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From Vikki

Greetings Tutors, Learners and Friends of ELTOC,

As another year is coming to an end, this is a great time to reflect on all that you have accomplished throughout 2023. Celebrate the wins and learn from the things that may not have worked out as planned. Life is a journey that we all take and each experience makes us who we are.

When I reflect on all we have accomplished at ELTOC this year, I am reminded of our mission of a strong, inclusive, multicultural community. Our tutors and learners have created their own communities through language. I found this quote summed it up for me:

"A language is not just words. It's a culture, a tradition, a unification of a community, a whole history that creates what a community is. It's all embodied in a language." -Noam Chomsky

You have all been a part of creating this community in which we live, work and play.

On behalf of the Board and staff, we would like to wish you and yours a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

We are trying something new! Tutors, please let your learners know that this newsletter has been emailed instead of a mailed hard copy. If your learner would like a hard copy, please contact your Education Counsellor who will mail them a newsletter. This will also be posted on our website at <https://eltoc.ca/>.

Warm regards,

Vikki Broesamle

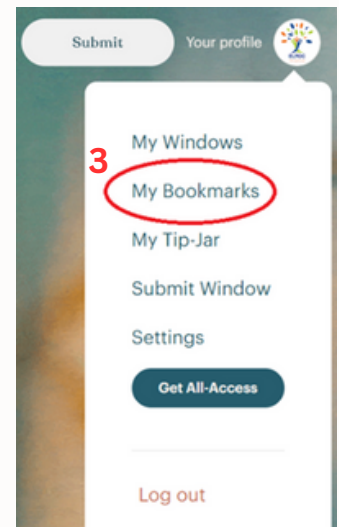
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Tutor Resources



We love recommending <https://www.window-swap.com/> It can be used in a variety of ways, and we love hearing and seeing your creative ideas with your learners. Here are two suggestions from tutors:

- From tutor Lisa: “In the warm-up, we tried blindfold Window Swap, where one of us would describe the scene while the other one would draw it based on description only, and then compare the drawing to the actual scene.”
- As observed in a follow up with tutor Tong and her pre-CLB/CLB 1 learner: show successive windows and have the learner use weather vocabulary to describe each window.



If you'd like to **bookmark** or **save** a window to use at a later date:

1. **Sign up/login** in with your email.
2. Once you find a window that you like, **click** the bookmark icon in the lower left corner of the window.
3. **Retrieve** your bookmarked/saved window by **clicking** on your profile in the upper right corner of the home page and **choose My Bookmarks**.

Learner Resources

What To Consider When DRIVING IN WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS

DID YOU KNOW ?

You could face careless driving charges if you endanger other people because you **drive too fast** for the road and weather conditions or illegally/unsafely passing a snowplow.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Sudden braking or steering can make your car skid. If your car starts to skid, it is best to take your foot off the pedal and gently steer in the direction you want to go.

GENERAL RULES



Reduce your speed when driving in winter weather conditions.



Expect to see **snowplows** and other winter maintenance equipment on the highways, with their **flashing blue lights and yellow and black** visibility standards.



Avoid distractions and be alert for changing roads and weather conditions.



Give the snowplows time and space to clear the roads. Do not try to pass a working snowplow – it is very dangerous for you and the plow driver.

VEHICLE CONTROL



Avoid making sudden turns or moves to stay in control at all times.



Keep your fuel tank at least half full to avoid freezing fuel lines, and **add weight to the vehicle** to improve your vehicle control.



Keep your distance from other cars, so you have more time to stop if needed.



Avoid using cruise control on wet, snowy or icy roads, as it can reduce your reaction time and vehicle control.



Beware of the black ice on the road, which can be difficult to see and forms quickly on bridges.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Black ice, sometimes called clear ice, is a type of ice that is very thin, smooth and slippery. It can be hard to detect because it is clear, allowing the often black road below to be seen through it. It can be dangerous because of the unexpected loss of traction, which often results in losing control while driving.

VISIBILITY WHILE ON THE ROAD



Remember to use your **car's full lighting system** when visibility is low.



Proceed with caution where the snowplow is blowing snow and where there are **large piles of snow** which could significantly reduce how far you can see on the road.

Canadian Citizenship Questions:

1. What are the three main groups of Aboriginal peoples?

- a) First Nations, Metis and Inuit
- b) Acadians, Metis and Inuit
- c) United Empire Loyalists, Metis and Inuit
- d) Inuit, Metis and Acadians

2. Who are the Metis?

- a) The distinct aboriginal people of Atlantic Canada
- b) A people of mixed Inuit/first Nations ancestry most of whom live on the Prairies
- c) First Nations people speaking the Michif dialect
- d) A distinct people of mixed Aboriginal and European ancestry

3. Who are the Acadians?

- a) The descendants of French colonists who began settling in what are now the Maritime provinces in 1604
- b) English-speaking refugees who settled in Louisiana
- c) French-speaking Catholics living in Ontario
- d) Aboriginal people of the artic

Office closures:

The ELTOC office will be closed on:
December 25, 26 Christmas/Boxing Day
January 1 New Year's Day
February 19 Family Day.

