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SUBMISSIONS BY ADULT EDUCATION ABE/GED AND
ESL STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS.

ESL CLASS HAS CULTURAL EDUCATION PARTY



Judy Nora de Leon, a nurse from Peru currently studying English at the Low Intermediate level, organized a class party. Everyone was encouraged to bring food, drink, and items from their countries. Pan from Korea gave a brief demonstration of Tai Kwon Do. Jing Yan from China revealed her wonderful singing voice. Students brought fascinating artifacts from their homelands, and we all got to know each other a lot better. Thanks to all my students for reminding me why I love teaching ESL!

-Jill DiLandro. Photo by Judy Nora de Leon.



SPRING DATES

*Daylight Saving Time begins March 8th.

*St. Patrick's Day is March 17th.

*The first day of Spring is March 20th.

*Easter is April 12th.

SPRING JOKE

What does the letter "A" have in common with a flower?

They both have bees after them.



COMING TO AMERICA

My first day in the US was good, but also I felt tired from long hours of traveling. I had my husband with me on this trip; he helped me a lot with everything.

I came to a new country, the richest country in the world. It was hard with the different culture and different language. It wasn't easy to get used to this new lifestyle.

I'm doing better with English now. I met new people; I visited different places in America. I'm very happy now to be with everybody in my dream country, America.

By Abetare Maxhuni, a Low Intermediate ESL student from Albania.



FAMILY CENTER ABE CLASSES LEARN ABOUT CHINESE NEW YEAR, DISCUSS THEMSELVES IN WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

The Advanced ABE class taught by Terri Connors at the Family Center discussed the Chinese New Year. They were given a copy of the Chinese Zodiac and then asked to compare the traits of their sign to their personality. Here are some extracts:

I was born in the year 1989, so that makes me a snake according to my Chinese Zodiac. This means I'm wise and intense with a tendency towards physical beauty. — Ikea Boyce.

My zodiac sign is the dragon... I believe that the dragon sign is like me because I enjoy trying new things. — Kimberley Ecker.

My zodiac sign of the ox is a lot like me. I am a good mother because I raised two sons all by myself. Also... I have the patience to finish what I start. —Audrey Swope.

I was born in 1988, so that makes me a Dragon. According to the Chinese Zodiac, I am eccentric, which means "out of the ordinary or not usual." —Reashawnda Campbell.

According to the Chinese Zodiac, my birth year is rat's year. Usually people who are born under this sign are happy and like to write, just like me. —Ilmira Gusenova.

The attributes of the boar

spell out nobleness/chivalrousness and lifelong commitment. To me, all in all, that means a life of a person who started out with great traits. —John Twyman.

My zodiac is the sheep... My zodiac states some things about me which are true.

First, it states that I am elegant... Second, it says that I am creative. —Casey Hendershot.

My Chinese zodiac sign is a horse... I love horses. I think they are very free and so am I. — Shannon Evans.

My zodiac sign is Leo the Lion... People born under this sign are creative, proud, fun-loving, passionate, generous, flamboyant, and selfish. —Nicky McBride.

I'm a rabbit... I agree with some of the things that my sign says but not all of it. I'm talented in some ways... I'm also shy in some ways. —Crystal Dodson.

My Chinese Zodiac sign is the ox... I am patient and inspiring to others. Also, I am bright, and I am happy all the time. —Vicky Garcia.

My sign in the Chinese Zodiac is the boar. I am a very noble and chivalrous person. I tend to help family and friends without them asking me. — Verneice Washington.

The ABE Beginning/ Family Literacy class, also taught by Terri Connors

at the Family Center, chose to write about themselves. Here are some extracts:

I'm originally from Ponce, Puerto Rico... I love to walk, draw, and do other arts and crafts. —Susan Marie Rodriguez.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday, I love to watch *American Idol*... Another thing I like to do is play with my dog... his name is Chaos. —Candice Valentine.

I love doing things for the elderly... I visit them, and I spend lots of time with them. —Nancy Nichols.

I like to play in the snow with my grandson Scottie... My favorite shows are horror movies. —Brenda Travis.

