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Movie Recommendations for this summer from ESL Students

BACK IN TIME



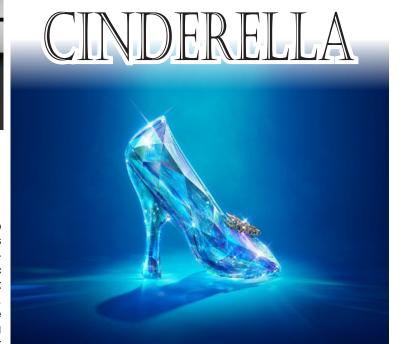
Ziying Chen (Camille) ESL33A

he movie Back in Time, also known as "Fleet of Time" was released in North America on December 12th 2014. It is a romantic Chinese movie based on a best selling novel series by Jiu Ye Hui, and later adapted into a movie and television series. The setting of the movie is in Beijing. The cast of Back in Time are Eddie Pena (Chen Xun), Ni Ni (Fang Hui), Wei Chen (Qiao Ran), Zheng Kai (Zhao Ye), and Zhang Zixuan (Lin Jiamo). According to the statistics, by January 7, 2015, the film earned about \$95 million at the box office in China.

It tells the story of 5 close friends who met each other in high school and continue to build up their friendship throughout college and even adulthood from the '90s and 2000s in China. However, their friendships have been in a severe situation since their special feelings to one another affect their friendships.

Director Zhang Yi Bai used the concept of flashback to film this movie. Flashback is a method that is different from the normal story telling method, which is in time-order. Flashback shifts back to the time in the past. The movie started with a man(Chen Xun), who looks back to his life growing up in the '90s. He recounts his days spent with his close friends when he was in school, also the good and bad in life. There is one girl that he will never forget, because it is his first love (Fan Hui), who is one of his close friends in school. Fan Hui was one of the important people in his life who shaped him to be the man he is today.

The film was criticized by people in different generations. Some people think the movie is not accurate about the plot that reflects what teens would do in the '90s in China. Others think the story doesn't have to be realistic to enjoy it. In my opinion, I am neutral. I can't judge the plot that much because I did not experience my adolescence in that period of time. However, I think teenagers at that time are quite different than teenagers right now in China. Many scenes in the movie are accurate, such as the ways that people dressed, the appearance of streets, also the social events and school life during the 1990s. Sometimes, I heard about how people wanted to have a time machine to become young again and wish to experience everything all over again because they have done many regretful things to people or have regrets in the past. Everyone knows there is no way to go back to the old times. Through the magic of this movie, it could be a good chance to refresh memories as adolescents or even to show those who are now experiencing their adolescence to treasure the best time they have now and in the future.



Larry Jinlong Du ESL 33A

have recently seen one of the best movies, which is directed by Kenneth Branagh. Cinderella is a British romantic fantasy love story. It's an interesting and encouraging fantasy.

Ella is a warm girl. She was born in a wealthy family. Her mother taught her to believe in magic, and allowed her to make friends with animals. One day, her mother was sick and die. Her mother asked her to have courage and show kindness to other people. Ella's father chose Ms. Tremaine, who has two daughters, to be his second wife. Ella's stepmother and two stepsisters do not like her, but Ella was very happy to welcome her stepfamily. After Ella's father died, her stepmother gave her room to her two stepsisters. Ms. Tremaine gave Ella all of their work and made her sleep in the attic. Ella never gave up to pursue a happy life because she remembered that she promised her mother to have courage.

When she was riding in the woods, Ella met a guy, whose nickname was Kit, and he was the king's son. The king wanted to have a ball so his son could find a princess to marry. Ella wanted to go to the party with her stepfamily, but the Tremaine's family did not want her to join and ripped her dress. She was crying and ran to the garden where she met an old beggar woman. Ella told her about the ball which she really wanted to go to. The fairy godmother used her magic to make a pumpkin into a carriage, four mice changed into horses, two lizards changed into footmen, and a goose turned into a gorgeous man. She made Ella's dress become a beautiful blue dress and gave her crystal shoes. Before she left, the beggar woman told her everything would change back at midnight. At the ball Ella danced with Kit. After dancing, they were falling in love, but when the clock is 11:59, Ella ran away from the king's son. She dropped one of the crystal shoes.

