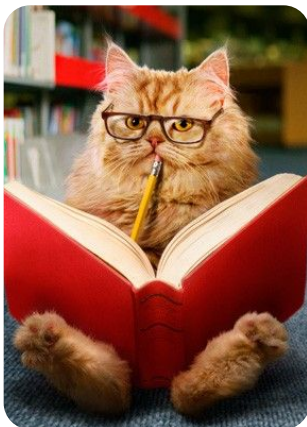


The ELI Weekly

Midterms



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

Here are some tips to help you do well on the exams and 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. You can practice using pronouns in sentences, reading the newspaper and finding them there, listening for them when people talk, and writing texts to friends using them.
- Get plenty of sleep and eat well!

Midterm Course Evaluations: This is your chance to give your feedback to your teachers on how much you are enjoying your classes or to offer any suggestions on activities or skills you would like to work on. Please take the time to fill out these evaluations with thorough comments. Your comments are very helpful!! Here are some ways you can give comments:

- My favorite part of class is ____.
- I would like to practice ____ more.
- ____ is a useful activity.
- I do not understand ____.
- Could you explain ____ more?

If it is better for you, you can email your comments to studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu. If you do, please be sure to put your class (skill and level) in the subject line.



ELI Talent Show



The ELI is going to have its fifth annual Talent Show this semester! The talent show is open to ELI students, faculty, staff, and LAs. Acts can include, but are not be limited to:

- o Singing
- o Dancing
- o Skits
- o Juggling
- o Comedy
- o Cultural Presentations

When: Friday, March 24th, at 8:00 p.m.

Where: University Auditorium

Requirements: You need to sign up on the Activities Board. Please sign up by Thursday, February 23rd, and include: your name, the name of your act, a phone number, and the number of people performing.

The act must be appropriate and not offensive. This is a safe, family-friendly show. Group acts are needed!

There will be **information meetings** on Friday, February 24th at 11:45 a.m. in TUR 2328 and 12:50 p.m. in MAT 119. Performers only need to attend one of these meetings.

Rehearsals will be from 5-7 pm on March 14th and 21st in Reitz G308 and on February 24th (before the show) in the University Auditorium. You must attend all three rehearsals to perform!



The Next Activity

Next weekend, we will not have an activity because it is the beginning of Spring Break.

Our next activity will be the Midterm Picnic to welcome the Spring B students on Saturday, March 11th. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

Victoria Out: Victoria will be out of the office February 22nd in the afternoon and all day on February 23rd and 24th.

Speak English: Remember, you should use English whenever you are in the Main Office or the ELI hallways. It is good for you to practice as much as possible and your teachers are always listening. Speaking English in *and* out of class is also one of the important behaviors that might help you earn a scholarship nomination.

Manners & Culture

Q: Is it safe to buy a car I found online?

A: There are many websites like eBay and Craigslist that you can use to buy or sell items like a used car or scooter. Sometimes, this is okay, but you should be careful anytime you plan to buy something from someone you find online. Here are some tips to help you avoid a problem:

- NEVER wire money or use a bank-to-bank transfer in a transaction.
- ALWAYS deal locally when buying or selling an automobile or other high-value merchandise. DO NOT sell or buy a car from someone who is unable or unwilling to meet you face-to-face.
- NEVER buy a car that you have not seen in real life and had inspected by a professional.
- WAIT until a check (personal, cashier's, certified, or otherwise) has cleared the bank to transfer title or the car itself.
- NEVER trust a seller or buyer who says that the transaction is GUARANTEED by eBay, Craigslist, PayPal, or other online marketplace. These sites explicitly DO NOT guarantee that people using their services are legitimate.
- BEWARE people who want to finish a transaction as quickly as possible. Scammers want to get your money before you have time to think or have a professional examine the deal.
- ALWAYS trust yourself. If a deal seems strange or sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Birthdays!

Students:

February 20: Khaled A Alenezi
 February 21: Santiago Espitia Manning
 February 21: Seungyeon Mok
 February 22: Ashraf Aldawsari
 February 22: Kenneth Cordero Vargas
 February 24: Alexandre Marques Carvalho
 February 24: Martin Escalona Martell

Staff:

February 25: Olga Moody

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between most and almost?

A: *Almost* is an adverb and *most* is an adjective. You cannot use *almost* in front of a noun.

- Correct: All students speak English
- Correct: Most students ride the bus.
- Correct: Almost all students take grammar class.
- Incorrect: Almost students take grammar class.

Q: When do I use little and few?

A: *A little* and *a few* mean a small (yet sufficient) amount. *Little* and *few* mean an amount so small that it's not enough.

- I have a little money, so I can go out, but I can't do much.
- I have little money, so I can't go out.

Q: What's different between lots of and a lot of?

A: Very little, actually. *Lots of* is a tiny bit less formal than *a lot of*, but it's a very minor distinction. Both are more common in spoken English than much or many in a positive statement.



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