



Your News



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Attention ELTOC Students!

We would like to start sending out the newsletter by email as much as possible. If you have an email address, please let us know! Just send an email to esl@eltoc.ca stating you wish to receive the newsletter by email, and you'll receive it in full colour electronically from now on. Thanks!

- ELTOC Staff

Mark Your Calendars!



The National Volunteer Appreciation Week is coming up and we are pleased to invite you to ELTOC's Annual Meet and Greet on Thursday, April 14th. There will be two sessions to choose from:

- ⇒ Afternoon (12:45 pm—2:30 pm)
- ⇒ Evening (5:30 pm—7:15 pm)

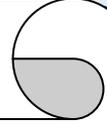
Refreshments will be offered. The speaker for the event is our President, Jacqueline Bonisteel, who is an immigration lawyer.

Keep an eye out for an email from your Counsellor with more details!

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New Students



My parents are the most important people in my life. First of all, I am their only child. They always say to me, "any assistance that we can provide, we will provide". Not only do they say this but they also do it.

For example, although they were not very well-off when I was young, they gave me a very good life with what they could afford. It meant that they offered me entry to new worlds, new opportunities.

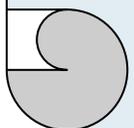
Second, they have high expectations of me which is very rare in our traditional society. They taught me how to decide what to keep from the past and what to take from all the new choices a developing society offers. Why would I say that? For example, I worked for the government in China as a permanent employee before I immigrated to Canada. It was an enviable job which offered a very good income and occupational status in the eyes of others. By giving up the job, I would lose my stable life and generous pension. But they didn't agree with this point of view. They said to me that immigration may provide me a way to get out of my daily life and find some excellent and fantastic chances. Every challenge is an opportunity. By far the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing. I've got to admit, it is a very incredible point of view.

Third, but not the least, they not only take care of me but also selflessly help me take care of two children. Although I am an adult now, they may not accept the fact. In other words, they still deem me as 'their treasure in their palm'. They have done their best to shield me from the hardships of life. I am so impressed by the wonderful care that my children receive from them.

All in all, my parents have put so much love and energy into me. I don't know if they realize how much I appreciate them!

The staff at ELTOC would like to extend a most heartfelt welcome to our students who joined us for the first time between December 2015 and February 2016:

Fidaa Al Sahhar
 Tika Tamang
 Rouhangiz Samimi
 Mona Adem Qasem
 Nirmal Adhikari
 Wuyi Li
 Sima Mesri
 Freweini Weldu
 Israa Kahawaja
 Fangfang Wu
 Nimo Omer Sheikhur
 Felicisimo Suarez
 Mona Mohammed
 Sabah Qaddoori
 Karima Ennya
 Gori Khadka
 Khawlah Hayder
 Gulalai Hashimi
 Mathias Onana
 Shinyoung Yoon
 Sadia Mohammed-Ali
 Tatiana Rozova
 Jing Wang



New Tutors

The staff at EL TOC would like to extend a most heartfelt welcome to our students who joined us for the first time between December 2015 and February 2016:

Minori Goto

Ethan Edwards

Jean Fleming

Lisa Olsen

Jessica Savage

Christine Toffolo

Dawn Bergevin

Katey Potter

Barbara Snasdell-Taylor

Nahid Farsadfar

Richard Ellis

Anna Lenk

Tommy Gigg

Joy McDonell

*****And a very BIG thank you to all returning tutors who've taken on a new student!*****

The sentence-making cards were part of a resource development project that I did when I took the TESL course at Algonquin College. They are easy to make. I bought the plastic calling card protectors at the dollar store, you can get 40 for just a few dollars. I typed the words on a grid spaced so that when I cut them out they were a little smaller than the protectors. I used a razor paper cutter that you can buy for very little in the craft section at Walmart or at Michael's. This makes the cutting really fast and accurate. I write 'The' and 'the' on some cards, as well as verbs, nouns and prepositions on other cards. The set that I have is linked to items in the house. The student arranges the cards in the correct order to make a complete sentence. For example: (determiner: a, an, the, her) subject - verb - object - place - time. (The young woman cooks her food in the kitchen at 6:00 in the evening.)

Helpful Ideas - Flashcards and Points

By: Samantha Strath

Malaly, my student, is very competitive so I made two games for describing things.

