



# I ELP Speaks: Voices from around the World



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## What're these?

Each box represents an American idiom or expression. Can you guess what they are? Use the position of the words to help.

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gseg
ggse
gegs

2

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For the answers, look on page 7.

## The Director's Corner

by Dr. Alan D. Lytle

Another semester is almost over, and we'll have another graduating class soon. I have to say that these graduating classes are becoming larger and larger which means that our students are achieving their goals of learning English well enough to enter an American university. In fact, many IELP graduates go to UALR to begin an undergraduate degree. Last year, IELP had 18 graduates enter UALR as freshmen. These students are some of the best students that their classes have. We look forward to continuing to help you with your goals.

## Arkansas Facts

Information is from the Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism

Arkansas was discovered by Hernando DeSoto in 1541. Marquette and Joliet visited the territory in 1673. LaSalle took possession in the name of France in 1682. The first permanent settlement in what is now Arkansas was made by DeTonti in 1686 at Arkansas Post. In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory (including Arkansas) from France for \$15,000,000. This is the first time Arkansas came under the flag of the United States. Arkansas became a state in 1836.



# *A Wizard in the Classroom*

During this semester, the Foundations class watched and studied the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*, by L. Frank Baum. This movie is a part of American culture that most Americans have seen many, many times. Here are the descriptions of the characters written by the Foundations class --

## **Dorothy**

*by Dong-Rib Kim*

Once upon a time, there was a little girl called Dorothy. Dorothy lived on a farm in Kansas. She wore a white blouse and a blue-checked dress. She wore white socks and red shoes. She had white skin and dark brown hair. She also had curiosity. One day she had a question - What was over the rainbow? Though she was moved to Oz by a twister, she was not scared. She met with the Wizard of Oz. Later, she left because she wanted to go home. She was a brave girl.

## **The Scarecrow**

*by Young-Hoon Youn*

He thought he didn't have a brain, but, actually, he was smart. When Dorothy and her friends were in dire straits, his ideas helped them. The Wizard of Oz gave him a diploma of a college. It wasn't magic. It didn't work for his brain. He was friendly and funny. His body is hay, so he is not strong. Sometimes he almost falls down, and usually Dorothy holds him. He wears tattered clothes and a straw hat. He is thin and tall. Finally, he is smart and nice.

## **The Tin Woodsman**

*by Yasemin Karsan*

The Tin Woodsman was one of the *Wizard of Oz*'s five characters. Dorothy met three new friends on the Yellow Brick Road. They were the Scarecrow who needed a brain, the Tin Woodsman who needed a heart, and the Cowardly Lion who needed courage. The Tin Woodsman was made out of metal and was unhappy.

He wanted to have a big heart. He was friendly, honest, and a kind person. Maybe the Tin Woodsman was a writer because this story's writer had a heart.

## **The Cowardly Lion**

*by Mart Onontuya*

He looked very big and strong, but actually he was not strong, and he was always afraid of something because his name was Cowardly Lion. He was very kind. He always helped someone. He didn't wear any clothes.

## **Glenda the Good Witch**

*by Karhaman Aslan*

Glenda the Good Witch was in the movie. Her physical characteristics were that she wore a pink pointed hat and a pink long dress. She had a magic cane. Her magic was very good because she didn't walk, and she flew in a bubble. She was very smart and very conducive.

## **The Wicked Witch of the West**

*by Shin Deok Jeong*

The Wicked Witch of the West was a bad witch. She wore a pointed hat and a black dress. Her face was green color. I'm not sure, but I think that green color means something wrong. She took a ride on a broom because the broom could fly. Her voice was terrible. She also had an evil personality. She hated all good people, especially Dorothy because Dorothy had the ruby slippers. The ruby slippers were magic slippers. They had some power, so the bad witch wanted them. But it wasn't easy. She tried and tried to get the ruby slippers. In the end, she was frustrated. Moreover, she died.

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# **Be #1 at IELP!**

# *Thumbs up or Thumbs down? Movie Reviews*

**Brother Bear**, PG-13. This is an animated film. It tells the story of a young native-Indian boy who is magically transformed by spirits into a bear. He learns responsibility and love through bear's eye. The screen and the music will attract children as well as adults, so I strongly recommend you to watch it. (85 minutes)

*by HongLan He*

**Pretty Woman**, 1990, R. An important millionaire business man (Richard Gere) gets lost in Los Angeles and asks an energetic and special hooker (Julia Roberts) for directions. After they start knowing each other he hires this girl. The pass for many different situations until they fall in love.

This is a comedy, romance and innocent movie. I think it is the sweetest and most openhearted love movie that I ever saw. Grade A.

