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# The ELI Weekly

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## Volunteer Weekend

*Help others while helping yourself!*

This Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our second **Volunteer Day** of the semester. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment. See below for meeting times.

**Cost:** Free! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

### Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

**Bread of the Mighty:** Help stock and organize a food bank for the less fortunate. Meet at Norman Garage at 1:00pm. Do NOT miss class for this!

### Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

**Rabbit Rescue:** We will help and even play with rabbits at the shelter. Meet at Norman Garage at 8:00am

**Mill Creek Horse Farm:** Help wash retired horses. Meet at Norman Garage at 8:00am.

**Little Orange Creek:** Help us clean and keep Little Orange Creek beautiful. Learn about plants, animals, weeds, and historical sites like cemeteries. Meet at Norman Garage at 9:00am.

**Project Downtown Gainesville:** Join the Islamic Center and help feed the homeless in the downtown Bo Diddley Community plaza. Meet at Norman Garage at 12:30pm.

**Emeritus:** Come out to Emeritus and engage the elderly residents with fun conversation and/or games. If you are interested in playing music and have an instrument please sign up! Meet at Norman Garage at 1:00pm

Please sign up on the Activities Board outside of Matherly 211 for your choice of activity by 4pm on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> but don't sign up for an activity if it is already full. Arrive **ON TIME** at Norman Garage! If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Tiffany in the CIP Office, Matherly 211.

### The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **Clearwater Beach & the Dali Museum**. Bus passes are on sale now. To buy a bus pass, you will need to bring \$32 in cash, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID card to the CIP Office Matherly 211 between the hours of 9:00am and 12:30pm. The bus pass includes entrance into the Dali Museum. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

### Emergency ELI Number

The ELI has a new emergency cell phone number: 352-672-0144. Until August 9, you can call either this number or Emily's cell phone if you have an after-hours medical or legal emergency. Starting August 9, please call the new emergency cell phone only, not Emily's cell phone.

### Student Voices

Students, the time has nearly arrived! Please start sending in your *Student Voices* submissions to [mpjimenez@ufl.edu](mailto:mpjimenez@ufl.edu). Remember to include your name, RW class, and a title for your piece. You can submit anything that you'd like to see in writing, such as paragraphs, essays, recipes, plays, poems, etc. The final due date is **July 21<sup>st</sup>**!

### Daryl Out

**Daryl out:** Daryl will be out of the office from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup>. While he is away, you can make an appointment with Emily but if possible, you should wait until he returns the following week.

### Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do the American people wear flip-flops a lot?*

A: This one's a classic "Gainesville" question. People all over the US wear a wide variety of shoes. Because we are in Florida and it's very hot, people here tend to wear the most comfortable shoes for the temperature and that happens to be flip-flops and sandals.

## Grammar

*Q: What's a phrasal verb?*

A: A phrasal verb is a verb that adds another word (or words), usually a preposition, that changes the meaning of the action completely. For example, "I dropped him" is different from, "I dropped him off." In the first example, the meaning is very specific...it means that I was carrying him, physically, and I couldn't or wouldn't hold on to him, and I dropped him. In the second case, it means that I was transporting him, most likely in my car, and I drove him to his house and let him out of the car there.

The prepositions don't always make sense if you try to isolate them. Each time you change the preposition, you change the meaning entirely—basically, creating a new dictionary word. The only way to master phrasal verbs is to take notice of how they are used and practice, practice, practice, just like you would with any other new vocabulary.

Here are some useful phrasal verbs:

- I need to *make up* the exam that I missed last week.
- Can I *hand in* my essay late?
- *Put away* your cell phones, please!
- I had to *do* my homework *over* because I had too many mistakes.

*Q: What's the difference between separable phrasal verbs and nonseparable phrasal verbs?*

A: First there are two basic types of verbs in general: verbs that can have an object and verbs that can't. The phrasal verbs that can have an object can be divided into two more types, separable and nonseparable. Separable phrasal verbs can have the object after the particle (the thing that looks like a

preposition) or before it. If you use a pronoun instead of the object, the pronoun will go *before* the particle. Nonseparable phrasal verbs can only have the object *after* the particle.

Verb with object: I saw a movie.

Verb without object: I sat. I sat on my chair.  
~~I sat my chair.~~

Separable phrasal verb: I handed in my essay. I handed my essay in. I handed it in.

Nonseparable phrasal verb: I just got over the flu. I just got over it. ~~I just got it over.~~

## Quote of the Week

I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday. And lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you.

**Neil DeGrasse Tyson**



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