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LEARNING STRATEGIES

LISTENING and SPEAKING

LISTENING and SPEAKING are performance skills. You may do well at these if you are naturally outgoing. Students in foreign language classes often have difficulty hearing and speaking because they are so anxious about making mistakes. It's OK to make mistakes! Have fun trying to speak!

LISTENING SKILLS TIPS:

1. Frequent the language lab. Read the exercises in your book first; then listen and read together; then listen without looking at the print. Say aloud/write what you hear.
2. Participate silently in class when others are called on to speak. Focus on the task; don't worry about how well you'll do.
3. If you feel nervous, relax yourself physically by taking a couple of slow, deep breaths. When called on, pause, relax, and give yourself time to respond.
4. Listen while a friend dictates to you and write what you hear. Check for accuracy.
5. Practice: join language clubs, watch foreign TV, listen to foreign radio.



SPEAKING SKILLS TIPS:

1. Study out loud! Mimic the sounds of the language. Don't mumble. Although most people feel embarrassed making strange sounds, the language will soon feel more familiar to you.
2. When called on in class, say something, even if it's wrong: you'll learn from it. If you need a moment to think, repeat the question aloud. If you don't know the answer, say in your foreign language, "I don't know" or "help!"
3. Practice with a foreign student who wants your help to learn English or with another class member.



<http://www.english-zone.com/study/langs.html>

Usana

Culture Corner



Cross Cultural Quiz-Business Cards

1. Business cards are always reciprocated in the USA?

- A. True B. False

2. What language should you ideally translate your business cards into if going to Taiwan?

- A. Cantonese B. Japanese C. Mandarin

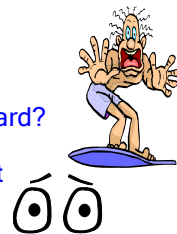
3. In Sri Lanka which hand should you not use to pass business cards?

- A. Left B. Right



4. Which of these should you **not** do to a South Korean's business card?

- A. Write on it B. Comment on it C. Look at it



5. In the Philippines who should give the business card first?

- A. The visitor B. The host

6. What color ink is best for business cards in China?

- A. Green B. Red C. Gold

7. Exchanging business cards is very ceremonious in the UK.

- A. True B. False

8. When meeting a group of people in Venezuela you should give your business card to...

- A. The most senior B. Everyone C. No one

Answer Key
1) B 2) C 3) A 4) A 5) A 6) C 7) B 8) B

Piyaporn

Here's the Answer...

Past Tense Endings



Can you explain when to use /t/, /d/, /id/ endings?



Deciding when to use the /id/ pronunciation is pretty simple. You need to remember that this Past Tense ending is *only* used for verbs ending with a /t/ or /d/ sound.

Examples:

"want" becomes "wanted" and is pronounced "want/id/"
 "need" becomes "needed" and is pronounced "need/id/"

We pronounce the **-ed** ending as /t/ after verbs that end in voiceless consonants such as /p, k, f, s, +/, tʃ /

Examples:

"wrap" becomes "wrapped" and is pronounced "wrap/t/"
 "walk" becomes "walked" and is pronounced "walk/t/"
 "stuff" becomes "stuffed" and is pronounced "stuff/t/"
 "laugh" becomes "laughed" and is pronounced "laugh/t/"
 "kiss" becomes "kissed" and is pronounced "kiss/t/"
 "finish" becomes "finished" and is pronounced "finish/t/"
 "stretch" becomes "stretched" and is pronounced "stretch/t/"

We pronounce the **-ed** ending as /d/ after verbs that end in voiced consonants such as /b, g, v, z, m, n, y, w, ŋ /

Examples:

"rub" becomes "rubbed" and is pronounced "rub/d/"
 "mug" becomes "mugged" and is pronounced "mug/d/"
 "improve" becomes "improved" and is pronounced "improve/d/"
 "sneeze" becomes "sneezed" and is pronounced "sneeze/d/"
 "dream" becomes "dreamed" and is pronounced "dream/d/"
 (note that "dreamt" is the *British* English version of the past tense of "dream")
 "clean" becomes "cleaned" and is pronounced "clean/d/"
 "enjoy" becomes "enjoyed" and is pronounced "enjoy/d/"
 "allow" becomes "allowed" and is pronounced "allow/d/"

Source: <http://www.teaching-esl-to-adults.com/english-past-tense-pronunciation.html>

Solorzano, S, H, and Schmidt, P.L., J. 2004. *North Star Listening and Speaking*. New York: Pearson Education.

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 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.

Warran

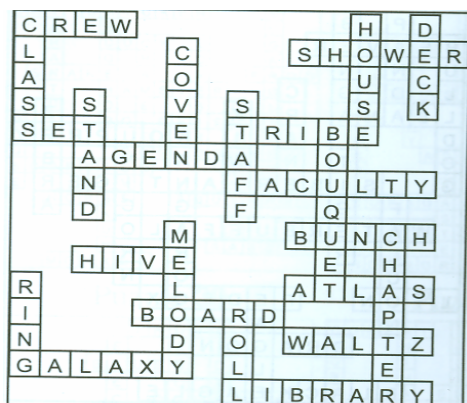
It has been great teaching you all and I hope you all feel the same way about attending this course.

I would advise you to use what you have learned whenever possible in order to continue your English studies. Don't dwell on words you don't understand unless absolutely necessary, and try to be confident at all times.

Take care of yourselves

Mark

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