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LEARNING STRATEGIES

Tips for Test Taking

1. Come prepared; arrive early for tests.

Bring all the materials you will need, such as pencils and pens, a calculator, snacks, and a watch. This will help you focus on the task at hand.



2. Stay relaxed and confident.

Don't let yourself become *anxious*. Instead, remind yourself that you are well-prepared and are going to do well. If you feel anxious before or during a test, take several slow, deep breaths to relax.

3. Be comfortable but alert.

Choose a good spot to take the test. Make sure you have enough room to work. Maintain an upright posture in your seat.

4. Preview the test.

Spend 10% of your test time reading through the test carefully, marking key facts and issues, and deciding how to budget your time. As you read the questions, jot down brief notes indicating ideas you can use later in your answers.

5. When taking a multiple choice test, know when to guess.

First, eliminate answers you know are wrong. Always guess when there is no penalty for guessing, or you can eliminate options. Since your first choice is usually correct, don't change your answers unless you are sure of the correction.



6. When taking essay tests, think before you write.

Create a brief outline for your essay by jotting down a few words to indicate ideas you want to discuss. Then number the items in your list to indicate the order in which you will discuss them.

Usana

Culture Corner

Australian Etiquette & Customs



Meeting Etiquette



- ↪ Australians don't usually believe in formality, so greetings are casual and relaxed.
- ↪ While an Australian may say "G'day" or "G'day, mate", this may sound unnatural coming from a foreigner. Visitors should simply say "Hello" or "Hello, how are you?"
- ↪ Aussies prefer to use first names, even at the initial meeting.

Gift Giving Etiquette



- ↪ Small gifts are commonly exchanged with family members, close friends and neighbours on birthdays and Christmas.
- ↪ Trades people such as sanitation workers may be given a small amount of cash or, more likely, a bottle of wine or a six-pack of beer!
- ↪ If invited to someone's home for dinner, it is polite to bring a box of chocolates or flowers for the hostess. A good quality bottle of wine is always appreciated.
- ↪ Gifts are opened when received.

Dining Etiquette



- ↪ Many invitations to an Aussie home will be for a *barbie* (barbecue).
- ↪ Guests coming to a barbecue typically bring wine or beer for their personal consumption. In some cases, it may be suggested that you bring your own meat!
- ↪ Arrive on time if invited to dinner; no more than 15 minutes late if invited to a barbecue or a large party.
- ↪ Contact the hostess ahead of time to see if she would like you to bring a dish.
- ↪ Offer to help the hostess with the preparation or clearing up after a meal is served.



Watch Your Table Manners



- ↪ Table manners are Continental - hold the fork in the left hand and the knife in the right while eating.
- ↪ Indicate you have finished eating by laying your knife and fork parallel to each other on your plate with the handles facing to the right.
- ↪ Keep your elbows off the table and your hands above the table when eating.

<http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/resources/global-etiquette/australia.html>

HERE'S THE ANSWER...

How to use "wish"

Q: I'm not sure how to use 'wish'. Can you explain?

A: The verb "wish" expresses a desire for a situation that doesn't exist now.



1. Wish + Part Participle

We use "wish" + **past participle** to express that we want a situation in the present (or future) to be different.

Examples:

"I wish I lived in Spain" – Right now this person does not live in Spain but would like to in the present.

"They wish it was June" – Right now it's May and they still have to wait a month to go on holiday in the future.

2. Wish + Past Continuous

We use "wish" + **past continuous** to express that we want to be doing a different activity in the present (or the future).

Examples:

"I wish I was eating Spanish food in Barcelona" – Right now this person is in the office, they would like to be in Spain, eating tapas, in the present.

"They wish they were leaving tomorrow to go on holiday" – They aren't going on holiday, in the future, but would like to.

3. Wish + Past Perfect

We use "wish" + **past perfect** to express regret. This means we want to be able to change a situation in the past.

Examples:

"I wish I hadn't eaten so much chocolate" – This person ate too much chocolate, feels sick and would like to go back to the past and change it.

"They wish they had studied more for their exam" – They didn't study and now would like to go back and study more.

4. Wish + Would

We use "wish" + **would** + **infinitive** to express dissatisfaction with the present situation.

Examples:

"I wish you would stop making so much noise" – The person wants the other to stop making noise.

"He wished his dog would behave" – The dog is barking and he wants it to stop.

We can also use "wish" to express "want" in a formal situation, for example, we can say "I wish to talk to the headmaster". We do this by saying "wish" + **infinitive**.

<http://www.abaenglish.com/blog/english-grammar-learn-english-with-aba/intermediate-grammar-how-to-use-wish/>

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

It's been a great time working with you and I really enjoyed your performances during the course. Knowledge is everywhere. I hope you will keep learning and practicing your English even after the course.

Wish you all the best,

Pimravee



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

To all my wonderful students don't forget always speak English were a smile, don't be shy, have fun learning and remember make time every day to practise. Be your own language monitor nothing is difficult if you work hard. Be happy

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