



IELP 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.

1

straw
straw
STRAW

2

dog
dog

3

exposure

For the answers, look on page 7.

The Director's Corner

by Dr. Alan D. Lytle

We are coming close to the end of our Summer 2004 semester, and all of the teachers and students are really concentrating on the final exams. The IELP has had a very successful year with 80 students attending from 25 countries. IELP has also had quite a few students who were referred by former and current students. We greatly appreciate this, and it tells us that we are doing a good job. Thank you for your support. I also need to thank the teachers for their continued hard work and support of the institute, for without them and the students, IELP would not exist.

Arkansas Facts

Information is from the Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism

The Old State House, located in downtown Little Rock, is recognized architecturally as one of the most beautiful antebellum structures in the South. Construction was begun in 1833 and completed about 10 years later at a cost of \$125,000. In 1836, while still incomplete, the building was used as the meeting place of the first state legislature and for the inauguration of Arkansas' first governor. The building was the setting for Bill Clinton's acceptance of the Presidency of the United States on November 2, 1992, and again on November 5, 1996.



The Historical Arkansas Museum

Some students made a visit to the Historical Arkansas Museum during the semester. Following are some of their observations:

Old Bathrooms

Arkansas historical buildings have interesting bathrooms. They were made outside, but the bathrooms were very close to other buildings. They were made of wood. Also, the old bathrooms have two holes. This is really bad. I don't know why. Old people didn't use toilet paper. They used to use corn cobs. It's very funny.

The Kitchen

I went to an old American house. There was a kitchen, hotel, bathroom, well and a bar. The kitchen was for the house. It was separated from the house because it could be the origin of a fire and in summer time people cook. It was very hot for the chef. There is a brazier in the wall and then there are many pots. The kitchen is different from my kitchen. It was a good experience.

The Well

It is dirty and very deep. The taste of the water will be bitter because a lot of insects live in there. Maybe bad guys died because of that. If you want to drink water, it'll be very hard for you. In the past, water was important for living. Maybe people thought the well was precious. I don't want to drink the water because a lot of animals probably died in the water. The taste would be very nasty. Maybe all of the animals have poison, so the water will be full of poison. If you drink the water you'll be sick.

Foundations students help to make IELP better

The Foundations-level students decided one day that they wanted to help make IELP a pleasant place to study, so they went to a thrift store to buy some things to put into their classroom. Following are paragraphs about what they saw and did and a response letter from the Director regarding the students actions:

Our class wanted to decorate the classroom. First we went to thrift store, there were cheap things. There were some clothes, jeans, shoes, T-shirts and decorations. We saw a special candy machine. It was a very old toy. I liked it. We had ten dollars to buy some decorations. I chose a wood shelf. It was very cheap. Eun and Shayna bought some other things. I don't remember everything, but we were very rejoicing.

~Yung Hsiang Lin

One day, Shayna said "How would you like to decorate the classroom?" First, we thought "What do we need for our class?" We discussed it together. And then we went to the thrift store. We saw a lot of things. Yung chose a shelf, Shayna chose curtains, and I chose a figurine. And then we bought them. We came back to the classroom with them. And then we sent a letter to Alan. After a few days, Alan replied. "You can do it." So we could use them to decorate.

I found out about the thrift store through Shayna. Now we look at the decorations, and we like them.

~Eun Suk Lee

Before we decorated our classroom, we had just a blackboard, a bulletin board, some maps, and some tables, desks, and chairs. So we bought a shelf, a figurine, and two curtains at the thrift store. Then, we wrote a letter to Alan for his permission. Next, we got it. Finally, we hung the shelf on the wall and we put the

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figurine on the shelf. Now, the classroom looks good.

~Sang Eui Lee

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Dear Eun, Sang Eui, and Yeong,

I am doing fine. I hope you are, too. I am very pleased that your class has decided to decorate your classroom. Please consider this permission to hang the shelf and the curtains and to place the figurine in the room.

Thank you for your help in making IELP a nice place to learn English.

