

LVWC Student and Tutor News



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Join us!



What's Happening...

First, a thank you for your patience during the construction that has us setting up our office and classroom in the parish hall. After the holiday break, we should be able to get back into our offices downstairs. Follow us on social media for the latest information.

Thanks to the efforts of Marie Henehan, there is a new, free ESL class on Block Island. The class is on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Island Free Library. Marie comes to us with a lot of experience and education concerning English language learners. Most importantly, she brings enthusiasm and a can-do attitude. We are very excited to be working with her and to have a literacy program return to Block Island.

Free English as a Second Language Class



Information also available at the
Island Free Library

Instructor: Marie Henehan,
MA in teaching ESL
For more information:
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401-524-5472

Tuesdays
6pm
Island Library
9 Dodge Street, Block Island
Other times are possible depending on
need and demand

**Block
Island**

Free Classes...try one today!




Free Conversation Class for Adult English Language Learners at the URI Graduate Village. Join Us!

When: Mondays 5:30-7:00pm
Type: IN PERSON
Where: URI Graduate Village Community Center, 2900 Kingstown Rd, Kingston, RI 02881

Please follow state COVID-19 guidelines
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Type: Conversation Class--IN PERSON
When: Mondays 5:30-7:00pm
Where: URI Graduate Village Community Center, 2900 Kingstown Rd, Kingston, RI 02881




Conversation Class Tuesday


IN PERSON at LVWC
11:00am-12:00pm
See our website for more information

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Type: Conversation Class--IN PERSON
When: Tuesdays from 11:00am-12:00pm
Where: 7 Elm Street (Christ Church), Westerly, RI in the St. Stephen Room
All levels welcome




Join the Women's International Book Club




When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month
Time: 5:00-6:30
Where: URI Graduate Village Community Center
2900 Kingstown Rd, Kingston, RI
Email: Josephine for information at jo.carubia@gmail.com
www.literacywashingtoncounty.org

Type: Women's International Book Club--IN PERSON
When: 5:00-6:30pm, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Where: URI Graduate Village Community Center, 2900 Kingstown Rd, Kingston, RI 02881
Email: Josephine at jo.carubia@gmail.com




Conversation Class Wednesday



ZOOM (Online only)
11:00am-12:00pm
Meeting ID # 834 5600 8651
See our website for more information

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Type: Conversation Class--ZOOM (Online only)
When: Wednesdays from 11:00am-12:00pm
All levels welcome
Meeting ID: 834 5600 8651



Literacy Volunteers of Washington County will be closed for the holiday break from December 23 through December 31.

We will open Monday, January 3, 2022.
See you then!

Tutor Tips

In our last newsletter, we emphasized the characteristics of the adult learner and how much we have in common with our students.

Remember? This time, I'd like to explore another component of successful learning -- the context or environment, both physical and atmospheric, in which you tutor.

Physical: You probably give little thought to our physical space and the accommodations we make for adult learners. Even though our physical space at LVWC has been in a state of flux these past months (!), we try to make wherever you meet comfortable. For meeting in person, we set up tables rather than desks in rows to facilitate learning in tutor/student pairs. This configuration is a reminder we are student-centered and not a traditional "school" with mass-produced lesson plans or tests (definite stressors for most adults!). If you're meeting online, we try to give as much tech coaching as you want to make the most of your Zoom/Facetime/other online sessions. The coffee/tea/cocoa pot is a reminder that we serve adults.

You and we make adjustments for eyesight (bigger fonts?), hearing (reducing background noise by distancing when in person or turning up the volume when on the iPad), mobility (handicap parking), temperature (cool in summer, heat in

"I've learned that people will forget what you said and people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

winter, air purifiers and open windows). Although we don't at the moment have access to our usual bookshelves, Theresa has made available on our website updated resources to provide rich visuals to support your tutoring. Go exploring and you'll find everything from pronunciation analysis and conversation scripts to citizenship materials. There are lots of opportunities to hear English and practice speaking online.

Atmospheric: The atmosphere you and we create is as important as the physical adjustments we make to accommodate our adult learners. You appreciate how courageous adult students are to set foot into our space or go online and embark on improving their English. They are stepping into the unknown. You greet them warmly and give them your undivided attention. You meet them at their level. Thank goodness for phone translators! You adjust your sessions to address their goals, even when that is ambiguous or frustratingly hard to quantify.

The atmosphere you create is respectful. Your flexibility and patience show in how you actively listen to your student. Students, over time, hopefully relax a bit at every session and become more receptive to learning. They become reassured that they are safe to practice English usage

and make mistakes. At the same time, you continually tweak the balance of this supportive environment with enough challenges to engage your student. Even the time of day or the length of your session matter.

The context in which you tutor is a crucial part of successful language fluency. Your physical surroundings and the atmosphere you create are subtle but important factors in adult student learning. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the learning environment at LVWC, please let us know.

May your winter be merry and bright!

Barbara Heuer 😊



We are here to help!
Barbara and Theresa
LVWC Literacy Specialists

American Hands-on
Learning with
Susan Besse
by
Samuel R.
Adiprabowo & Ester
Handayani

We walked in some parks, a lot of parks, some of them are woods, talked about life, hobbies, family, and everything. Sometimes we came to Susan's house for lunch.

We did sport sailing in Newport at summer season. Because of Susan, I am interested in sailing, and then I took a sailing course (sailing class) this fall. I'm happy to do that.

