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Special Sporting Opportunity

Athletic Tailgate on Thursday

As most of you know, Florida State is an excellent school for athletics. Even though football is the most popular sport, there are many other sports teams. FSU has a large number of both male and female athletes.

The women's soccer team at FSU has been one of the best teams in the nation. One of their former players, Mami Yamaguchi, works here at CIES. She likes to give information to CIES students about sports and athletic opportunities at FSU. Since Mami was a very good soccer player, FSU will honor her by retiring her jersey. This is a tradition where the number on her jersey will no longer be worn by another player. Her jersey will also be displayed as a way for FSU to remember her great accomplishments. We are very proud of Mami here at CIES!

On **Thursday at 6pm** there is a tailgate party for international students. The party will be at the softball practice building. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy some great food and meet a variety of people from all over the world.

After this event, we will **walk over to the nearby soccer field** where there is going to be an exciting game between **FSU and Duke at 7pm**. There are a lot of passionate fans at these games, so be sure to wear your



garnet and gold. There will be snacks and **concessions** available at the game.

Logs, logs, logs

Here at CIES you will be completing logs in your listening and reading classes. This is an opportunity for you to find interesting material that you enjoy. However, sometimes it may be difficult to find something to read or listen to. Your teacher will likely give you some suggestions about things to read or listen to, but here are some suggestions for you.

Reading Logs:

1 – Visit the magazines section in the pharmacy or grocery store. There are usually hundreds of magazines to choose from, and there are many different topics (sports, fashion, news). You can find articles that interest you, and many of the articles have pictures which might make it easier to understand.

2 – Check out Voice of America English News. <http://learningenglish.voanews.com/> This **site** allows you to read many news articles in English. It provides you with new vocabulary words, and it also allows you to listen to many of the stories.

3 – Here at CIES there are books available for you to **borrow**. You will find some books on the bookshelves at CIES (upstairs and in the conference room). However, there are other books available too. If you want to borrow a book here, your reading teacher will help you!

4 – The Goldstein Library is a great place to get books! It is a small library located on Landis Green not far from CIES. They have many books written for young adults that are at every different reading level. This is also a quiet place to go to study!

Listening Logs:

1 – One good site is www.newsinlevels.com. This site lets you listen to many different news stories. You can also read along to the news story. Once you listen to the story in one level, you can listen to it again at a higher level and learn new vocabulary.

2- Check out www.abc.go.com. This is a website for ABC network, which is a very popular American television channel. You will see many of your favorite TV shows there. You can watch newer episodes for free, and there are subtitles (closed captioning) available to help you read while you listen. Some shows that you might like are “Shark Tank” (which has shorter segments) or comedies such as “Fresh Off the Boat” or “Modern Family.”

3 – If you are willing to pay money, you can subscribe to Netflix, Hulu, or Amazon Prime. This will allow you to watch many shows and to find a show that really interests you!

Whatever you decide to read or listen to, just remember to have fun and always be on the lookout for new vocabulary!

Happy Birthday!

Leonardo Andara (October 23)

Volunteer Opportunities

On **Tuesday October 25**, we will have a special guest here at CIES. Mesopotamia Nowotarski is the leader of Volunteer Tallahassee. She will come and talk to us about volunteering opportunities here in Tallahassee. We will all meet at **3:30pm in the conference room**. Please see Andrew Wilson or Claire Sipple if you have any questions.

Culture Question

*Question: Why do some people in Tallahassee seem to be **rude**?*

Answer: There are rude people everywhere. Many of you come from countries where everyone is very friendly. As a general rule, most people (especially from Europe and many parts of Asia) find America to be a very friendly country. Tallahassee is actually friendlier than many places in America.

However, there are parts of America that are considered friendlier than others. The **Midwestern** states and Southern states are considered especially friendly. (We even use the term 'Southern Hospitality'.) Since Tallahassee is located in the South, you will find that people here are actually friendlier than in other places. Other

parts of Florida are different. Millions of people have come to Florida from all over the United States. As a result, many cities in Florida don't have the history of hospitality that other parts of America have. People from other places in Florida (Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando) tend to be a little more direct. (In 2016, Miami was voted the rudest city in America by Travel & Leisure magazine.) You can sometimes tell what part of Florida many FSU students come from.

Abdulaziz Almutawa is a recent CIES student who returned to Tallahassee for a visit. He is now a student at the University of Tampa. He said that he really missed FSU and Tallahassee because people were very friendly here! Since FSU is such a friendly place, you all have opportunities to make new friends and really practice your English.

Language Question

Question: Do I use 'on' or 'in' when talking about transportation?

Answer: Prepositions can be difficult parts of speech to master. This session, we will focus on using several prepositions that often confuse people.

Transportation is any type of movement that gets people from one place to another. However, why do

you use 'in' with a taxi, but 'on' with a bus.

This is a good question. For most forms of transportation, you use the preposition 'on.' For example, you can be on a plane, on a train, or on a bus. You can even use 'on' with types of transportation like bike, motorcycle, ships, helicopters, blimps, or even foot!

'In' is usually used to referred to automobiles (cars). Since taxis are a type of automobile, you use 'in' for taxis. Other types of automobiles could be trucks and vans.

There isn't a logical reason why you would be 'in a taxi' but 'on a bus.' These are just some rules that you'll need to learn.

Quote of the Week

Leadership is not about the next election, it's about the next generation.

- Simon Sinek



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This week's vocabulary:

former (adjective) – in the past but not the present
to retire (verb) – to quit or stop working or playing; to no longer be doing something
concessions (noun) – food sold at special events
site (noun) – website

rude (adjective) – not polite; unfriendly

Midwest (noun) – a large region in the central northern United States known for agriculture and friendliness
transportation (noun) – any way to move around from one place to another