Sincerely,
Alan

say that a new future is waiting for me, but you know? everything started at one point; the point where you are now, yes, IELP program at UALR, the first step that could change your life. It changed mine; why can it not change yours?

Regards everybody, I miss all of you.

Jose Antonio Sologuren

Note: Jose Antonio was a student at IELP and became a student at UALR. He is one of IELP's success stories, and for his achievements, we would like to congratulate him. If you or someone you know of is an "IELP Success Story," please let us know so that we can feature them in our upcoming editions.

An IELP Success Story

Probably most of you do not know me, however, I can understand most of you. Two years ago I came to Little Rock, without an idea of the English language. Moreover, after I spent one entire year in the program (IELP) I was accepted to continue my studies at UALR. A lot of memories come to mind, my first fundamental group, people around the world, my intermediate group and my pre-university group that was made up of 5 students, of course my professors, Alan, Shayna, George and the one and only Sarah (where are you now Sarah?) It is incredible how IELP changed my life and also my future. Now after fighting with my university classes I feel more confident about my knowledge of the English language, but always remembering that learning another language is an ongoing process that takes patience and time. In addition, a lot of practice helps me. Since I was graduated from IELP I have been accepted into nursing school, have taken a second major in Spanish, and have been accepted for one of the most important scholar programs that UALR has, the Friday-Sturgis program, and occupied positions like Ambassador of the university, vice president of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), and been part of the team that produces a TV show for the Latino community, I can

Thoughts on Poetry

The Pre-university class of Summer 2004 studied poetry this semester. Using magnetic poetry, each student was given one word. From that word the students then created a poem around the word. For the second poem the students chose one picture out of a magazine and wrote a poem about what they thought about the picture. The class then had an art gallery showing. The title was "Art through words and pictures". They made invitations and had refreshments at the showing. They then asked people to walk around and write comments on cards provided about their work.

SUNLIGHT

You make shadow
You like a rose
Let me see the road
After raining take me home
You never leave me alone

by Joyce



WANT

You can see through my thinking
You are my sunny
You are my only
But I have nothing
Raining, falling and crying
Without you is not easy
I need you
I love you
I want you

by Joyce

UNTITLED

I am thinking about sleeping with a girl
her love like honey and chocolate

by John

Void time

I still have your picture
Tell me
Why
did you leave away my sea
dream will lie to me

by BK

picture poem

go to the black sea
red moon tell me
heave storm still gown above life
but I run into ugly moment

by Bk

About Bk's poetry.... thoughts by Ji Young

His poetry is about his girlfriend. He is still missing her in spite of spending a long time trying to forget about her. Sometimes he can meet her in his dreams, but she doesn't say what he wants to hear from her.

Thoughts by Linda

He told me about his poetry. He got a word, void, from Marnie and wrote a poem. He felt empty and sad when he was thinking about the poem. He had broken up with his ex-girlfriend a few months ago, so he was spending a lot of time drinking too much.

He was missing his girl when he wrote the poem.

He picked a picture which is of a tornado in the sea. He thought it is great and awful. I asked him about some words, black sea, red moon, heave storm. He said they mean: black sea is adventures, red moon means his soul and heave storm is his desire. He wishes he could try to do something positive.

UNTITLED

frantic like storm a bitter juice

time never tells you taking those away

ask why then wind whispers

sky always watches me behind light

by Ji Young

UNTITLED 2

purple water sweat diamond sad moment

want here and spring.....

I have a suit. You did all.

Woman will like roses like puppy

by Ji Young

Ji yeong thoughts by Linda

He got a word, frantic. I asked him what was he feeling when he wrote the poem. He felt sad and he thought special things. He picked a picture in which

he likes the colors. The colors made him feel good and happy. He wanted everyone to be happy.

About Ji-Young..thoughts by John

- What is your topic word? Frantic
- What is your poetry about? Our normal life
Each sentence has meanings:
1st one is about our whole life.
2nd one is that you may meet hard something to keep going forward.
3rd one is that time is spending forever.
Rest of those poetry are that life is normal.
Live hard even if life were difficult.