- 1) Cut out about 40 flashcards with items found in the house. Spread them out face down on the table, then take turns picking one up at a time. Describe the item you pick up without using its actual name so that the other person can guess what it was. If the other person guesses it, then you keep the card (one point). If the person cannot guess the object, put the flashcard back face down on the table and then it is the other person's turn. Whoever has the most cards at the end of the game win.
- 2) Choose a page from a picture book. Each person has 30 seconds to say as many descriptive sentences about the image as possible. (ex 'She is wearing a green sweater.' or "They are in a park.") Each correct sentence is a point and whoever has the most points win.

Would you be able to pass the Canadian Citizenship Test?

- 1) Which provinces are connected to Ontario by land?
 - a. Manitoba and Quebec
 - b. Quebec and Saskatchewan
 - c. Quebec and Prince Edward Island
 - d. New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador
- 2) What are the Prairie Provinces?
 - a. Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba
 - b. Saskatchewan and Manitoba
 - c. Saskatchewan and Alberta
 - d. Alberta, Manitoba and British Columbia
- 3) Which province is on the Pacific coast of Canada?
 - a. Yukon
 - b. British Columbia
 - c. Nova Scotia
 - d. Quebec
- 4) What are the regions of Canada?
 - a. Rockies Region, Ontario, Quebec, Prairie Provinces
 - b. West Coast, Central Canada, Maritimes, Canadian Shield and Southern Provinces
 - c. West Coast, Northern Territories, East Coast, Niagara Falls
 - d. Atlantic Provinces, Northern Territories, Central Canada, Prairie Provinces and West Coast
- 5) Which province is known as the 'breadbasket of the world'?
 - a. Saskatchewan
 - b. Ontario
 - c. New Brunswick
 - d. Prince Edward Island
- 6) How many provinces and territories are there in Canada?
 - a. Nine provinces and two territories
 - b. Ten provinces and three territories
 - c. Ten provinces and two territories
 - d. Eight provinces and three territories.
- 7) What is the capital city of Ontario?
 - a. Ottawa
 - b. Kingston
 - c. Niagara Falls
 - d. Toronto

- 8) Which province has the largest population?
- a. Quebec
 - b. British Columbia
 - c. Alberta
 - d. Ontario
- 9) Which province or territory in Canada is the smallest in land size?
- a. Nova Scotia
 - b. New Brunswick
 - c. Prince Edward Island
 - d. Yukon
- 10) Which province is the only official bilingual province?
- a. Ontario
 - b. Quebec
 - c. New Brunswick
 - d. Nova Scotia
- 11) What is the population of Canada?
- a. 28 million
 - b. 40 million
 - c. 35 million
 - d. 19 million
- 12) Ottawa was chosen as the capital city of Canada in 1857 by:
- a. Sir John A. Macdonald
 - b. Queen Elizabeth II
 - c. Jacques Cartier
 - d. Queen Victoria

Answer key on Page 6!

ELTOC would like to give special thanks to all those students and tutors who contributed to this newsletter!

We need student submissions!

Our Next Issue will be published in May 2016

ELTOC's NEXT ISSUE : "I think English is..."

How are your English studies coming? Do you find studying English easy or difficult?

We are also always looking for more yummy recipes!

Please send us your submissions by May 10, 2016





Counsellors' Corner

Announcement

Mandarin Restaurant, part of a big chain, is opening in 290 West Hunt Club Road. A Job Fair will take place in the Ottawa Chinese Community Service Centre on March 17, 10am to 4pm. For details contact Doreen Ju: 613-235-4875 ext. 144.

2016 Census Adult Education Kit

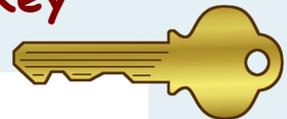
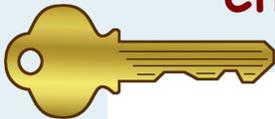
2016 Census Adult Education Kit has been developed by Statistics Canada for use in adult literacy and ESL classes. Students can learn about the Census of Population, understand how the census works and how information obtained through the census is used.

Statistics Canada especially recommends incorporating the Adult Education Kit into curriculum in May 2016, when the Census of Population and the Census of Agriculture are being conducted across the country.

Here is the link to the Kit:

http://www.census.gc.ca/ccr16e/ccr16e_000-eng.html

Citizenship Questions Answer Key



1.a; 2.a; 3.b; 4.d; 5.a; 6.b; 7.d; 8.d; 9.c; 10.c; 11.c; 12.d.

How did you do? Remember, to pass the test you must correctly answer at least 75% (9 out of 12) questions.

ELTOC Inspirational Quarterly Quote:

"To study and not think is a waste.
To think and not study is dangerous."

- Confucius

