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What's happening this week?

At last, here comes the day many of you have been waiting for: June 26, the last day of the ILC course! Starting at 9.30 a.m., we have the awarding of certificates to all ILC trainees. This day means all ILC students will have achieved what they have put their efforts into. Following this formal event, there will be our final Friday activity, the ILC Class Projects. 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

- 09.00 Registration
- 09.30 Awarding of certificates
- 10.00 Coffee/tea break
- 10.25 ILC Class Projects
- 12.00 Lunch



NOTE: Don't forget - the ILC final test is on Thursday, June 25. Punctuality is essential.

Final test schedule

- 09.00-09.30 Listening test
- 09.40-10.35 Reading test
- 10.40-11.35 Writing test
- 13.00-15.30 Speaking test



LEARNING STRATEGIES

What Is Necessary to Learn English Well?



Learning English requires action. You may be aware of some learning tips, but if you don't start doing things, you will achieve nothing. The fact is if you want to learn to speak English well, you must *change your life*. Here are some examples of things you will have to do:

- read a book in English for an hour every day, analyzing the grammar in sentences and looking up words in an English dictionary
- listen to an audio book or other recording in English, stopping it frequently, trying to understand what is being said, and trying to imitate the speaker's pronunciation
- spend your afternoon practising the pronunciation of the English "r" sound
- carefully write an e-mail message in English, using a dictionary or a Web search every 20 seconds to make sure every word is correct, and taking 5 minutes to write one sentence



• think about an English sentence you've read, wondering if it could say "a" instead of "the" in the sentence, and trying to find similar sentences on the Web to find out the answer

- walk down the street and build simple English sentences in your head (talking to yourself in English about the things you see around you)

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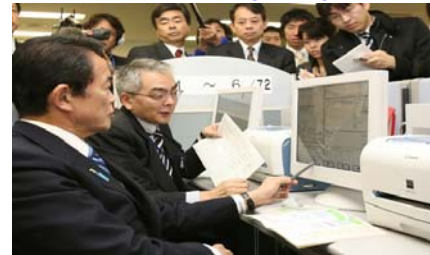
Culture Corner

Japanese Manners and Etiquette



The followings are dos and don'ts that you should bear in mind when you go to Japan or socialize with Japanese.


- ☐ There is no custom of "ladies first".
- ☐ When Japanese start work at 9 a.m., they **START WORK** at 9 a.m.
- ☐ Avoid lots of jewellery or very colourful clothes when going to work.



- ☐ Exchanging business cards is very common in formal introductions. You should extend your card to the other person with both hands, right side up to them (upside down to you). You receive cards with both hands also. Be sure to look at the card and not just pocket it. Never put it in your pants pocket and sit on it in front of them.

- ☐ Avoid shouting loudly at someone to get their attention – wave, or go up to them.
- ☐ The Japanese gesture of "Who, me?" is pointing at one's nose, not at one's chest.
- ☐ Japanese residences have thin walls and poor insulation – don't blast your stereo or television.



- ☐ **Don't** wear your slippers into a *tatami* (straw) mat room.
- ☐ It's customary to sit on the floor in a *tatami* room (called a *washitsu*). 
- ☐ **Don't** wear your slippers into the *genkan* (the entrance to a home, where the shoes are kept), or outside.

- ☐ It's better to wear shoes slipped on easily when visiting someone.
- ☐ It's polite to **initially** refuse someone's offer of help. Japanese may also initially refuse your offer **even if they really want it**. Traditionally an offer is made 3 times. It may be better to state you'll carry their bag, call a taxi, etc., instead of pushing them to be polite and refuse.



- ☐ It's polite to bring some food (gift-wrapped in more formal situations) or drinks when you visit someone.

<http://www.geocities.com/japanfaq/FAQ-Manners.html>

Piyaporn

Here's the Answer

Infinitive Without "To"



When would we use an infinitive without "to"?



We use the infinitive without "to" in the following cases:

1. Modal auxiliary verbs

After the modal verbs *will, shall, would, should, can, could, may, might, must* and *had better*.

*I **must** go now.*

*You **had better** stop.*

*I **should** exercise more.*



2. Let, make, hear, etc.

After some verbs, we use both an object and the infinitive without "to". The most common of these verbs are *let, make, see, hear, feel, watch* and *notice*.

*She **lets** her children **do** what they want to.*

*I didn't **see** you **come in**.*

*I **heard** her **say** that she was tired.*



3. Why

We can use the infinitive without "to" after the word *why*.

***Why pay** more at other shops? (unnecessary to do something)*

***Why not ask** John to help you? (suggestion)*



Source: Swan, M. 2000. *Basic English Usage*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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

Whenever 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.

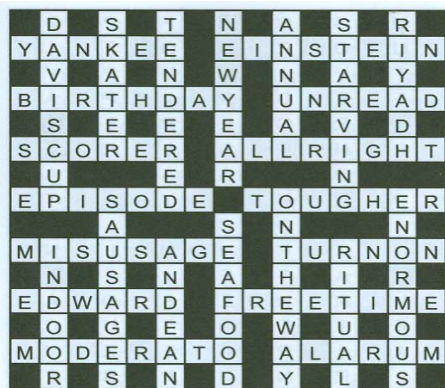
Napassawan

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

Answers no.10



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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