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There is no scheduled ELI trip this weekend since many classes will be holding Midterm Exams. Use the weekend to study. Good luck on your exams!

The Next Trips

On Saturday, October 19th, we will be holding our **Midterm & Fall B Welcome Picnic**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Studying Strategies

Since your midterm exams are coming, here are some tips to help you do well on the exams but more importantly, to improve your English overall.

- Do the activities in the book that your instructor assigned and didn't assign.
- Find activities online. For example, if you google "preposition practice", you'll get lots of results.
- Practice whatever you're studying, but do it out loud. Practice using pronouns in sentences, reading the

Midterms

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newspaper and finding them there, listening for them when people talk, and writing texts to friends using them.

- Study with a partner. Do all the things specified above with a friend so you can correct each other's mistakes and so you can also encourage each other.
- Get plenty of sleep and eat well!

Remember that language is about using it, not just the grade you get on the exam.

Notes from the Office

Immunizations: You will soon be barred from class until you take care of this. If you don't understand the green note, talk to Emily.

Class Attendance: Remember, your attendance is very, very important. We want to remind you that **every 3 tardies counts as 1 hour of absence, and you are limited in the number of hours you can miss**. If you have any questions about your attendance, be sure to ask your teachers as soon as possible.

Driver License: Please remember that it's illegal to drive without a license and without car insurance. If you are planning to get your driver license, make an appointment before you go, but don't make it during your class times. You should expect a long wait even if you have an appointment. You should study the book beforehand so that you can pass the exam the first time. If you miss class because you're getting your driver license or because you have to pay a ticket for not having one, **this counts towards your absences!**

Fake IDs: We hear occasional rumors about our students using fake IDs. Florida has strict laws regarding using a fake ID to purchase alcohol. The penalty is up to 5 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine...and a foreign student is subject to immediate deportation for a felony. It's a big, big risk!

Manners and Culture

Q: Can ELI students get basketball season tickets?

A: Yes, but since ELI students don't pay student fees, they have to buy the regular "boosters" tickets, not student

tickets. The student tickets are free. Go to gatorzone.com/tickets/basketball-men for more information.

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

A: Talk to Emily 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.

Grammar

Q: I understand the use of "get" as meaning "obtain" or "receive", but can you give me an example of when it means "become" or "change into"?

A: Sure.
"It's getting late."
"I've been sick, but I'm getting better."
"The class gets more fluent every day."

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.

Q: What's the difference between the present perfect "I have visited Tampa" and modals in the past "I should have visited Tampa"?

A: The present perfect is used for something that happened in the past but has some connection to the present time. Modals in the past are used for events that could have possibly happened (but maybe didn't).

- I have visited Tampa two times since I moved to the United States.
- My friends went to Tampa and said it was a lot of fun. I should have visited Tampa, too.

Quote of the Week

When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It's to enjoy each step along the way.

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