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LEARNING STRATEGIES

Conversational Tips



- Be well informed. Read books, newspapers, periodicals, etc. to keep up with current events.



- Be prepared. Be aware of and conversant about any "hot" topics in the news.



- Don't interrupt. Let whomever you're talking to finish their point before making your own.
- Do listen. Part of good conversation is responding, not just waiting for your turn to talk.
- Do think before you respond. Give a thoughtful response, one that shows you were listening.

Adapted from <http://acad.uskine.edu>.

Usana

Culture Corner

Unusual Traditions Around the World



Polterabend



Polterabend is a German pre-wedding tradition where friends and family come together for an informal party. While that may not seem odd, what they do at these parties certainly is. They break dishes, flowerpots, tiles, toilets, pretty much anything except glasses or mirrors. To symbolize working together through future difficulties, the bride and groom must clean

everything up. Due to the need to replace all the broken goods, I suspect that German sellers of housewares are quite fond of this custom.

Blackening the Bride

To prepare for their marriage, Scottish brides-to-be must go through a very foul pre-wedding ritual. Friends of the bride take her by surprise and cover her with eggs, spoiled milk, feathers, pretty much anything disgusting. The blackened bride is then paraded around town. The purpose of this custom is to prepare the bride for marriage because after going through that, any marital problems will seem like nothing.



Source: Stuart Inamura, <http://totallytop10.com/lifestyle/culture/top-10-strange-traditions>

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>

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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

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

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

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

Robert

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

Answers no.5

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