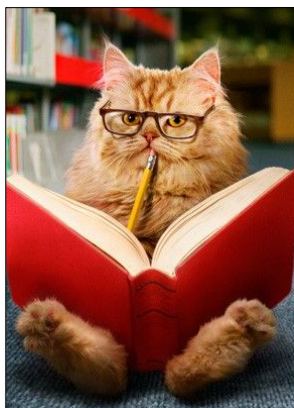


# The ELI Weekly

## 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.



1. Do the activities in the book that your instructor did and didn't assign.
2. Find activities online. For example, if you Google "preposition practice", you'll get lots of results.
3. 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.
4. 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](mailto:studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu). If you do, please be sure to put your class (skill and level) in the subject line.

## Notes from the Office

**Stay in Touch:** Remember to set-up your voicemail in case someone from the ELI tries to call you. You should also check your email everyday for messages from the ELI, the Student Health Care Center, or any other UF departments. If you have questions about this, ask your teachers or LAs.

**Remember:** If you receive a message from Victoria or Jennifer V. about immunizations, insurance, or tuition and fees, come to the Main Office to take care of it immediately! Any day of class you miss for this WILL count against you!

**SF College Info Sessions:** Are you interested in attending Santa Fe College after you finish studying at the ELI? Come to an info session to talk to an admission representative from Santa Fe and learn about what it means to be an undergraduate student in the US!

**Where:** MAT 210

**When:** Next week - Tuesday, 2/27, and Wednesday, 2/28 from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

**Sign-up here:** <https://goo.gl/1EYtih>

## Upcoming Activities

This Thursday, February 22nd, meet up at Tropical Smoothie Café (3345 SW 34th Street) from 6:30-9:30 p.m. to play games, eat smoothies, sandwiches, and wraps, and hang out with your classmates and LAs. Invite your conversation partner or roommate! You can take Bus 20 to get there and remember to bring \$5-\$10 for food.

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 10th. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

## Notes from your Teachers

**Do you feel lost in class?** Maybe your teacher is talking too fast or the explanation is unclear. Talk to your teachers. We're here to help you. Talk to the other students. If they understand, they can help you understand it, too. Here are some phrases to use:

- Could you speak a little slower?
- Could you repeat that?
- Could you explain that again?
- Could you explain this to me after class?

**Do you feel homesick?** Are you missing class because you feel lonely and you miss your family? This is normal. The best thing to do is talk to your teachers, talk to your classmates, and talk to your roommates - friends can help make the loneliness go away. Here are some more tips:

- Commit to doing at least one CIP activity per week, every week
- Go to an open-air farmers' market on Wednesday or Saturday
- Sign up for story hour with your children at the public library
- Join a free class or group at the public library:

<http://www.aclib.us/all-events>

**Class Attendance:** Your teachers are inputting your missed classes every week. We're also taking note of every time you speak something other than English. These things will prevent you from being eligible for the ELI scholarships and, more importantly, from really learning English.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between until and 'til?*

*A:* It's the same word, just shortened. We use the short form usually in conversation. We use the full word in formal writing or formal speech. Interestingly, there is also a newer written form of 'til that is becoming more acceptable: till.

- Conversational: I have to stay 'til 4pm.
- Academic: I have to stay until 4pm.

## Quote of the Week

Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you'll be able to see further.

- Thomas Carlyle

## Talent Show

This semester, the ELI will host our **6th Annual ELI Talent Show** on Saturday, April 7th! You can show off your amazing abilities by performing a song, dance, fashion show, poetry reading, skit, or any other family-friendly talent.

More information will be posted soon, but NOW is the time to start planning! If you have questions, you can ask Nate or Liz in the CIP Office, MAT 211.

## Birthdays!

Students:

February 19: Luisana Osorio Pena  
 February 20: Kyeong Jae Lee  
 February 20: Fernando Pimentel Leon  
 February 21: Hassan Alshahrani  
 February 21: Floriane Baptistine N'goma  
 February 23: Khadija Alanazi  
 February 23: Khaled Alsubaei  
 February 24: Awwad Alenezi

Staff:

February 25: Olga Moody

## Manners & Culture

*Q: What is Presidents' Day?*

*A:* It's a combined holiday, actually. We used to have holidays for George Washington's birthday and Abraham Lincoln's birthday. These two are generally considered to be our greatest presidents. Both birthdays are in February, so the federal government decided that it was a good idea to make the Monday between them into a holiday to make a long weekend. However, UF and ELI students still had class on Monday, February 19th!



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