Kit went to find Ella. He asked all the women in the whole city to try on this crystal shoe. At last they found Ella, even though Ella's stepmother locked Ella in the attic. Before Ella leaves with Kit, she has forgiven her stepmother. At the wedding, Kit and Ella were married, and then they were king and queen.





Borui Deng Kingsman Review

he movie Kingsman is a spy action movie starring Collin Flirth, Samuel L. Jackson, Mark Strong, Taron Egerton, and Michael Caine. This movie is directed by Matthew Vaugn and took place in the United Kingdom. The movie tells about a kid named "Eggsy", who has a family problem. His mother and step father fight a lot. His deceased father died in action during the Kingsman agency mission seventeen years ago. Eggsy, who left the Royal Marines

AMERICAN SNIPER IN U.S. HISTORY

Hari R. Gurung Movie review

ne of the best movies I have ever seen is American Sniper, directed by Clint Eastwood. In this movie Bradley Cooper has played the main role and has done his best acting. This movie is based on the real story of an American soldier Chris Kyle. The producer took the film story from the Kyle's daily diary notes. Sometimes the situation makes people do something for their countries when countries suffer a hard time. In this movie, the same thing happened to Bradley Cooper. When he was watching television, he saw the news about the terrorist attack on the Twin Towers on September 11 on the news. Then he made a plan to fight against terrorists by joining the military. He was deployed in Iraq after training. Actually he was from the sniper group. He had chosen this company because he was a sharp shooter since his childhood, but actually he used to be a cowboy.

In the war of Iraq against the terrorists, he was a good soldier in terms of his duty, and saved many lives, so he became a legend. He had a small family with two kids and a wife. He came home after his fourth war tour. He spent time with family and again went back to Iraq for his duty. His family wanted him not go war again but he couldn't leave the war. In this film, Cooper looks like a man with a kind of mental problem. When he got back home, he did weird behaviors. In the last part of the film, Cooper again went back to Iraq, but unfortunately his life ended there in the battle.

I actually liked this movie because in this movie the director tried to screen the life of soldier and his family. It shows how the soldier should go with family and their duties together in their life. The soldiers can't be with their families all the time because of their duties though they have to maintain their family relations.

training, now has no aim in his life. After he was arrested for stealing a car and attacked a police officer, he called the number on the medal that was given to him as a gift when he was a child by his father's colleague. He was bailed out of jail by Hart, who is one of the Kingsmen whose number is on the back

> of the medal. Since there are slots left in the kingsman and each of the members of kingsman must have a candidate for replacing the slot, Hart choose Eggsy as a candidate. Eggsy, however, failed during the final test where he had to shoot his beloved pet dog with a gun that he doesn't know has a blank bullet in it. Hart was disappointed. Hart was then killed by Valentine (Samuel L. Jackson) having the aim to kill all people on this earth so that he can find what he said to be "Peace".

> Roxy, the winner of the kingsman test, then goes together with Eggsy along with Merlin, a senior kingsman to Valentine's base to destroy and kill him. Roxy stopped the satellite connection so that Valentince cannot send the deadly signal to the people to kill each other. Valentine, however, was able to reconnect the satellite. In the end, the kingsman was able to save the earth and human kind.





Xuran Betty Lu March 18, 2015

do not watch animated films frequently; however, The Croods is an animated film that I have not only seen but it is also among my favorites. It is directed by Kirk Demicco and Chris Sanders. The Croods was released in 2013. I saw the film five times in China and once in the US. I do not know why it attracts me so deeply, but I only know I would cry at the end of the film every time.

