment. ("I live in London" suggests a more permanent situation.)*



5. We use the Present Continuous to talk about **changing situations**.



*You're **getting** taller and taller every day.
The weather's **getting** warmer.*



6. We use the Present Continuous with words such as *always* to talk about things that **happen repeatedly** (usually things that are irritating or annoying).

*She's **always** **complaining** about how difficult her life is.*



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

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

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

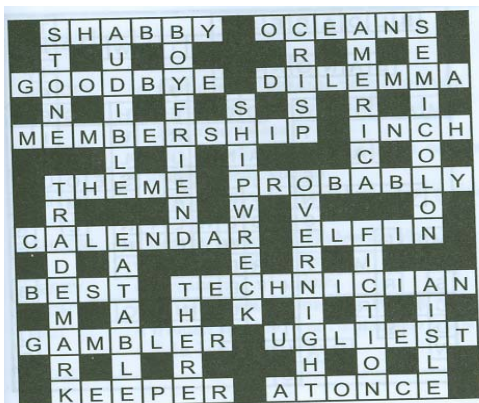
Ian

It has been a pleasure to teach you this term. I have taught mainly one group but have also had the chance to meet students from other groups for the odd lesson (my lessons are often odd) and at the English camp. At the camp I swam with one of the students, for about five seconds, and listened to some students sing. I did not, of course, sing myself – because I'm English (there is an exemption in our passports) and for that you should all thank me. I thank you for being interesting and open-minded students who I am sure will continue to improve in all aspects of English in the future.

The best of British.

Jason.

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