Workshop:

January 31 Lesson Planning: Focus on Speaking
Invitation to register will be sent in mid-January.

Save the date

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Updates

Since September 2023

14 new tutors joined ELTOC

20 new learners started with us

2 learners became Canadian citizens

1 found employment in their field

5 learners enrolled in school or attending other training

Partnerships

FRENCH TUTORING



English Language Tutoring for the Ottawa Community (ELTOC) and Cooperation Integration Canada (CICAN <https://cican.ca>) have partnered together to offer French tutoring services for newcomers who cannot attend regular classes. If you know someone who would like to volunteer as a tutor of French as a Second Language to newcomers who cannot go to school, ask them to contact us at volunteer@eltoc.ca

EASTERN ONTARIO PROJECT

ELTOC serves the city of Ottawa and:

Cities

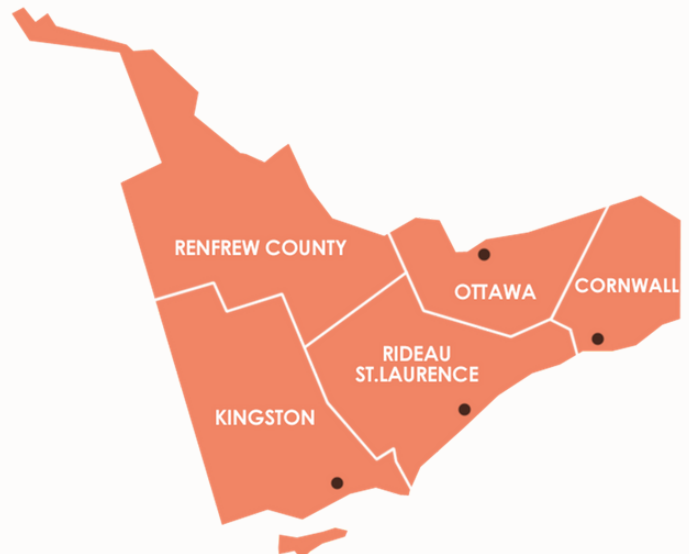
Cornwall, Brockville, Kingston, Pembroke

Towns

Gananoque, Prescott, Smiths Falls

Counties

Prescott and Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Lanark, Renfrew, Leeds and Grenville, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington



Around Ottawa



Photo by Ada

Ottawa Christmas Market

Over 45 local vendors will be attending the Ottawa Christmas Market during 16 days of entertainment and programming. Free crafts for kids will also be available in Santa's Workshop.

When: Nov. 24 to Dec. 23 (Fridays to Sundays only)

Where: Lansdowne Park (1525 Princess Patricia Way)

Cost: Free to walk around.

For more information, visit <https://www.ottawachristmasmarket.com/>.

Winter Lights Across Canada

Thousands of lights will be on display in downtown Ottawa and Gatineau this holiday season as part of the Pathway of Lights.

When: Dec. 7 to Jan. 7

Where: Several sites will be lit up for the holidays, including the National War Memorial, Confederation Park, Jacques-Cartier Park, Portage Park and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Cost: Free

For more information, visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/winter-lights.html>(opens in a new tab).

Around Ottawa



Winterlude

Experience the best the Canadian winter has to offer at the free Winterlude festival that takes place in the Ottawa region during the first three weekends of February each year! There is something for everyone to enjoy, from family-friendly activities to group adventures and date nights!

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When: February 2-19, 2024

Where: Several locations
For more information, please check their website.

Cost: Free



Creative ESL

★ Phrasal Verbs: NEW YEAR'S EVE! ★

STAY UP

to be awake with the intent to go to bed later than usual

The parents let their children stay up until midnight on New Year's Eve.

RING IN

to celebrate the arrival of a special occasion, especially the New Year

We will ring in the New Year with friends in New York.

GO OFF

to make a loud noise or explosion

My niece always gets scared when fireworks go off.

COUNT DOWN

to count backward usually to mark an event that is about to happen (for example: 10, 9, 8...1)

People counted down the last ten seconds before midnight.

LOOK FORWARD TO

to be excited about something in the future

I'm looking forward to our New Year's Eve party tonight!



Winter Picture Search



Find these things in the picture.

- Santa Claus
- reindeer
- candle
- presents
- candy cane
- snowman
- 3 earmuffs
- gingerbread man
- snowflake
- Christmas tree



Outreach in Review

This fall, we have been busy with outreach. Here are our highlights:



Anna-Kay at **Volunteer Ottawa Expo** in September. This annual volunteer fair generated over 25 new volunteers for ELTOC.

ELTOC, Heartwood House, ALSO (Adult and Family Literacy), Eco-Equitable, and PW&C (People, Words & Change) collaborated with Carleton University students to create **Communication Strategies for not-for-profit organizations**.



Maidan Market staff at their first Annual General Meeting. Maidan Market is a hub for Ukrainian newcomers. They have partnered with ELTOC to help grow their ESL Program.



Outreach in Review

ELTOC provided many info sessions to our partner organizations this fall.