*by Rosario Negrete*

**Central do Brasil** (Central Station). Dora (Fernanda Montenegro) writes letters in the central station for illiterate people. In the declarations she discovers a unknown Brazil and by a fatality with Josue's mother (woman, who used to send letters by Dora) Dora sees herself in an adventure in the heart of Brazil trying to find Josue's father.

*by Ana Carolina Buccini*

**The Missing**, 2003, R. This movie is about a young medicine woman (Cate Blanchett) raising her children in untamed New Mexico. Her life is dramatically changed when her boyfriend is murdered and one of her daughters is kidnapped by indians. She enlists her entrangled father (Tommy Lee Jones) to help her track down the kidnappers and rescue her daughter. I recommend this movie because it captivated me as very few movies do. I like stories about the frontier and this movie reflects life of the frontier very strongly.

*by Jazmin Udrizar*

**Sleeping with the Enemy**, 1991, R. An abused wife (Julia Roberts) tries to escape from her violent abusive husband (Patric Bergin) by pretending to be dead, but he could find her in spite of changing her name or moving to other town. I recommend this A plus movie, and give it two thumbs up.

*by Racha Antakli*

**Catch Me If You Can**, 2002, PG-13. In order to get his parents together, Frank Abagnale becomes a trickster, who pretends to be a teacher, co-pilot, physican, and lawyer successfully, and an FBI Agent is hot on his trail. With Leonardo Dicaprio and Tom Hanks; directed by Steven Spielberg. In my opinion, it is A grade and funny movie because it shows what the cat and mouse game is.

*by Coco Lin*

**Freaky Friday**, Walt Disney Pictures, 2003, a PG-rated family comedy based on Mary Rodgers' 1977 novel. A mother (Jamie Lee Curtis) and her daughter (Lindsay Lohan), switch bodies with an Asian Voodoo fortune cookie, and must go through a day until they understand each other.

*by Ximena Trigo*

**Gladiator**, 2000, PG-13/R. Russell Crowe and Joaquin Rofael Phoenix. The movie Gladiator has to do with the Roman Empire. It shows how a gladiator (Russell Crowe) fights for his life and his honor. I really recommend this movie because it catches your attention and it is very emotional.

*by Mabel Fernandez*

**Bad Boys 2**, 2003, PG. MARTIN LAWRENCE, WILL SMITH. I liked it because it was a little funny and a little action for me. The action was very real. My grade is B.

*by Volkan Komurcuoglu*

**Moulin Rouge**, 2001, PG-13. NICOLE KIDMAN, EWAN MCGREGOR. Satin is a singer in Moulin Rouge and Christian is a writer and Duke is a rich man who wants to get married with Satin. When Satin and Christian practice the musical, they fall in love. Duke interferes with their love. I recommend this movie. Above all the music was very good. I give it grade A. (128 minutes)

*by DaLyung Lee*

**Finding Nemo**, 2003, G. On his first day at school, NEMO has been captured by a dentist in Sydney and put him in a fish tank. His father, Marlin goes everywhere to searching for him. Finding Nemo is really fun and enjoyable for you and for the whole family. This movie has a lot of fun part and the graphic is great. I grade this movies A+ for outstanding.

*by Han Tran*



# Mock Wedding

*by the Intermediate level*

The Intermediate class put on a wedding for everyone this semester. We had a ceremony, invitations, a reception with cake and drinks, a toast to the bride and groom and a receiving line. The colors were black and white and the invitations and programs were designed by the students. Good luck BK and Cindy in your new life together!

I'm Joyce. I'm a maid of honor at this wedding. I stood next to the bride. The maid of honor helps the bride get ready, like make-up, dressing. We wore white clothes and black pants in the wedding. I prepared the rice and helped the Bride with her make-up. I walked in front of the bride and groom to lead them into wedding.

My name is Byeong Uk Lee. (Call me BK). Before I moved here a fortune-teller said that I'll get married twice because I'm single. I got married here. It's not a real marriage. I was a groom. I don't know why I was a groom. It was very funny. However, the fortune-teller's prediction is right. I'm happy. In fact I worried about my marriage. Marriage twice means one divorce. So I'll never divorce.

When Marnie told us about the wedding, everyone was excited! We were separated in groups. Mine made invitations. In that day, everybody was so nervous, principally Marnie because some students after lunch arrived later. I was the bridesmaid. When I started to walk into the class, I saw a lot of students taking pictures and laughing a lot. I was shy, but I thought: don't worry, it's worst for Cindy (the bride). I really loved that day, just because we learnt more vocabulary and american costumes and because we had a lot of fun. Adriana

I'm the bride of the wedding. In the wedding, I wore the white clothes and a veil. I walked into the wedding hall with my "father". Followed by a "preacher", we made a vow and exchange rings. After that, we cut a pretty cake for celebration. I also wrote the poem with Marie and

Joyce. We chose some excellent sentences from the materials and made up some .