About Joyce's poetry... thoughts by Ji Young

Her poetry is talking about the sunlight. She likes it because it doesn't leave her alone and helps her find direction. Also it makes a rainbow for her after raining.

dream

he wants to whisper behind me
his life is smooth like the moon
he loves red roses with music

by Su

UNTITLED

he tripped with beautiful friends
they were watching the red sky shine after sleep
he and she have gift like lovely diamond
and sweet white chocolate and honey

by Su

Little Su -- Thoughts by BK

Dream
She wanted to describe about a sweet dream- she always hopes that her ideal boyfriend will be a very romantic and sweet person. Came her dream and whisper to her- "he" means little su's future boyfriend "red rose" means romantic.

About Su..thoughts by John

- What is your topic word? Dream
- What is your poetry about? Both of them are about her future boyfriend. She likes red and romantic also her boyfriend, so they have something in common. The meaning of red is passion. She wrote both of them in peaceful moods.

Young-Su Park by Joyce

1. Her first poem's topic is dream. She dreamed about her boyfriend. I think she loves her boyfriend very much. She thinks about him at all times. I like this poem's picture. It's so dreamy.

2. Her second poem's topic is travel. She describes her boyfriend to travel with her. Her boyfriend likes to eat white chocolate, so she writes about white chocolate. They went to the beach and stayed there to see the ocean and sunset. That place is very peaceful and quiet. She chose a picture that has a red sky, because it is sunset. I like this poem. It lets me imagine the quiet ocean and lying on the beach. The sun lets me feel warm. What a wonderful image.

Sunrise (Joyce's poetry) thoughts by Su

After it rains, during the sunrise we can see a rainbow. It means love and hope. Everyone's mind has a sun that is a scale, it can weigh right or wrong. It lets us know where is our right home.

The woman and man are broken up but they miss each other just in their minds. Maybe Joyce is missing her ex-boyfriend. Although they aren't together they have same the same mind.

sleep (jong-man's poetry) thoughts by Su

he suppose to fell in love situation and his mind is so sweet and lovely. Maybe he will get married he will be a good husband and father. His mind is peaceful and he chose soft word like chocolate and honey....

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Jong-Man Park's poem By Joyce

He describes that girl is like honey and chocolate. That girl is his future wife. He likes to look at that girl sleeping face. He hopes he can get married with her. I think his mind is lonely and thirsty a girl to take care of him.

My Love

You have delicate skin like a smooth peach
You mean to me dream like a sweet moon
You are always in me like a shining diamond

by Linda Jung

UNTITLED

In a forest
Sun is gone
Moon is coming up
There is symphony music,
cool pictures,

thinking about our life,
my friend and me

by Linda

Linda Thoughts by BK - word given poem

Linda likes blue, so she decorated with blue stuff.
=Lovely teacher gave "delicate" to her. "You" means her best friend who is an American woman-the title "My love" is a poem for Linda's best friend. "Diamond" means her (Linda's best friend) she always makes Linda happy-so Linda thinks she(Linda's best friend) is a shining diamond

picture poem Thoughts by BK

Linda chose the picture-log house first and she created the poem. She likes dark and the light in the dark-she wants to be there with her best friend. She always could be together but they could not be together. The poem is Linda's wish

~~ 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.*

Pay all tuition required by IELP.

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

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

Not be put on probation or suspended.

Register for IELP classes, credit or non-credit.

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.

Poetry Pics



IELP Course Schedule

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

Spring 2005 January 18 - May 13, 2005
Spring A 2005 January 18 - March 11, 2005
Spring B 2005 March 14 - May 13, 2005
(including 1 week of Spring Break)

Summer 2005 May 23 - August 5, 2005

Note: Fall A 2004 and Spring A 2005 cannot be used to progress through the IELP levels and cannot be used for UALR admission.

What're these? Answers

1. the last straw - as in you are completely exasperated.
2. flip flops - rubber sandals worn in the summer
3. double exposure - when you take a picture (using an older camera) and two pictures develop on the same piece of paper.

Classes

Foundations

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Intermediate

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