The film is about one prehistoric family named the Croods, all of whom wear animal skins. There are six members in the family. They do many activities for survival, some examples of which are hunting, hiding, and living in caves away from ferocious creatures at night. The father, Grug, worries about his family members around the clock and wants to protect them from dangers. He is strong and asks everyone to follow his rules. His daughter, Eep, is an adventurous girl who does not follow her father's rules and does not like living in caves. One day Eep meets a smart boy named Guy who tells her the world in which they live would be destroyed and that they have to find a new world. They do not believe him until their cave is destroyed by an earthquake. On their way to find a new world with Guy, they find a lot of new fantastic things which they have never seen before.

When they get in trouble, Guy always has good ideas to resolve the problems instead of hiding in a cave like Grug suggests. The family stops following Grug's rules. Grug thinks he is abandoned by his family members but he is wrong. By the end of the film, Grug and Guy settle their differences and they all live happily in the new world.

Every time I watched film I would cry during the scene when Grug sacrifices his own safety to help his family get to the new world. The film teaches the importance of family unity. They cooperate to find food and share food together. Whenever there is a threat, the Croods would gather in a tight circular formation. Even though Grug left himself alone in the old world and he drew his family members on a big rock so that it was as if they were still together. I think this is a good display of cooperation in a family. Since they have good cooperation, they were not afraid of darkness and dangers anymore.

I am touched by their cooperation because I thought of my family. My family is also a cooperative family just like the Croods. We try to get together every weekend. We will lend a hand if a family member gets in trouble. I believe The Croods is not only a fun film to watch, but also teaches a valuable lesson.



Peng Li (Perry Li)

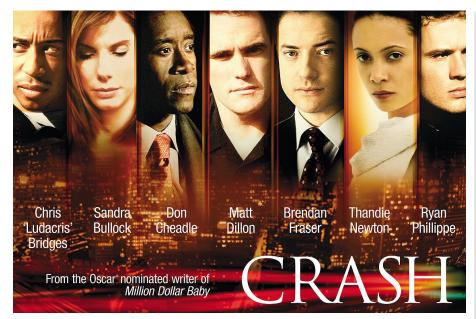
ne of the most popular movies I've seen recently is Boyhood, directed by Richard Linklater. Boyhood is a movie shot for 12 years. It's telling the life of Mason, the hero, from early childhood to his arrival to college. It looks like a documentary instead of a film. In the movie, Mason was growing up steadily. He moved to new places, made friends, hung out, argued with parents, became interested in photography and had a girlfriend. There is nothing strange or exciting, but it's the true life of a normal boy. The movie can be considered as an autobiography for everybody. Boyhood is fit for adults, all of whom can find their childhoods in the stories.

Mason's mom, a woman who tried her best to raise her children, was my favorite character. She was brave and strong. When she found her second husband was abusive because of alcoholism and endangered the children, she took her children out of that dangerous house and filed for di-

vorce. I love the mom for what she had done for her children. A mom who protected her children should be respected by everyone.

At the end of the movie, Mason arranged to enroll in university. While he was packing his suitcase, his mom looked at him and couldn't help crying. Mason was puzzled and asked for the reason. She replied, "I just thought there would be more." The words impressed me a lot. The little boy had become a young gentleman, but the beautiful mom had been old and weak. That's what I'm experiencing.

In conclusion, there is no climax in the movie. The stories are so common that many people have experienced, but it's still worth watching. If you are looking for some different movie, Boyhood is a good choice. It's not exciting at all, but you will have a good time to remember your childhood, one item of what you have lost.



Reyna Ramirez ESL 033A

rash is a 2004 film by Paul Haggis. The movie takes place in Los Angeles. ✓It is about discrimination based on physical differences between people, social class, beliefs and political view. This movie relates several stories of people from different walks of life and several characters. For example, some characters are a Persian father who is running a business and worried about security without knowing how to read English, a self-conscious African American director and his molested wife, the scared district attorney and his grouchy wife, a working class Hispanic handyman, and a racist police officer and his partner. For example, an Asian lady in her late fifties crushes into an undercover police vehicle, which is driven by an African- American detective and his girlfriend, also a detective. The Asian lady threatens to call immigration on the female Hispanic detective, to return to Mexico and learn how to drive because the Asian had the right of way. The detective claims that it was the Asian lady's fault, since she doesn't have good eye sight. Another example, is Anthony and the detectives' younger brother pointed a gun at the district Attorney and his wife, stole their car keys and drove away. In addition, the attorney is concerned that this incident is going to be on the news. He's worried to lose the African-American vote. At home, his wife sees a tattooed handyman changing her door locks and demands to have them changed again in the morning. She is afraid that the shaved head Hispanic will sell a copy of her house key to at gang member and soon she will have a gun pointed her face again. The film stars are Sandra Bullock, Jennifer Esposito. Terrence Howard, and Matt Dillon. I strongly recommend this movie because at some point we all can become racism victims or offenders without knowing.