One of the things I like to do for fun is skateboarding... The other activity I like to do is drawing. —Horacio Adame.

I like going fishing with my son... I enjoy going down to my workshop because it helps me relax. —Johnnie Wolf.

I enjoy being in school again... I would like to help the elderly and disabled with their needs. —Mary Butt.

I like playing with our dog Shylo and all of our cats. I also enjoy going target shooting whenever I can... But what I like doing most is spending time with my wife, Pauline. —Eugene Mills.

GED WEBSITES FOR INFO AND PRACTICE

<http://www.gogedgo.org>

This website takes you to the Maryland Adult Literacy Resource Center. Click on the GED tab, and you will have access to a printable GED application, re-testing information, testing dates and centers, and links to GED practice sites.

<http://www.gedpractice.com>

This is a site created by the publisher Steck-Vaughn, the company that publishes the practice books used in our GED classes. On this site, you can find sample practice questions for all areas of the GED test except the essay portion.

<http://www.studyguidezone.com/gedtest.htm>

This is the Study Guide Zone site for GED practice. You can click on links to each GED subject to get tips and practice. There are also links to more practice and information on the GED.

GOLDEN AMBER, A LIMERICK BY WES HOOVER

Amber became a teacher
Who sometimes feels like a preacher.
She teaches the golden rule,
Which is really cool,
But sometimes her kids are creatures.

English and Reading are her fame.

Many students won't play that game.

She has tried real hard to help students pass.

Many of them have no class.

This is their loss; what a shame.

No standing ovation for lessons well-planned.

An actress for her audience who's not in demand.

She has a caring heart; this is true.

Many times she's left school feeling alone and blue.

Some tears, few cheers as she lends her helping hand.

ESL STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE ENGLISH

Students from Cathy Walberg's High Intermediate ESL class wrote about themselves as a writing exercise. Here are some extracts:

Right now I have two years in U.S. and I like very much here... I want to go to college now because for the next two years will be easy for me and for my family. —Elena Curca.

I want to get better job and learn more English. I want to open my own business in my country. I have to take business classes. I want to be better person. —Luis Gonzalez.

I am from El Salvador. I have been here 4 years... My job is in Westminster so I have to drive three hours everyday but maybe when I get more

money I can buy a new car. — Noe Torres.

I need to take classes in English so I can help my children with homework. After two years we move back to Sweden, our own country... My goal is, when I move back to Sweden I should work with my old job at a hospital. — Gunilla Larsson.

HOW TO SAY "HELLO" IN TEN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES!

GUESS WHICH LANGUAGE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS FOR "HELLO" COMES FROM.

PRIVET _____

OLA _____

SALUT _____

HOLA _____

GUTEN TAG _____

KONNICHWA _____

BONJOUR _____

XIN CHAO _____

MERHABA SELAM _____

NI HAO _____

ANSWERS BELOW!

NI hao=Chinese

Merhaba selam=Turkish

Xin chao=Vietnamese

Bonjour=French

Konnichwa=Korean

Guten tag=German

Hola=Spanish

Salut=Romanian

Ola=Portuguese

Privet=Russian

QUIZ

ANSWERS TO "HELLO"



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WORD OF THE SESSION:
INDEFATIGABLE-
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO WORK AND
WORK AND WORK AND WORK
AND NOT GET TIRED, YOU ARE
INDEFATIGABLE.



Students in Kris Carr's Spring I High Beginning ESL class. From left: Gulchekhira Ibragimova, Russia; Jing Cheng Wang, China; Xiao Zhou, China; Larisa Zelentsova, Russia; Gerardo Lopez, Colombia; Esperanza Velez, Colombia; Braulio Mejia Cruz, Mexico.

WES HOOVER (CENTER) AND HIS ADVANCED ESL CLASS



WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following classroom words:

1. RBKLDCHAA

2. BTXEOKOT

3. NPCILE

4. HCTREEA

Answers below.

Answers to Word Scramble:
1. CHALKBOARD 2. TEXTBOOK
3. PENCIL 4. TEACHER