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# The ELI Weekly

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## Language Sharing

Join us on Saturday!

This coming Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, our Zoom activity will be Language Sharing!

Teach us all some common phrases from your own language and learn about your friends' native languages as well!

We will meet from 7:30-9:30pm.

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99811841624?pwd=ZDFoTVRWTmxPb0xNY1JzbWhtTXdkZz09>

Meeting ID: 998 1184 1624

Password: 803258

## Notes from the Office

**Student Addresses:** It is important that the ELI has each student's address. If you have an F or J visa, you should report a change of address within 10 days of any change. You can update your address in myELI using the 'Basic Information' tab in your 'My Profile' page. If you are outside of the United States, please provide the address in your home country. All students should update their address in myELI by Friday, May 29th.

If you need help updating your address in myELI, please contact Daryl at [studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:studyenglish@eli.ufl.edu).

**Withdrawing from the ELI or one course:** Students who withdraw from a course or from the ELI after the drop/add deadline will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses. Their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw).

## Afternoon Activities

Join us for the following weeknight activities:

**Wednesday:** *Coffee and Culture Talk*, 7:30-9:30pm. Join LAs and students for a fun discussion on a cultural theme. Bring your favorite warm drink!

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92528048712?pwd=T2RCMWNZalRtS0NVRU1bWmVFFqdz09>

Meeting ID: 925 2804 8712

Password: 771544

**Thursday:** *Movie Night*, 6:30-9:30pm. Vote between *Inside Out*, *Black Panther*, or *Freaky Friday* and watch with LAs and

friends! Use the Chat feature to socialize during the movie.

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/97204757825?pwd=Y2VXRXRvY1pxSTVEaHM1Qm56RHbVQT09>

Meeting ID: 972 0475 7825

Password: 023879

Be sure to check myELI, your email, and LA Chat for updates and changes to activities!

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of May 27 to June 2:

Students:

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Staff:

None this week.

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## Conversation Partners

Interested in having a conversation partner this semester? Email [conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu](mailto:conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu) for information!

## Countries Represented

The following are the countries of our students this semester:

Argentina	Korea
Brazil	Kuwait
China	Lebanon
Colombia	Peru
Cuba	Saudi Arabia
Ecuador	Thailand
Equatorial Guinea	USA
India	Venezuela
Italy	Viet Nam
Kazakhstan	

## Manners and Culture

*Q: I go to restaurants a lot and I don't understand when I should tip. What restaurants should I tip at?*

At restaurants where you have full service from a waiter like The Top or Gator Suyaki, you should leave between 15% to 20% of the total bill. If your bill

was \$25 and you leave \$2, **this is not enough!**

Some full-service restaurants nowadays automatically include an 18% gratuity in the bill for large groups. If you're splitting the bill and the restaurant didn't add the gratuity, make sure you calculate it and add it.

At restaurants that have partial service like Tijuana Flats or Bento, where you order at a register and they bring the food to your table, it's nice to leave a small amount. Here \$2 is ok, usually on your credit card receipt.

Restaurants that are complete self-service like Chipotle or Leonardo's where you order at the counter or the drive-through and then pick it up at the cashier, it's not necessary to leave a tip. However, if they were extra friendly or helpful, it's always nice to leave a couple of dollars for the tip.

Tipping in restaurants is particularly important here in the US; servers in restaurants in Florida have a minimum wage of only \$5.54 an hour, which is

much less than the Florida minimum wage of \$8.56.

## Grammar

*Q: When can I use on when talking about transportation?*

A: *On* is used for mass transportation that requires a ticket. Also use *on* for *bicycle*, *horse*, and *motorcycle*. For personal modes of transportation like cars, vans, and trucks, use *in*.

- I got on the bus.
- I got on my horse.
- I got in my car.

## Quote of the Week

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

**Mark Twain**



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