INDECENT PROPOSAL

Is there any limit to what money can buy?



Hongbing Yin (Morgan)

When people go to see movies at the theater, they want to entertain themselves primarily, and maybe some of them want to get something more from movies. Indecent Proposal is attractive for its megawatt star power, well-designed plots, high-quality production and ethics-challenging story.

The film tells us a cliche-like story in which billionaire Robert Redford offers one million dollars to the married couple Woody Harrelson and Demi Moore in exchange for one night with Demi, because they are in financial trouble for their new property under construction. It's axiomatic in Hollywood that everyone could be bought, but it's for business. Is everyone for sale in the commercial society today if the price is right? Is there a limit to what money can buy? When are ethics and morals absolute? Could a woman get along with her husband after one night sleeping with another man as if nothing had happened?

Mr. Lynne is a talented director, who wisely promotes the depth of Robert Redford's character by a few small skills, such as the last sacrifice, the silver lucky coin and a story about the girl whom he saw fleetingly one day in his youth and can never forget.

In this film, Demi Moore proved what a superb versatile actress she really is. Her trademark husky-voice, beautiful eyes and charming shape curve always assures films commercial success. Some viewers have been, no doubt, disappointed not to get a glimpse of what goes on between Moore and Redford.

I am sure that Indecent Proposal is nothing but a great film. Do you agree with me?

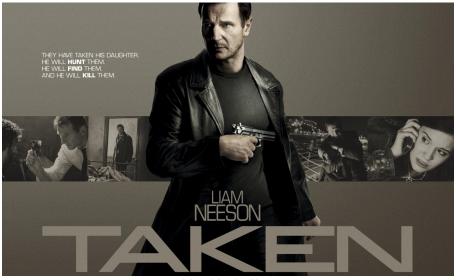


Haodan Hua (Destiny) ESL 33A

watched the film Gattaca during the spring vacation. I choose this film because it is the most interesting movie for me to watch. The film talks about a man called Vincent. Vincent is the main character which the film talks about. He wants to join in an organization which gives chances for members to be astronauts. However, because Vincent is an "Invalid" person, he cannot join this organization. He decides to change himself to another "Valid" person called Jerome Morrow, who has better Genes. As a result, Vincent reaches his goal even though he loses his real identity. He becomes an astronaut as "Valid" Morrow instead of "Invalid" Vincent.

At Gattaca, there are two kinds of people. One is a "God-child" who is born in a normal and natural way. Vincent was born from his mom's body, an example of a "God-child". Another type of person is born from an abnormal way and has stronger Genes. I feel negative about the second type of person. Their presence is in connection with the Evolution rule. Evolution shows me that humans should choose the better one by nature. The growing process of humans is long and it is necessary to be a long time. Nature will help us to improve. The "Valids" are much stronger than "God-children", however, because they are made from Genetic Engineering. They may be just like an order from their parents. Their parents decide their gender, height, weight, hair-color and other characteristics. They are only products from a company. I feel sad about this because a human is not an item. We should not be ordered like goods.

It is hard for Vincent to work as another person. The organization checks the Genetic Marker often to determine if they are "Valid" or not. Vincent needs to paste Morrow's Genetic Fingerprint on his finger every day carefully. He also needs to put Morrow's blood into his arm to pass tests. He feels scared when someone doubts his identity. He does everything he can do in order to make his dream be real. He may feel satisfied when he can fly finally. However, I will not do the same thing if I am Vincent. In my opinion, everyone is very different. My parents gave me their DNA and I am different from other children. I will love myself because I am the only person in the world who is different from others. I am not willing to lose my own identity because I will lose myself. Dreams are important but they are not everything in my life. I try my best to reach my dreams. If they are still not close to me, I will give up because I have my normal life.