- Nepean, Rideau and Osgoode Community Resource Centre (NROCRC) <https://nrocrc.org/>
- Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO) <https://ociso.org/>
- Immigrant Women Services Ottawa (IWSO) <https://immigrantwomenservices.com/>
- Somali Centre for Family Services (SCFS) <https://scfsottawa.org/>
- YMCA Newcomer Information Centre: <https://www.ymcaottawa-nic.ca/>



National
Capital Region

Immigrant
Services

SOMALI CENTRE
for Family Services



LE CENTRE SOMALIEN
pour les services à la famille

If you have ideas about where ELTOC could present our services, please do not hesitate to contact the **Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator**.

Lucie Hanak, volutneer@eltoc.ca, 613-697-8566

Outreach in Review

We want to thank all our tutors for spreading the word for ELTOC's need for male tutors.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



**ELTOC is looking for
volunteer **male** tutors**

No experience necessary

- Would you like to help male newcomers integrate into the community through English tutoring?
- Do you have 3 hours to volunteer every week?
- Can you commit for a minimum of 10 months?

Online or in-person
Flexible times according to your availability
ESL orientation and materials provided

If you are interested, please email volunteer@eltoc.ca,
call [613-696-8566](tel:613-696-8566), or [click here](#) to fill out our online application.

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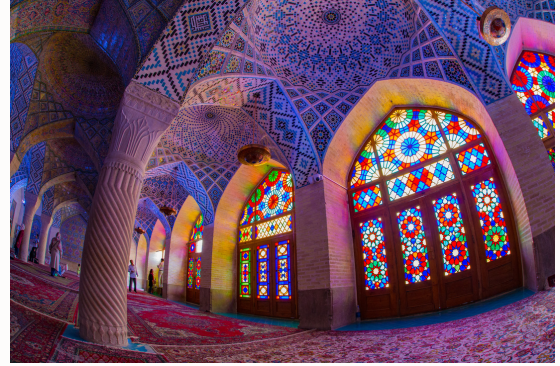
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Explore the World

Welcome to Iran, a country where ancient history meets modern life. Situated at the crossroads of the Middle East, Iran invites you to explore its diverse landscapes, cultural richness, and warm hospitality. Join us on a journey through the seasons, unraveling the experiences that define this intriguing country.



From vast central deserts to the majestic peaks of the Alborz and Zagros Mountain ranges, Iran's geography is diverse. The Caspian Sea to the north and the Persian Gulf to the south provide coastal beauty, while UNESCO-listed Golestan National Park boasts lush greenery and diverse ecosystems. Iran's nature extends to the Dasht-e Kavir and Dasht-e Lut deserts, each offering a unique landscape. The country's rich biodiversity is showcased in protected areas like Golestan National Park, where Persian leopards and gazelles roam freely.

Cultural heritage is deeply ingrained in Iranian life, and artistic expressions tell stories of centuries of creativity. Persian carpets, known for detailed designs, showcase the nation's commitment to craftsmanship. The Isfahan Grand Mosque, a marvel of Islamic architecture, narrates cultural and spiritual significance. Iranian art encompasses miniature paintings, calligraphy, and contemporary works that reflect a vibrant and evolving cultural scene.



Explore the World

Iranian cuisine is a sensory delight. From kebabs and aromatic rice dishes to sweets like baklava, the gastronomy of Iran is a celebration of flavors and traditions. Dishes like Chelow Kebab, Ghormeh sabzi, and Tahdig offer a glimpse into the richness of Iranian culinary traditions. The culinary experience in Iran goes beyond taste, encompassing a deep connection to cultural traditions. Iranians take pride in their food culture, considering meal preparation as an art form.



Iran follows the Persian calendar, a solar calendar dating back to the Achaemenid Empire. Nowruz, the New Year, marks the beginning of spring with rituals and festivities. Iranians engage in the practice of "Haft-Seen," symbolizing life's triumph over death, health over sickness, and light over darkness.

Beyond Nowruz, Iranians celebrate various cultural events, including Chaharshanbe Suri (Fire Festival) and Yalda Night, marking the victory of light over darkness. These events include special foods and gatherings with family and friends.

In Iran, language diversity is a testament to the nation's rich cultural fabric. While Persian (Farsi) is the official language, various ethnic groups proudly preserve their distinct languages, including Kurdish, Azerbaijani, Balouchi, and Gilaki. This linguistic diversity enriches daily conversations, weaving a vibrant mosaic of regional folk tales, literary masterpieces, and cultural nuances.

Languages in Iran are not just communication tools; they carry centuries-old traditions and identity. As you explore Iran's diverse landscapes, linguistic gems reveal the deep connection between language and culture. Persian calligraphy, representing the beauty and precision of Iran's cultural sophistication, transforms language into an art form.



Join us in celebrating Iran, a land where language diversity is not just a reflection of its cultural wealth but a vibrant thread that binds together the multifaceted layers of its identity. Explore the nuances of Persian, Kurdish, Azerbaijani, Gilaki, and more, as they echo through the ages, shaping the unique cultural landscape of this extraordinary nation.

By Maryam Pouragha

Answers



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Quote

“The shortest distance between two people is a story.”
(Patti Digh)

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You can't go to school?**

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