The ELI Weekly

Study Weekend!

This weekend there is no scheduled ELI activity – the weekend is yours to relax and study for your classes. Midterm week starts on October 17th, so you might have important quizzes and exams in your classes for the next two weeks. Take advantage of the weekend to prepare!

Here’s some study advice:

• Don’t wait until the last minute! Review your notes, do your homework, and study a little bit everyday.
• Make flashcards to practice vocabulary and important information
• Get enough rest before a quiz or exam so you will be able to think clearly
• Get some friends together to create a study group and motivate each other to practice

Research Corner

Are you a NEW student from China, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, or Qatar? You can participate in nutrition research to get a $10 voucher to use on campus! Two visits are required and each visit will take between 30 and 40 minutes.

Contact Anne Mathews at anne.mathews@ufl.edu.

Are you in levels 30-60? You can participate in some reading research and possibly get extra credit in your classes (ask your teacher)! This study involves reading practice and there will be some instruction. Two visits are required and will take about one hour each.

Contact Theresa Antes at antes@ufl.edu.

This Week’s Birthdays!

Students:
October 3: Abdulghani Alghamdi
October 5: Abdalmajeed Almuqbil
October 5: Anwar Alsharaf
October 5: Mario Mendez
October 8: Michel Angelina Ahmar
October 8: Vahit Uysal
October 9: Helena Casella

Staff:
October 5: Mikaela Garcia

The Next Activity

Join the ELI Friday, October 14th, to watch the UF Homecoming Parade and enjoy the day off from class. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week’s Weekly.

Quote of the Week

In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.

Abraham Lincoln
This week, we have some more special advice for you written by ELI student, Jose M. Iglesias C about how to improve your English outside of class: “Watch TV or YouTube in English.”

We are studying abroad here in the US and we have to improve our vocabulary. However, we have or want different degrees, so if you want to start listening for vocabulary related to your field we can use youtube or watch TV. For example, some of the shows I watch some are The Big Bang Theory, which has science or engineering vocabulary, Suits is good for lawyers and business language, or a classic like Friends is really funny TV show. Everything you like you can find on YouTube such as car videos or reviews about places or devices. These exercises will help you in comprehension and listening and even help you to speak, too.

**Grammar**

Q: When can I use “get” instead of “go”, as in, “I get to work,” vs. “I go to work”?

A: They have different meanings. “Get” is very restricted in that it means “arrive” while “go” has multiple meanings.

- I get to work at 9am.
  Meaning: I arrive at work at 9am.

- I go to work at 9am.
  Possibility 1: I leave my house at 9am.
  Possibility 2: I start working at 9am.

**Manners and Culture**

Q: I drove to campus and got a ticket. What should I do?

A: Talk to Victoria immediately!

Q: What happens if I’m underage and I get caught buying alcohol or drinking alcohol at a club?

A: If you are caught with alcohol, you could spend 60 days in jail or pay a $500 fine. If you tell someone that you are over 21, you could spend 60 days in jail or pay a $500 fine, plus you could have your license revoked and have to pay court costs. If you try to buy alcohol, the store owner can call the police and the police could arrest you. All of these things could lead to deportation and having your visa revoked permanently.