I am Ji-Young Kim. I was a groomsman and usher. I tried to play my role well but I was not prepared. I was just standing during the ceremony. I worked on the invitation part. I drew a cartoon for it fortunately, people liked my cartoon.

For me, reading a romantic poem during Cindy and BK's ceremony was fascinating, I really enjoyed saying a poem "Three seconds to say I love you, three hours to explain it, and a lifetime to prove it..." It was pretty nice, they're great understanding people with big hearts. I wish them always the best...Maria G. Rodriguez

My name is Jong-man Park. During the wedding I was the bestman. So I was standing next to the groom and I made a speech for the groom and the bride's future at the reception.

I'm Pablo, and in the wedding I was the ring bearer and also I helped John write the speech. My job in the wedding was easy, I only have to wait for the correct moment and walk to the altar and give the rings to the couple.

My name is Young-su Park. During the wedding I was the flower girl. After the wedding, when the bride and bridegroom went out of the wedding ceremony hall, the flower girl walked behind the bride and bridegroom and dropped flower petals with a basket while wearing a white dress.

*See the next page for pictures*

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## IELP - UALR

# *Mock Wedding Pictures*



**Waiting for the bride**

*Pablo, Adriana, Joyce, Su, "Reverend" Jim, BK, John, Ji Young*



**The ceremony**

*Cindy (bride), "Reverend" Jim, BK (groom)*



**Exchanging the rings**

*BK, Cindy, Joyce, Pablo, "Reverend" Jim*



**Mr. and Mrs. at last!!**

*Su, Joyce, Pablo, Maria, Cindy, "Reverend" Jim, BK, John*



**After the ceremony**

*John, "Reverend" Jim, Ji Young, Pablo, BK, Cindy*

## ~~ Important Notice ~~

Effective immediately, any current or former IELP student who refers a **NEW** full-time student to IELP **MAY** qualify for \$100 US. *If the new student is part-time or receives a UALR/UAMS discount, you MAY qualify for \$50 US. The new student must do the following:*

*Apply to IELP, submitting all required documents.  
Receive his/her I-20, if required.*

*Receive his/her F-1 visa, if required.*

*Register for IELP classes, credit or non-credit.*

*Pay all tuition required by IELP.*

*Attend classes and take the final exams for the first semester.*

*Not be put on probation or suspended.*

*Maintain legal immigration status.*

If the student completes steps 1 – 8 above, you will receive \$100 US or \$50 US, either as a \$100 or \$50 IELP tuition reduction or as a check.

If you are a current IELP student, your IELP tuition will be reduced by \$100 or \$50 for your next IELP semester.

If you are a graduating IELP student, you will receive a \$100 or \$50 check mailed to your US or foreign address.

If you are a former IELP student, you will receive a \$100 or \$50 check mailed to your US or foreign address. This is a one time offer. You will receive the \$100 or \$50 **only** for the student's first semester at IELP. If the student does not complete all eight (8) steps above, you will not receive the \$100 or \$50 compensation. *This offer does not apply if you are employed in the US and part of your work responsibilities require recruitment for UALR. This offer also does not apply to UALR or UAMS employees unless you were an IELP student in the past.*

*Any part of this program is subject to change.*

## ~~~ Spring Picnic Pics ~~~



*Is that a bottle of wine next to Mabel?*



*This is the way we shuck our corn, shuck our corn . . .*



*The IELP dance troupe*



*Let me show you how a phone works . . .*

## ~ More Picnic Pics ~



*Where's the meat?*



*HELP - Kazu's escaping*



*What - me dance?!*

## IELP Course Schedule

**Spring 2004** January 12 - May 7, 2004  
Spring A 2004 January 12 - March 5, 2004  
Spring B 2004 March 8 - May 7, 2004  
(including 1 week of Spring

Break)

**Summer 2004** May 25 - August 6, 2004

**Fall 2004** August 23 - December 10, 2004  
Fall A 2004 August 23 - October 18, 2004  
Fall B 2004 October 11 - December 10, 2004

*Note:* Spring A 2004 and Fall A 2004 cannot be used to progress through the IELP levels and cannot be used for UALR admission.

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## What're these? Answers

1. scrambled eggs
2. circles under the eyes - used when a person is very tired and has black areas under his/her eyes.
3. six feet underground - used to describe a person who is dead

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## Classes

### Foundations

Kahraman Aslan Shin Deok Jeong Yasemin Karsan  
Dong Rib Kim Mart Onontuya Young Hoon Youn

### Intermediate

Adriana Castro Jose De Oliveira Kyu Ok Jung  
Ji Young Kim Byeong-Uk Lee Kira Lee Pablo Novoa  
Jong-Man Park Young Su Park Hsin-Yi Wang  
Tian Xin

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