Lina Kouladjian

The Taken movie is must see movie. Taken, directed by Pierre Morel, won many awards. Liam Neelson and Maggie Grace starred in Taken, released in 2008. Liam, who played as Bryan, was a former CIA agent. Maggie, who played as Kim, was Bryan's daughter. Kim, at the age of seventeen traveled to Paris with her teenager friend Amanda and when they got there, their lives changed in a hazardous way. They struggled in Paris because Kim's friend made a few mistakes.

Kim's friend Amanda lied to Kim about staying with her cousin's family when they got to Paris. Amanda's cousin and her family were on a vacation in another country. In that big house, the girls lived by themselves. When the two girls got out of the airport, they met Peter. Peter was a social young man, who worked for the human traffickers for sexual slavery, and knew how to capture the girls' attention. He invited the girls to a party, and Amanda without thinking accepted his friendly offer. On that same day, the human traffickers kidnapped the girls. The human traffickers destroyed these two girls and other young girls' lives too. They drugged the girls, turned the girls into prostitutes, and then they sold the girls.

When Kim got kidnapped, she was talking with her father over the phone. The very next day Bryan got on a plain and went to Paris to find his daughter. He knew if he couldn't find his daughter in forty-eight hour he would not see his daughter's face again. Bryan had a few friends, all of whom were CIA agents. Bryan, with the help of his friends and his old skills, found his daughter in an auction. The kidnappers were trying to sell Kim to an old rich man. This brave father rescued his daughter and took her daughter back to his home.

This movie has strong morals for everyone. It shows the dangers of traveling out of the country. I recommend this movie to everyone especially to the young girls and boys who like to travel alone.

Scheduled Dates for PCC Classes

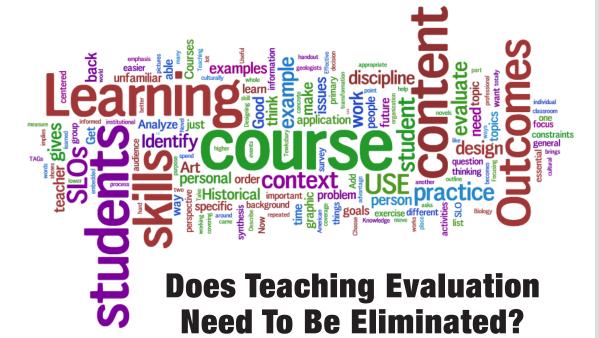
Summer Session 1: May 18-June 28, 2015 **No Classes on May 25**: Memorial Day Holiday

Summer Session 2: June 29-August 9, 2015

No Classes on July 3: Independence Day Holiday

Fall Semester: August 31- December 20, 2015





Woosun, Lim, Prof. Maria Pehlivanova - ESL33A

ne of the many ways to increase the quality of classes in school is through teaching evaluations. It has been a long time since schools have used teaching evaluations, but according to the study, the teaching evaluation is evaluated by teachers' physical appearance rather than their teaching abilities. Therefore, there are some people who think that the teaching evaluation should be eliminated. However, I believe that schools have to keep doing teaching evaluations. There are several reasons for it: it can motivate teachers to do their best teaching. students have rights to show how they think about their teachers, and the score is not only from the teachers' looks.

The first reason for schools to keep evaluating their teachers is that teaching evaluations can motivate teachers to do their best on teaching. I believe there needs to be something that supervises or motivates teachers to do their best. Therefore, the teaching evaluation can enhance the teaching performance, and consequently, the quality of classes would also be higher. As humans think, when there is someone that supervises them, they are constantly reminded of their original intentions and do their best to reach their goals; therefore, the teaching evaluation would help teachers to do their best in teaching and decrease their chances of being negligent.

