



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
going
the call of
duty

2
doɪ doɪ

3
TALE

For the answers, look on page 6.

The Director's Corner

by Dr. Alan D. Lytle

This semester IELP has relocated to a different building while our final location is being renovated. The building we are currently using is on the south side of campus, and, I believe, is much nicer than the old IELP Classroom Building. Also, I believe that our next (new) building will be even better!! We also saw a transition this semester with Suzanne Lee's leaving to take a position with Duke University in North Carolina. We will greatly miss her, but UALR has hired a replacement for Suzanne; his name is Jim Felton. He has experience in business and in international education. I believe he'll be a great asset.

Arkansas Facts

Information is from the Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism

Who were the first Europeans in Arkansas? A Spanish expedition led by Hernando de Soto in 1541-1542.

When did the French come to Arkansas? Marquette and Joliet explored the Mississippi to the mouth of the Arkansas in 1673. Then in 1682 La Salle claimed the land for the King of France.

What is the origin of the name "Ouachita"? It was the name of an Indian tribe in what is now Louisiana.



Essay Contest Winners

This semester the IELP conducted an essay contest at all the levels. Following are the winners for each level, a Teachers' Choice Award, and Honorable Mentions. The authors of these essays each received a prize. Be sure to ask them about their experiences. The IELP is very proud to present their work to you!!

Pre-university/TOEFL Winner

Bad Day Work

by Kahraman Aslan

I woke up one rainy Saturday morning. Before I woke up I saw a very bad dream that I was going to have a very bad day at work.

In my dream I saw that there were two costumers came in the store looking very suspecess. I saw them around the computer around 9:00 AM. They looked the around to see if any employee was watching them. Than they grabbed the most expensive Sony laptop.

After that a friend of mine that works with me aproched him and asked them if they need assistand buying a Sony laptop. They said no and started to walk towards to door really fast. I kind of sensed what was going on so I tried to stop them. While they were going out from the exit door. I tried to grab the computer but they shot me and kill me. Right after that I woke up.

When I went to work I told my friends what happened in my dreams they laugh at me. About 30 minutes latter 2 black man walked in my work and went to the computer isle and grab the laptop and asking a lot of questions about the computer. They were asking so many questions that they spent 3 hours learning about it. Since we got paid from comision, I though that they were really interesting to buy it. After wasting my 3 hours, they did not buy the computer and pluss they said we will go to Loptag Turkey to buy it. I was so mad.

Finally what I saw in my dreams and what happened at work was not the same but they were preatty simillar. For them to not buy the computer and spending my 3 hours was like me getting shot. Because if I don't get paid, I will not eat. If I don't eat I will die. When I saw the dream I knew that it was going to be one of them days.

Intermediate Winner

My Ideal Vacation

by Javier Torres

My ideal vacation must be a place with sun, natural beauty, adventure, relaxation and thousands of more things. If you're asking yourself what place it is, well, I'm inviting you to have a dream . . . My dream!!!

I would like a place with friendly people, where they give me a special and warm welcome. On my vacation i want a combination of relaxation and adventure. During the day I want to go be in the sun, enjoy the beach with white sand, big palm trees, drink coconut milk. I will sit in my chair, in front of the sea, beeing delighted by that beautiful view. But I also want to have new adventures, like explore different places, hike in the mountains, look at other species of animals or plants maybe unknow for me. And at night, it's party time. It's time to try differents customs and cultures, for example, to learn typical dances or taste exotic drinks, food, etc. And when the party is over, I'd like to walk toward my room under the skies, feeling the fresh wind in my face, with a beautiful girl next to me.

By the way, this place is not the heaven. I know that it looks like it, but it isn't. I'm talking about Hawaii!!!! It's not a wonderful dream. Unfortunately, this is just a dream that can't come true . . . at least NO YET!!!

Foundations Winner

Interview with an Attorney

by Dong Shi

I interviewed Brent Gasper on last Friday. My teacher invited him to my classroom. So we can interview him. He lives in commonplace apartment in Little Rock. He has parents and a younger sister. He is 31 years old and his sister is 30 years old. He has a girlfriend. She is a teacher and she teaches young children.

Brent is a criminal lawyer and workes in Attorney General's office. He has been engaged this work for 6 years. I think this boring job. But he feeles his job very interesting. He likes his job.

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Brent does a lot of different things in his free time. He likes watch all kinds of movies and he likes listen to music. He likes rock n' roll but he doesn't like hiphop and country music. He usually play softball and baseball. Brent was travel a lots. He was visit to Chicago, Jamaica, and Panama.

Teachers' Choice Award

Famous People I Would Invite to a Dinner Pary

by Dong Shi

I choose YaoMing. He is a tall man. He is my like player in NBA from China. He is nice player. I choose Jordan. He was best player and flyman. His basketball still very good. I like him so much. They are sit together can talk about basketball. I think Jordan can teach some still to YaoMing.

I choose Kntucky and McDonald. They both are magnates of fastfood chain restaurant. KFC and McDonald are popular food in all world. I think they are sit together can cook some new wonderful food.

I choose Britney Spears. She is pretty popular and younger singer. I choose ChengLong. He is famous action movie star. His movies full of funny. His movies very long and he nver use stunt man help him. Also, he is a singer. They are both pop stars. I think spears can become movie star same ChengLong.

