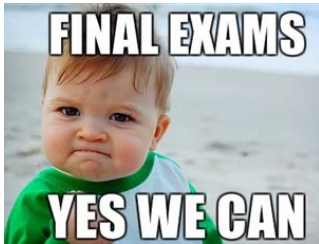


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Warning: Exams Ahead

Final Exams this week and next week

It is almost the end of

Fall I session, and all of your final exams will be within the next week. Please remember which days you have an exam in each class. It is important to be in class on time those days.

Thursday October 1: Composition Writing

Monday October 5: Speaking Final

Tuesday October 6: Listening Final

Wednesday October 7: Grammar Final

Thursday October 8: Reading Final

Also, please **remember to complete an evaluation of your teacher**. If you are absent, or your teacher does not give you class time to complete these evaluations, please go online (or you can use the scan codes in class) and complete them.

St. George this Friday

Don't forget the special trip to **St. George Island this Friday**. It is important to be there on time (**7:30am**) and bring everything you need including a snack and money for lunch. If you have questions, contact Joshua Valentine.

Writing Competition Ahead

Here at CIES we have a writing competition known as CIES Voices. Many of you have participated in this contest in the past. We are going to start doing this writing competition three times a year. Our next issue of CIES

Voices will be at the end of fall semester in December.

Since some of you are leaving CIES at the end of this session, we would still like for you to be able to submit your writing. **You can submit your writing to Andrew Wilson (acwilson@fsu.edu) at any point between now and Thanksgiving**. These compositions will be made available online, and the winner will get their name on a plaque and be recognized at our international dinner. Please ask your composition teacher if you have any questions.

Happy Birthday

Khaled Alenezi (October 2)

Culture Question

Question: Why don't American students dress up to go to class?

This is a very good observation. There are several answers to this question. Since most of the students at FSU are from Florida, they are used to wearing short and loose-fitting clothing in hot weather. (Warm weather clothes are more casual than cold-weather clothes.) Secondly, many FSU students live on campus, so they might go from bed to class without bothering to look **fashionable**. Lastly, there are many students who do not have a lot of extra money for clothes, so they don't try to wear expensive and fashionable clothing. There are some universities in the US that are quite fashionable, but FSU probably wouldn't fall into that category.

Language Question

Question: What is the difference between compliment and complement?

A: These are both two excellent vocabulary words! These words are pronounced the same, but they have different meanings.

Compliment means to say nice words to someone. **Complement** means something that pairs well with something else.

Both compliment and complement can be used as a noun or a verb:

Compliment:

* The man complimented his wife on her beautiful new dress. (VERB)

* She gave him a compliment because of his nice manners. (NOUN)

Complement:

* The blue shirt complements my grey pants – the two items look good together. (VERB)

* The chicken is a nice complement to the Kaabsa. (NOUN)

Quote of the Week

*The best way to **cheer** yourself up is to cheer someone else up.*

-Mark Twain

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fashionable (adjective) – stylish; someone who wears current and popular clothes
to cheer (verb) – to try to help someone or cause someone to be happy; to cause joy