The second reason is that students have rights to show their feelings, and express how they think about their teachers. They pay for the education and go to school because they believe that the teachers would help them to achieve their educational goals. Therefore, that students have rights teaching evaluate the opinions about and it will give to them to improve schools keep proceed their educational goals. Therefore, that students have rights to show their feelings, and express how they opinions about them to improve them to improve schools keep proceed the students have rights to show their declining evaluations about their feelings, and express how they opinions about them to improve them to improve the school because they believe that the teachers.

to show their feelings and opinions about their classes and teachers. The teaching evaluation as students' feedbacks for teachers would be a helpful role for both of teachers and students. The feedback from teaching evaluation would help teachers see their strengths and weaknesses, and to improve their teaching skills accordingly; consequently, students can receive better instructions.

The last reason is that I do not think the score is only about a teacher's looks. According to the study, the teaching evaluation is based on teachers' looks; so attractive teachers continually gain higher points than non-attractive teachers. However, it is hard to believe because although teachers are attractive, students would not give them high points if they do not teach well. As a student, I also think the most important factors that good teachers possess are their teaching skills and how they help me. Their looks do not help me academically, because it is not helpful to my grades or my improvement. Other traits of teachers like their personalities, teaching styles and so on are more important factors of evaluation.

Teaching evaluations need to be kept as a helper for both students and teachers. From the teaching evaluations, students can give their opinions about their teachers and their classes, and it will give teachers some feedbacks and help them to improve their teaching skills. I wish that schools keep promoting teaching evaluations so that students have good educational foundations for their futures.

How to Learn English Well

Sophean Hing ESL 422 Prof. Carol Curtis

y experience in learning English is to practice a lot in writing, speaking, listening and reading skills. Learning English is not simple. In order to learn English well, first, I have to take ESL classes in school. My beginning class is a grammar class. We need to understand how to use grammar in the right way; otherwise people can't understand what we are talking about. Almost every day, I went to the Learning Assistance Center to practice my grammar with a tutoring. The Learning Assistance Center is one of the helpful places to improve my English. Second, once a week, I go to the library to read some books in English. When I read a book, I like to take notes and write some vocabulary words. Every day when I am driving a car, I like to listen to the radio or music in English. That way it helps me to practice my listening skill. I am never afraid to talk in English with other people. I often speak English when I am going out with friends. We like to go to the theater to watch a movie in Engli-Sometimes I practice my English by writing a letter or email to my parents or friends. Nowadays, technology gives us social networks that can help me to practice my English by chatting with friends.



My Hometown

Emily Lu ESL 420

was born in Hennan. It is in the northern part of China. Hennan is a big city. It has a lot of people. It's noisy. There are many popular museums in Henan. In the summer, it has lot of visitors. In the winter, my hometown is very cold. Sometimes, the weather is so cold, and it snows in winter, but we still go to school and go to work.

On the way to work and school, we ride bicycles or motorcycles because that's a very easy way to go. We don't wear helmets and gloves. Sometimes, we just wear T shirts and ride bicycles. My hometown is different from the U.S.

I like to eat out. My hometown has a lot of delicious food, but my mother thinks that's not healthy for me. At night, a lot of food carts are put on the road. If you drive a car on the street, I think you must wait one or two hours on the street. My hometown is very cheap for everything.

Henan is famous for watermelon. I like to eat watermelon very much! I like my hometown. Whether my hometown is good or bad, I still like my hometown, because I was born there and that's my hometown!

Algerian Wedding

Hanine Raguieg ESL 33A

ustoms vary so much from country to country. Every country celebrates weddings differently. For example in Algeria we celebrate marriages differently than Americans or Indians. In Algeria the marriage has to be approved by the parents of the bride. A few days before the wedding, all the women family members and/ or friends begin gathering at the bride's house to prepare the different kinds of Algerian traditional cakes that would be served at the wedding ceremony, and also they will prepare the wedding meal. They will prepare Couscous, which is the main dish. It includes meat and vegetables. On the wedding day, the bride wears nice and professional makeup and is beautifully dressed. She wears five or seven different outfits; each outfit represents an Algerian state. The bride decorates her hands and feet with Henna. Inside the hall there are music bands, and everybody is dancing. The bride is seated on a beautiful decorated chair; the guests take pictures of the bride and her family.



