

# ELI Weekly

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## A Christmas Carol

*A Christmas Carol* is a traditional Christmas play originally written by the English novelist Charles Dickens. Ebenezer Scrooge, the main character, meets 3 ghosts, who teach him about giving and loving—the true Christmas spirit!

To buy tickets, meet at Coffee Talk on Wednesday, November 29. We will go over to the Hippodrome together at about 5:30 p.m. (next to Starbucks, where we have Coffee Talk.)

## Institutional TOEFL Registration

- Please plan on spending a full hour for TOEFL registration.
- If you have a problem and cannot register at your assigned time, please see Patricia Moon **BEFORE WEDNESDAY, December 6**, to receive a registration appointment at a different time.
- Please bring a **picture identification** and a **number 2 pencil** to TOEFL registration.

## FULL-TIME ELI STUDENTS

Friday, December 8, 2006

Room 211

6<sup>th</sup> period (12:50 pm)—RW 1, 10, 20, 30, 31 students

7<sup>th</sup> period (1:55 pm)—RW 3, 50, 60, 61, BR students

8<sup>th</sup> period (3:00pm)—Special Sign-Up—Saudi Students

Room 219

6<sup>th</sup> period (12:50 pm)—RW 2, 40, 41, 42, 43 students

**IMPORTANT!!!! You must be on time. If you arrive late, you will not be permitted to register at the regular time. You will have to register with the non-students, and you will be permitted to register ONLY if there is space. You will have to pay a late fee of \$40.**

## PART-TIME ELI STUDENTS AND NON-STUDENTS

COST—\$40.00 (Cash only, exact change) Tuesday, December 12, 2006

Room 211

6<sup>th</sup> period (12:50 pm)—all ELI part-time students (incl. ANSAN) and non-students

## Test Dates

The **institutional TOEFL** will be administered on **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. We will provide you with the place and time of the test next week.

Your **CELT exit exam** will be administered on December 14<sup>th</sup>. **There will be no late exams and no late students admitted to the exams.**

**All** ELI students are required to attend and take the test in order to receive a certificate of completion from the ELI. **You MUST be on time.** If you arrive late to the test, you will not be permitted to take it, and you will not receive a certificate of completion from the ELI.

8:30 am—10:30 am

RW 10: 309 NRN

RW 40: 341B NRN

RW 41: 313 NRN

RW 42 :340 NRN RW

RW 43: 341 NRN RW

50: 311 NRN RW 60:

341A NRN

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(CELT schedule cont.)

11:00 am-1:00 pm  
Bridge: 311 NRN

2:00 pm—4:00 pm  
RW 20: 313 NRN  
RW 30: 311 NRN  
RW 31: 340 NRN  
RW 61: 341B NRN  
RW 1: 309 NRN  
RW 2: 341 NRN  
RW 3: 341A NRN

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**Q: What is a baby shower?**

A: In the U.S., a baby shower is a party celebrating the birth of a baby – either before or after the fact. Usually a friend or coworker of the mother will organize a party for friends and family, with snacks, games, and decorations. Attendees bring gifts like clothes, diapers, toys, and baby supplies. In the past, only women primarily attended baby showers, however nowadays men and women are often welcome.

According to the Emily Post Institute, often considered experts in etiquette, it is inappropriate for someone to throw a baby shower for herself. Showers for the second and following pregnancies should be smaller, since the purpose of the shower is mostly to help parents with the initial cost of baby supplies.

In the U.S., other events are also celebrated with showers or parties, including engagements, weddings (called wedding or bridal showers), new homes (called housewarming parties), birthdays, retirements, and other events.

**Q: Why is it incorrect to call my teacher “teacher”?**

A: Every society has different rules and customs for what to call people in positions of authority.

In U.S. society, we only address our teachers as “teacher” when we are very young children, if at all. Otherwise, we call our teachers by Mr. or Ms. and the family name. In college, when many teachers hold doctoral degrees, we address them as Dr. or Professor along with the last name.

Here at the ELI, we do want to foster a more collegial atmosphere. Most of the teachers here do not have Doctorates; the Masters is considered the high degree for teaching ESL. Use of the first name here is considered a preferred choice.

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*Thanks for your questions. Keep them coming! If you have a question about U.S. manners and culture, please email our ELI Weekly editor, Nora Spencer, at [noraspencer@gmail.com](mailto:noraspencer@gmail.com), or put questions in her mailbox (marked **Spencer** in the ELI Main Office).*



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