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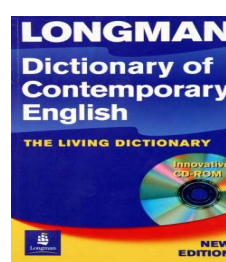
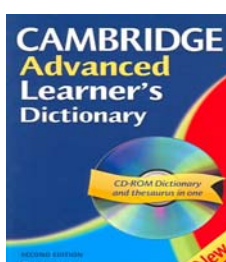
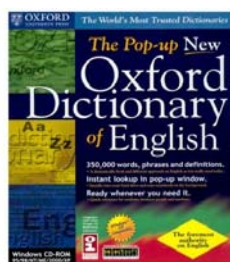
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LEARNING STRATEGIES

What is the Best Dictionary?

In fact, there is not one "best" dictionary. Using a monolingual dictionary that has only English is the way to learn more English. Using a dictionary with no definitions in your own language is difficult at first, but there are some big advantages in using one.



One advantage is that it will help you to think in English. When you use an English-only dictionary, you will keep your mind only on one language, instead of changing from English to your language, and back to English. The second advantage is that you will learn how to explain words in English. This ability is called paraphrasing, one of the most useful conversation skills in English.

If your spoken English is not so fluent, you can buy a learner's dictionary. The Oxford Learner's Dictionary, the Longman Learner's Dictionary and the Cambridge Learner's Dictionary all have easy to understand definitions and excellent example sentences. If your spoken English is already quite good, you can buy any kind of dictionary, as long as it includes many examples. Avoid any dictionary that has simple definitions only!

<http://www.teacherjoe.us/LearnEnglish03.html>

Usana

Culture Corner



Cross Cultural Quiz: Canada

1. People from Canada consider themselves to really be Americans and prefer this to being called Canadians.

- ☐ A. True ☐ B. False

2. During business negotiations Canadians often talk about their families and personal life.

- ☐ A. True ☐ B. False

3. Business associates in Canada should in the first instance be address by....

- ☐ A. Their first name only ☐ B. Their title and first name ☐ C. Their title and surname

4. Which of the following may be construed as a sign of weakness in Canada?

- ☐ A. A weak handshake ☐ B. Making direct eye contact ☐ C. Wearing gloves

5. Canadians typically find it difficult to say "no".

- ☐ A. True ☐ B. False



6. Which two languages are most widely spoken in Canada?

- ☐ A. English and American ☐ B. English and Canadian ☐ C. English and French

7. In Canada business appointments are usually made in the....

- ☐ A. Morning ☐ B. Afternoon ☐ C. Evening



8. When doing business in Quebec it is a requirement by law that it be conducted in which language?

- ☐ A. English ☐ B. Canadian ☐ C. French

9. Business gifts should....



- ☐ A. Be modest ☐ B. Be extravagant ☐ C. Not be given

10. Direct eye-contact shows...

- ☐ A. Sincerity ☐ B. Fear ☐ C. Distrust



Adapted from http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/resources/quiz/quiz_score.php

Answer Key:

1. B 2. B 3. C 4. A 5. B
6. C 7. A 8. C 9. A 10. A

Piyaporn

Here's the Answer...

Question Tags

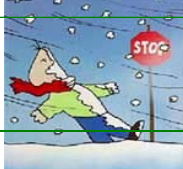


I get confused about how to give a response for a tag with a negative statement. Could you explain?



We answer a tag question according to the **truth** of the situation. Your answer reflects the real facts, not (necessarily) the question.

For example, everyone knows that **snow is white**. Look at these **questions**, and the **correct answers**:

| tag question | correct answer | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| Snow is white, isn't it? | Yes (it is). | the answer is the <i>same</i> in both cases - because snow IS WHITE! |  <p>but notice the change of stress when the answerer does not agree with the questioner</p> |
| Snow isn't white, is it? | Yes it is! | | |
| Snow is black, isn't it? | No it isn't! | the answer is the same in both cases - because snow IS NOT BLACK! | |
| Snow isn't black, is it? | No (it isn't). | | |



In some languages, people answer a question like "Snow *isn't black*, is it?" with "Yes" (meaning "Yes, I agree with you"). This is the **wrong answer** in English!

Here are some more examples, with correct answers:

- The moon goes round the earth, doesn't it? Yes, it does.
- The earth is bigger than the moon, isn't it? Yes.
- The earth is bigger than the sun, isn't it? No, it isn't!
- Asian people don't like rice, do they? Yes, they do!
- Elephants live in Europe, don't they? No, they don't!
- Men don't have babies, do they? No.
- The English alphabet doesn't have 40 letters, does it? No, it doesn't.



Source: <http://www.englishclub.com/grammar/verbs-questions-tag.htm>

Napassawan

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!!

Pimchanok

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

Congratulations on your completion of the ILC course. Your efforts have been rewarded. Good luck for the future.

Robert

I wish you all the best in your future studies, your career, and your personal life. It is good to observe your ability as groups to study together and sustain good relations with each other, with your teachers, and with support staff. There scenes to be many things that are learnt in an ILC course-not just English

David

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

I hope you have all enjoyed studying at our institute as much as I have enjoyed teaching you.

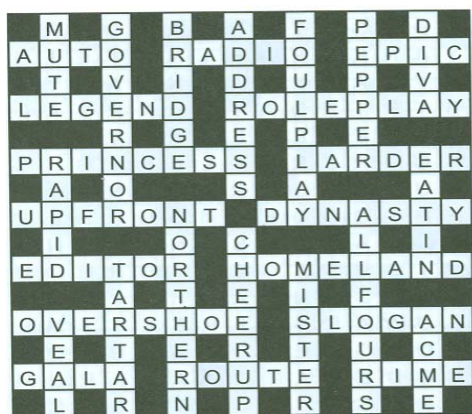
When the OCC course is over I would urge you to declare your independence as a language learner by setting your own goals and working at your own speed, in whatever manner suits you best. If you do that nothing can stop you.

Jason

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the ILC students for their hard work during the course and their dedication to learning English. I have enjoyed working with each of you and have had a lot of fun along the way. I wish you all success in your future endeavours.

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