

STUDENT BASICS

TO: All ESL students

FROM: your teacher Kat

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 first week	1st first	2nd second	3rd third	4th fourth	5th fifth	6th sixth	7th seventh
2 second week	8th eighth	9th ninth	10th tenth	11th eleventh	12th twelfth	13th thirteenth	14th fourteenth
3 third week	15th fifteenth	16th sixteenth go to work	17th seventeenth get a haircut	18th eighteenth buy some milk	19th nineteenth have lunch with my friend	20th twentieth watch a movie	21st twenty-first
4 fourth week	22nd twenty-second	23rd twenty-third	24th twenty-fourth	25th twenty-fifth	26th twenty-sixth	27th twenty-seventh	28th twenty-eighth
5 fifth week	29th twenty-ninth	30th thirtieth	31 thirty-first				
6 sixth week				1st	2nd	3rd	4th
7 seventh week	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
8 eighth week	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th

1. Read the idiom-of-the day and what it means: "Today's idiom is . . ."
2. Know how to ask and answer these questions:

a) <i>How do you feel today?</i>	I feel fine. I feel great. I feel so-so.
b) <i>What's the <u>date</u>?</i>	It's July 6th, 20XX.
c) <i>What <u>day</u> (of the week) is it today?</i>	It's <u>Tuesday</u> .
d) <i>What's the weather like?</i>	It's sunny. It's cloudy. It's raining.
e) <i>What's the temperature?</i>	It's 80 degrees.
f) <i>What time is it?</i>	It's 10:45 a.m. It's 12 noon. It's 1:15 p.m.
3. We are here to practice good communication. Say hello to everyone. Use "magic words": *Please. Thank you. Excuse me. May I? Would you mind? Could you please? You're welcome.*
4. Wait for the speaker to finish before you interrupt (e.g., ask questions, go to the restroom, get more coffee, etc.).
5. 📞 Put your cell phone on vibrate. 💻 Turn off your computer. Check your messages during the break.

Please. Thank you. Excuse me. May I? Would you mind? Could you please? You're welcome.

GRADES

A = 90-100%	outstanding	Attendance	25%
B = 80-89%	good	Homework	25%
C = 70-79%	average	Midterm exam	25%
D = 60-69%	below average	<u>Final exam</u>	<u>25%</u>
F = Below 60%	need to repeat the class	TOTAL	100%

The Pledge of Allegiance, by Francis Bellamy, 1892
 ("Under God" added in 1954.)

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,
 and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God,
 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Star-Spangled Banner, by Francis Scott Key, 1814
 (National anthem of the U.S.)

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
 What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous
 fight,
 Over the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
 Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
 Over the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

FORMULAS

Temperature

- Centigrade** = $(F - 32) \times 5/9$
 Water freezes at 0 degrees and boils at 100 degrees.
- Fahrenheit** = $(C \times 9/5) + 32$
 Water freezes at 32 degrees and boils at 212 degrees.

Height

- centimeters** (cm.) = $(\text{feet} \times 30.48) + (\text{inches} \times 2.54)$
 100 centimeters = 1 meter.
- feet** (ft.) = $\text{centimeters} / 30.48$
 1 inch = 2.54 centimeters
 3 feet and 36 inches = 1 yard
 12 inches = 1 foot
 5'6" = five feet and six inches tall

Weight

- kilogram** (kg.) = $\text{pounds} \times 0.45359$
- pound** (lb.) = $\text{kilogram} / 0.45359$
 16 ounces (oz.) = 1 pound (lb.)
 4 quarts (qts.) = 1 gallon (gal.)
 2 pints (pts.) = 1 quart (1 qt.)
 2 cups = 1 pint (pt.)

Los Angeles Pacific Standard Time (PST)

(Midyear, it is Pacific Daylight Time [PDT].)

* = Daylight Saving Time. Since 2009 in the U.S. (except for Arizona and Hawaii), it is from the 2nd Sunday in March to the 1st Sunday in November. "Spring forward, fall back."



California, "The Golden State"

It became the 31st state on September 9, 1850.

- State animal: grizzly bear
- State bird: valley quail
- State fish: golden trout
- State flower: poppy
- State colors: blue (for the sky) and gold (for the precious metal)
- State motto: Eureka (a Greek word meaning "I have found it")

- California is the third largest state in the United States and has the most people. It has the eighth largest economy in the world.
- Sacramento is the state's capital.
- San Francisco is in Northern California, and Los Angeles and San Diego are in Southern California.
- The most common languages are English-only (spoken by 60%) and Spanish (30%).
- The strong and hot Santa Ana winds (aka the Santana winds) blow from the desert into Southern California. These winds are common in the fall and winter. Some people are affected by them and get nervous and angry. The winds are followed by fog.
- Death Valley is the hottest place in California. It has the record for the highest temperature in the Americas: 134 degrees Fahrenheit, which is 56.7 degrees Celsius (aka centigrade).
- Mount Whitney is the highest peak in the United States, excluding Alaska. It is 14, 505 feet tall, which is 4,421 meters.