



# LANGUAGE LINKS

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What's happening this week?

## LEARNING STRATEGIES



This week's excursion is a visit to the world's largest existing building made entirely of golden teak wood, Vimanmek Mansion Museum.

The building was originally constructed by King Chulalongkorn the Great as a royal residence on Srichang Island, and was later moved to the present location where it became the first permanent building of the new Dusit Palace complex.

After King Chulalongkorn's death, Vimanmek was used only occasionally, and was later closed for more than half a century. In 1982, to coincide with Bangkok's bicentenary celebrations, Her Majesty the Queen initiated the renovation of the building. Today Vimanmek, together with the other buildings within its compound, has become a museum of King Chulalongkorn's era, containing a vast assortment of memorabilia and photographs of the period.

### NOTE:

- Students are to be at Vimanmek Mansion Museum by 9.00 a.m.
- Please dress appropriately.

## Some Tips for Learning How to Speak English

Connecting the way English words sound with how they look on paper is a difficult task. Because the pronunciation rules for English are not consistent, you may often have a difficult time determining how to say things correctly.

It is also important to realize that there are different English accents and dialects, as with any other language. As a result, you may feel confused when you are told to pronounce a word in a certain way. Nevertheless, there are still a number of methods that you can use to develop your English speaking skills.

### Using a Tape Recorder



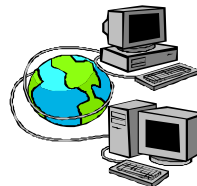
In many cases, when you are concentrating on how to form sounds, a tape recorder is very useful for helping you be aware of how they actually turn out. As you listen, you will be able to hear the differences in what you intended to sound out, and what actually occurred. A tape recorder will also help you learn how to control the pace of your speech, as well as your breathing pattern.

### Listen and Repeat Numerous Dialects and Accents

Once you have mastered the basic sounds, it may be helpful to listen to these words spoken by people with different accents. As you listen and repeat from tapes, it is very important to experiment and find out what will make your speech clear and understandable.



### Voice Chat



At some point, you will want to gain steady practice in conversational English. If your computer is equipped with a sound card and microphone, you may be able to find internet chat rooms that also support voice chat.

Unfortunately, learning to verbalize in English will be very difficult if you do not actually speak out loud. If you cannot find someone to practise with, you can still use a tape recorder, or practise with videos. On the other hand, if your computer has the necessary hardware, you may find that you have unlimited opportunities to carry on conversations with native English speakers from all over the world.

<http://www.1-language.com/articles/some-tips-for-learning-how-to-speak-english>

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# Culture Corner



## Dos and Don'ts in Nepal

With its diverse ethnic groups and traditional beliefs, Nepal has numerous cultural practices that may appear unusual to a person on his/her first visit to the country. However, to enjoy your stay in the remarkable country of white Himalayas and sparkling rivers, it is important to take into consideration the different cultural aspects of the country. Here is a list of things which may be helpful to you.

1. The form of greeting in Nepal is the *namaste* and is performed by joining the palms together.



2. Never touch anything with your feet. This is considered an offence among Nepalese.



3. While travelling, dress appropriately. Women should especially avoid dressing in skimpy outfits.

4. Seek permission before entering a Hindu temple. Many Hindu temples do not allow westerners or non-Hindus to enter. Leather articles are prohibited to be taken inside the temple precinct.



5. Walking around temples or stupas is traditionally done clockwise.

6. Take photographs only after receiving permission for the object or person being photographed.



7. Public displays of affection between man and woman are frowned upon. Do not do something that is totally alien to the environment.



8. Remember, when a person shakes his head from left to right, he may mean "YES".

[http://www.manang.com/nepal/interesting\\_facts\\_of\\_nepal/some\\_dos\\_donts.php](http://www.manang.com/nepal/interesting_facts_of_nepal/some_dos_donts.php)

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# Here's the Answer

## Ways of Expressing the Number '0'

Q

Could you tell me the ways of expressing the number "0" in English?

A

The number "0" has several names, depending on the context:



0 = nil  
in football and other sports  
(AmE: zero or nothing)  
*The score is two-nil.*



0 = love  
in tennis



0 = zero  
in temperatures  
(e.g. 0° Celsius)



0 = nought, naught  
in mathematics  
(AmE: zero)



0 = oh  
for telephone numbers,  
bank account numbers  
and bus lines



0 = oh (or zero)  
for flight numbers

<http://www.studyenglishtoday.net/cardinal-numbers.html>

# FUN WITH ENGLISH

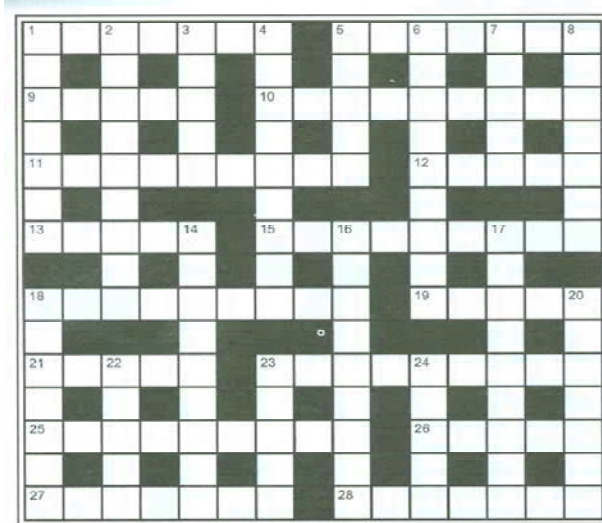
## No.6 Crossword Puzzles

### Across

- 1 Flower used as a symbol of mother in Thailand  
 5 Below zero (temperature)  
 9 Set of beliefs  
 10  $8+7=15$  is how to \_\_\_\_\_  
 11 Teen infatuation  
 12 Opposite of "to curse"  
 13 Singular form of teeth  
 15 Mouth harp  
 18 Redundant technology of wireless telegraphy  
 19 Bad \_\_\_\_\_ = Nightmare  
 21 Summarize (Synonym)  
 23 Young person  
 25 Person whose job is to repair things  
 26 \_\_\_\_\_ Area Network = LAN  
 27 Understanding of another's feelings  
 28 Members of a royal family

### Down

- 1 Top prize  
 2 Pen for sheep  
 3 Material from elephant tusks  
 4 One another  
 5 Find the correct answer for something  
 6 Member of the aristocracy  
 7 Fill with high spirits  
 8 Beyond the sea  
 14 PROOF Hint (anagram)  
 16 Smuggler of liquor  
 17 Similar in every detail  
 18 Rise again  
 20 According to principles of good behaviour  
 22 To finish something by dealing with the final details  
 23 Delicious (Synonym)  
 24 Narrow channel



From Crossword Puzzles Book

### Answers no.5



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