We have been meeting Susan several times both in-person or on zoom. She made time for us. We did once a week but, due to my schedule during Fall semester, we changed to at least twice a month. These meetings also directly improve my English



skills especially for how to communicate and talk with native English speakers. Furthermore, we are happy for being her friend. I hope, we can keep this friendship when we head had back to our country.

Again, thanks Susan for being our friend!
Sam & Ester from Indonesia

Sam was an international student at URI. He and his wife, Ester, have been working with Susan Besse since March 2021. Sam has finished his program, and he and his wife are heading back home at the end of the year.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022



Tutor Gatherings Coming Up 2022

January 31, 2022
LVWC

February 28, 2022
Kingston Free Library

March 28, 2022
LVWC

April 25, 2022
Kingston Free Library

May 23, 2020
LVWC

11:30am-12:30pm

www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/tutors



New Tutor Handbook

The new LVWC Tutor Handbook is available. Copies are available in the LVWC office and on the LVWC website:

<https://www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/tutors>.

Inside you will find our approach, tutor responsibilities, best practices, resources and more. This is an evolving document, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know.



Don't forget to visit our website's Learning Resources page

www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/learning

New! **RealEnglish.com**

Real English® is an online video library of spontaneous dialogues of people interviewed on the streets of English-speaking countries, organized according to grammatical, and functional criteria used in the interactive exercises.

New! **Puns Explained**

From *Really Learn English*

New! **Listen and Learn**

Listen and learn about Agatha Christie from Englishclub.com

New! **Rachel's English (videos)**

From the Rachelsenglish.com website. This page contains videos to help with English

American Pronunciation Videos

- The Two TH Consonants [θ] and [ð]
- TH Rules: Voiced or Voiceless?
- B[b] and P[p] Consonants
- Bee /b/ vs Pee /p/
- F [f] and V [v] Consonants
- "sh" [ʃ] vs. "ch" [tʃ]
- American English Vowels
- Clear English Corner
- Sounds of English

How to Pronounce

How to make the

How to make the

S [s] and

Tongue T

Rachel's English
ESL International Phonetic Alphabet symbols acquainted with the symbols! It helps as you

Clear English Corner with Keeny
Pronunciation lessons videos

Sounds of English
English pronunciation lessons and activities

Learning Resources



Monthly Calendars

- September 2021
- October 2021
- November 2021
- December 2021
- January 2022
- February 2022
- March 2022
- April 2022
- May 2022
- June 2022
- July 2022
- August 2022

New! **Beelinguapp**

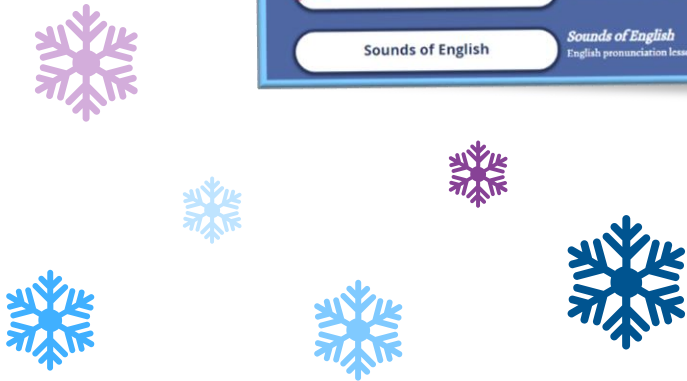
Acquire languages naturally by reading and listening to audiobooks, news and songs.

Beelinguapp is a free, language learning app that helps the learner learn language through reading with native language support.

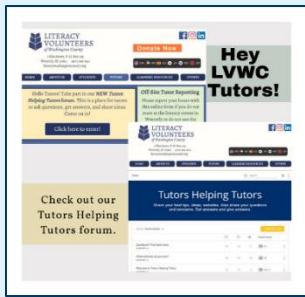
[Download the app here](#)

My English Pages

- ALLES.COM**
All ESL: "The basics for English language learning and teaching. This includes worksheets, teaching English, learning English."
- Engoo Daily News**
Engoo Daily News: Daily News is a free service for English learners provided by Engoo. New articles are added every day, covering a range of topics and difficulty levels.
- Daily ESL**
DailyESL.com: Daily ESL is designed to help you become familiar with common vocabulary and expressions you can use all the time in many situations. Choose a topic, listen, answer questions, read along with paragraph, and then discuss the questions with a partner or tutor.
- Breaking News English**
Breaking News English: This website provides free English lessons broken into different reading levels.
- English Club**
Englishclub.com: This website provides free English lessons and activities.
- ESL Fast**
ESL Fast: A collection of beginner to intermediate text with voice support, Google translation support, and a variety of exercises.
- VOA**
Voice of American English: Contains beginning, intermediate, and advanced reading activities. Articles have voice support, a quiz, and a vocabulary list.
- ESL Lab Link**
Randall's ESL Listening Lab: Online listening lab with quizzes.
- Change Agent**
Change Agent: A magazine for intermediate and advanced readers Nonfiction articles based on topical and cultural issues. Login: rhodeisland Password: changeagent



Tutors Helping Tutors Forum



You can access this forum from the tutor page of LVWC's website: <https://www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/tutors>. This is a space where tutors can share with each other ideas, useful resources, questions, and more. Try it today!

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