Immunity and Vaccination

William Dafeng Song ESL 33A

Vaccines save millions of lives each year and are among the most cost-effective health interventions ever developed, even though sometimes a vaccine, like any medicine, could cause a serious reaction. I agree that parents should have the right not to vaccinate their children but according to CDC(Center for Disease Control), no federal vaccination laws exist, but all 50 states require certain vaccinations for children entering public schools. Depending on the state, children must be vaccinated against some or all of the following diseases: mumps, measles, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and polio. The requirement that parents have to choose between not to vaccinate their children or to educate their children gives many parents a hard

time because they don't want to risk their children's lives when some bad reactions happen and doctors don't even know how to treat that reaction. Everyone expects to get the answers why there are so many serious reactions. For example, some children after receiving vaccine lose their voice, have poor social skills, and become very sick in a few hours but no one has all the answers when such problems are emerging. I believe in the concepts of the MMR vaccine but I do not suggest that all children at age 12 months through 15 months, with a second dose at age 4 through 6 years, receive the same vaccine. I think it has to be more individualized not only the age but also the gender, race, height, weight, personal medical history, and their parents' backgrounds.

Sources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines

The doctors' and leaner's https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjH0RBT-7QhpSgL-FnPLgD0Q?sub_confirmation=1





Have fun and try to find the 11 words in this puzzle. Bring the completed puzzle to the ESL Center in D306 and get a prize!

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Practice English verb tenses through Songs:

OneRepublic "Counting Stars"

Lately, I've been, I've been losing sleep
Dreaming about the things that we could be But baby, I've been, I've been praying hard,
[I] Said, no more counting dollars
We'll be counting stars, yeah we'll be counting stars

I see this life like a swinging vine Swing my heart across the line And my face is flashing signs Seek it out and you shall find Old, but I'm not that old Young, but I'm not that bold I don't think the world is sold I'm just doing what we're told I feel something so right Doing the wrong thing I feel something so wrong Doing the right thing I could lie, couldn't I, could lie Everything that kills me makes me feel alive

Lately, I've been, I've been losing sleep
Dreaming about the things that we could be But baby, I've been, I've been praying hard, Said, no more counting dollars
We'll be counting stars Take that money
Watch it burn
Sink in the river
The lessons are learned Source:http://www.directlyrics.com/onerepublic-counting-stars-lyrics.html



What are Some Problems that Community College Students Face

Yaohan Chen ESL403(Tues) Prof. Melissa Michelson

Students always face some problems in school, including community college students. In my opinion, community college students have two predominant problems. One of the problems is community college students are confused with the school system. Most of the community college students who are from other countries or graduate from high school, are not familiar with the systems that are different from other schools, especially international students. Some students may miss the first class in the inception of their first semester, and the consequence is they would lose units so that they do not have sufficient units and go home. Another

situation is students may lose the details of homework that can be found on the Internet because they are unfamiliar with the complex system and can not confirm whether they are using Canvas or Lancerpoint. The other problem that is also my immense problem: is the language. Because of the lower English requirements. most international community college students have several defects in English, such as minimal vocabulary, confused grammar, and bad writing capacity. Therefore, students can not understand what professors say and become more unfamiliar with the school system. In terms of speaking, these students, especially international students, are afraid of speaking English and making friends who are good at English, because of the others' laughing. Consequently, they can not greatly improve their English.

Pets

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All over the world, many people have pets, but pets are treated differently in the US and in Cambodia. Most American pets are treated like family. When the owners go to work, they're worried that their pets will get bored or lonely. Some people pay for dog walking services to walk their dogs. However, in Cambodia, they don't have dog walking services yet. Owners just leave the food and water for their pets. The strangest difference to me is American people travel with their pets. They take pets wherever they go. In contrast, Cam-



bodian people never travel with their pets. In their mind, pets are meant to be home. On special occasions like Christmas or birthdays, Americans buy gifts for their pets. In the U.S. they allow pets to sleep in the same bed with them. Similarly, in Cambodia they allow pets to stay inside the house. Both the US and Cambodia have hospitals for animals, and they have cemeteries for the pets when their pets die. The good thing in the US is they have special dog training to help disabled people. In contrast, Cambodia doesn't have that special training yet. In conclusion, American pets are lucky, because their owners love and care for them like a child.