I choose Bill Gates. He is the richest man in the world. He invented Windows operation system. He combaind IE (Internet Explorer) with Windows operations system. So that it easy for people to communicate worldwide. I choose John Paul II. He is from Poland. He was first pope to use TV to sent religion messages. He can speak seven languages. They are influential

powerful in the world. Gates can tell Paul how to use internat and computer to send religion. They are talk about something and just eat.



Pre-university/TOEFL Honorable Mention

I had a feeling it was going to be one of those unlucky days

by Regina Krayenbuhl

After the 4th week I met all of you, I guess you all know those days you wake up early in the morning, thinking about the far away evening. It is Friday, the last days had been strong but in a couple of hours you think, I will reach my free evening. In this moment the near event is looking like a red and yellow colored field of flowers, smelling like a warm summer night and tasting like a big chocolate cake. So it was on my last Friday.

The Beginning of my free evening started at sunset, after Marie went to bed. The Apartment was dark and quiet. I watched the lights on the street and for a little while I felt alone. The telephone rang, and in this moment I had the strong feeling something was going to change my plans. My first idea was to ignore the troublemaker. But then I thought it could be my mother in law. Our relationship is difficult – most difficult –, but often she knows some interesting news and I like the discussions with her.

I answered the call and was surprised: it was Karin. I met her two weeks after we moved into the Summit House. Karin is 65 years old. She grew up in Germany and moved to Arkansas in the sixties. She suffers from so many diseases that I am truly not able to remember all of them. A long time ago I didn't hear anything from her. Three weeks ago she had fallen and somebody found her in the apartment. After this event she decided to stay with her daughter until the medical tests had been done. I tried to call her many times, but I never got an answer.

On this particular Friday she called me after 8.00 pm, which is a time she has normally been sleeping for two hours or more. Karin tried to tell me something, but her voice was quiet and not fluent. And the longer she spoke, the more I thought something was badly wrong. I wished to go to her apartment, but Marie was not quite asleep and I could not leave her alone. Suddenly Karin stopped speaking. I began to ask for

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her – one, two, three times, then she answered. We talked a few more minutes, after she stopped again. Karin, Karin I cried. Silence. Karin I cried again. Silence. Then I started screaming. But she did not answer. I felt panic, got the keys and started running – down to the 2nd floor.

I arrived breathless and rang her bell three or four times. After a few minutes I turned and ran to the office, which is on the ground floor, looking for the security. The first person I saw near the office was the manager and I asked her for the key to Karin’s Apartment. Together we went back. In the time we set our feet on the floor we saw Karin in front of the apartment. She looked confused.

Later in the apartment I asked her what had happened to her when she stopped talking on the telephone. But she could not remember anything. Also she did not know the time of day. She thought it was morning. When she tried to turn the light on, she struggled and was close to falling. In addition, when I saw what was happening in the rooms of her apartment I made my decision: She couldn’t stay alone.

The end of the story was that I brought her to our apartment, together with some personal things and offered her our bed for the night. I slept on the couch, or did I? Not really well and only for two or three hours, because on this night I had to take care of Marie and another person too.

The conclusion of my story is, that the unlikely changing of my evening plans became at least a happy ending. I really appreciate her call, because nobody knows what would have happened to Karin on this night. The next morning, Karin didn’t remember anything. Her last impression was a dinner with her daughter two days before.

Intermediate Honorable Mention

My dream Vacation by Mwanagoie Kasanka

Every year, across the world, thousands of people travel during their vacations. Every one go somewhere, according to his preference. Some people are attracted by the Egyptian pyramids, others like to visit beaches in Asia or the romantic buildings in Europe.

However, my dream vacation would be visiting Mombassa. It is a tourist city, appreciated for hotels, restaurants, business activities, park, beach and the international part of Mombassa.

It is situated along the Est coast of Kenya, at the edge of the Indian Ocean. The most important thing for me is Mombassa would be visiting the miles of golden sand of the beach called TIWI. This is next the Mombassa International part Where I think to do some business activities. I dream to visit the park, and boats. I’d like to swim in the ocean and visit the museums and old mosques, witch made Mombassa a Muslim part. I think to eat some food in restaurants and stay in the luxurious hotel.

All the attractive things in Mombassa made me very curious. I’m looking forward to visiting Mombassa before I get too old.

Foundations Honorable Mention

My Favorite Restaurant by Jung-hwan Park

My favorite restaurant is a “Mt. Fuji.” There is a Japanese foot restaurant. The restaurant has many kind of sushi and Japanese wheat noodles. They are delicious. The atmosphere is dark and calm. The service is great but, sometimes, it’s a little slow. The price is low. And there is also so clean. Finally, I think that the restaurant is good.



Can I interest you in a different choice of food?



Food anyone?



At the Arkansas State Capitol Building



Can you say “caffeine high?”



Three cool dudes!

~~ 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.



Hey, what's up?



Apple and her friend

IELP Course Schedule

Summer 2005	May 23 - August 5, 2005
Fall 2005	August 22 - December 9, 2005
Fall A 2005	August 22 - October 14, 2005
Fall B 2005	October 17 - December 9, 2005
Spring 2006	January 17 - May 12, 2006
Spring A 2006	January 17 - March 10, 2006
Spring B 2006	March 13 - May 12, 2006 (including 1 week of Spring Break)

Note: Fall A 2005 and Spring A 2006 cannot be used to progress through the IELP levels and cannot be used for UALR admission.

What're these? Answers

1. Going above the call of duty - when you do a great deal more than is required
2. Flip flops - thong sandals that you wear when the weather is warm. Some people wear them on the beach.
3. Tall tale - and exaggerated story

Classes

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