Travel to Taiwan

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ast year in June, I traveled to Taiwan with my friends. After our national exam in Hong Kong, we wanted to go to Taiwan because Taiwan is a very nice place. I really liked Taiwan. I had gone there one time before my graduation, however. I went there with my teacher and classmates because we had an exchange program with Taiwan University. However, at that time, I could not travel to many attractions.

Last June was a good chance for me to travel to Taiwan again. I planned the 10 day schedule. The first two days, we went to the southern part of Taiwan, Kenting, which had a vast beach and clean sea. I was very worried about the weather because the first day we arrived in Kenting, it rained. I liked the beach and sea. Therefore, I really wanted to go the beach and swim. If I could not go in the water, I would be so upset. Fortunately, it didn't rain on the second day. We did different kinds of aquatics, which were so interesting and exciting. Perhaps it was a little bit dangerous; however, I will remember that feeling forever.

Also, I went to the well-known night market in Taipei. It was so interesting because there was a lot of delicious food and drinks. The night market also had plenty of game booths. For example, there were the shooting games and basketball games. I tried my best to win the game and get the biggest dolls; however, I failed. The games were so hard. We went to the downstairs floor, the food court. Wow, it was so amazing! Because it was so hot in Taiwan, the food court had air conditioning. The normal night market did not have any air conditioning. I was so full on that day because I ate too much. I ate Oyster omelets, Rouzao rice, chaomian, and ice-cream. In June, the fruit was juicy and sweet. I also bought a lot of fruit such as pineapple, mango, melon, watermelon. The fruit was so sweet because they would cut the skin of the fruit and chopped it to granular size. You could eat the fruit immediately.

Finally, I bought a lot of souvenirs, for example, more food and some accessories. I just brought one suitcase to Taiwan; however, I bought a lot of things on my vacation, which make my suitcase overloaded. It was a very nice trip and I hope I go there one more time!



The Most Important Person In The Universe

By Reyna Ramirez

Each human, each mind, each thought is different from each other. Let's suppose that someone asks each person in the entire world who is the most important person in the universe. There will be many different answers; some of which will say that Mr. President is; other will say that any religious character is, but what I think is that the correct answer for that question is "I". There are many reasons to believe that the answer for this question is "I", such as the English language capitalizes the only pronoun "I". I cannot help anyone else if I don't help myself first and I have to love myself first to love someone else.

In the English language, there are seven pronouns and none of those is capitalized, except the pronoun "I". I don't really know how the English language was formed, but I think that they knew the importance of the pronoun "I", which is all about us, and it means everything for us. The English language capitalizes the pronoun I no matter where it is; it could be in the middle of the sentence, or even at the end, but it will always be capitalized.

I cannot help anyone if I am not cool. This is a rule of the life. I am energy and this is transmitting with my attitude toward others. I need to be good with myself to be good with others. That's a daily challenge and this is the hardest part to be the most important person in the world. If all of us think who we are and how we are doing, it could be better than if someone else is more important than us because in our hands we can make the difference with other people.

I need to love myself to love others. If I am on top of the world with myself, then I will share all those positive thoughts with others. In a particular case, I cannot love my friends if I feel I don't care about myself, because they will notice there is something wrong with me and they will worry about me. People should love themselves, and fill their lives with positive energy and show to the world how much they love themselves and then they share that love with family, friends and even with the angry people.

Finally, there are many reasons to believe that the most important person in the word is I, such as English language capitalized the pronoun I, I cannot help anyone else if I don't help myself first and I have to love myself first to love someone else. The next time if anyone asks you who the most important person in the entire world is, think twice about the answer. The easiest answer is someone else; however, the hardest is I am, because this answer has great responsibility.



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