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English for Migrant Class
Visiting Lincoln University Dairy Farm



Intermediate Class having a hot pot lunch party



Elementary Class visiting the city art trail

Health and Safety Tips for the Holidays

Driving

- Remember to drive on the left side of the road
- Do not exceed the speed limit
- Stop and take a break every two hours if driving a long distance



In the Sun

To avoid skin cancer and damage from ultraviolet radiation from the sun

- Remember to apply sunscreen before going out
- Wear a hat and sunglasses

Food

Take special care when preparing, cooking and storing food.



Key Dates

- 11 Dec 2015: Term 4 ends
- 14 Dec 2015: Summer School 1 starts
- 18 Dec 2015: Summer School 1 ends
- 19 Dec 2015: Summer Holiday starts
- 11 Jan 2016: Summer School 2 starts
- 29 Jan 2016: Summer School 2 ends
- 1 Feb 2016: Term 1 starts

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year

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End of Term BBQ
11 December 2015

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2015 has been a successful year at Rewi Alley Academy. We have had many accomplishments. Our teachers have successfully implemented new textbooks, teaching materials and E-teaching. Our students have made excellent progress in English and their knowledge about New Zealand and Christchurch. Rewi Alley Academy is proving a popular choice for students and we have had an increase in student numbers. Congratulations to everyone for your achievements over the year. We wish you all a very pleasant and safe Christmas and New Year holiday!

Hong Xiao
Academic Director

Intermediate class

The intermediate class had two new student join us this semester. Irene and Tina have recently finished high school in China. They want to go to CPIT and are studying very hard to improve their English. Both have contributed to making the intermediate classroom a pleasant place to study. We have also been learning some interesting strategies for speaking English. One is using 'Now' before asking a question. 'Now' is one of the top 100 words. About 20% of its usage is to introduce questions. Now, did you learn something new from reading this?

John

Speaking and Listening class

This term the class got so big that we had to split the class into two – one Elementary class and one Intermediate class. In the Elementary class we have looked at: money, appearance, crime, music, fashion and luck.

Are you superstitious?

Do you believe that some numbers, days or dates are lucky or unlucky?

Are there any actions that can bring bad luck?

In England, they say if you walk under a ladder, you will have bad luck. Or if you see a four leaf clover, you will have good luck.

What superstitions are there in your country?

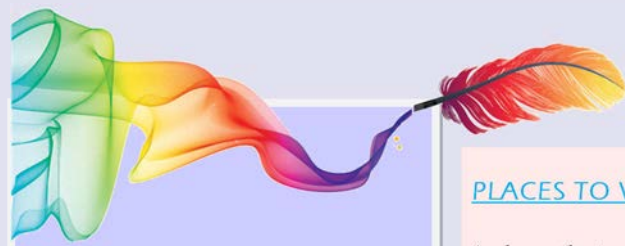


Wendy

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Elementary Class Writing

Beginner / Elementary Class

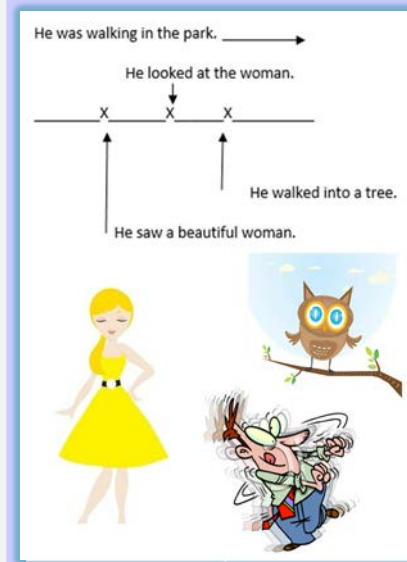
Wow! It is the end of the year! 2015 passed very quickly, didn't it?

We had some students leave. During the term we were sorry to say goodbye to George and Tian. But we welcomed Milo, May and Mingzhang.

This term we have learned: how to talk about our neighborhoods and say where things are; how to give directions and offer help; how to talk about taking a trip and give travel advice; how to talk about our homes and who owns things; how to talk about health and accidents; and how to tell anecdotes (a short interesting story).

An anecdote gives us the background to the story and then tells us what happened. Like this.....

A man was walking in the park when he saw a beautiful woman. He looked at her so long that he walked into a tree!



Can you make a short anecdote like this?

Wendy

PLACES TO VISIT IN CHRISTCHURCH

A cheap (but good) place to eat

Madam Kwang's has a Malaysian boss. Its environment is wonderful and has a lot of favorite foods and its cost is very cheap. It's on Blenheim Road behind the CALTEX Station. It's Madam Kwang's. It's open everyday but every morning from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm and from 5:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.

Ken

My favourite place is Victoria Park. There is a playground and a wonderful wide view. On a sunny day, I like to picnic there. At night, I can see incredible night scape! I have a leisurely time.

Sawako

Halswell

What can you see there?

In the evening I can see a Christchurch night scene. It's very fascinating but has a big window. You can see the sun come up and down.

Why do you like that?

I like that good scene and beautiful mountain.

George

A fun place to spend a rainy afternoon?

I went to Sumner Beach Cafe and Hagley Park.

A quiet area to go for a walk or a jog?

I went to the Groynes park. There is a very quiet and small cafe. I did a leisurely walk and gave bread to the ducks.

Pyung Su

I like the museum because I can find the history of Christchurch. The Abalone museum has many abalone. It is very beautiful. It all came from Bluff's old woman.

It began when the husband gave one to his wife. The wife liked it very much. The husband got many and put it on the wall of their house. When they were old, they sent all the abalone to the museum. It's wonderful.

May



A & P Show

Last week we went to the famous A and P show in New Zealand. It's a once a year festival. Although it rained, a lot of people enjoyed this party. My classmates told me, that all the people of Christchurch are likely to come. In China, I didn't visit an exhibition. It rained off and on all day, but didn't dampen our enthusiasm.

Leon

Last Thursday I wanted to be with my family and to go to the A and P show together on Friday. So I didn't go to the show with my teachers and classmates.

That day was very bad weather, a lot of rain. I was at home. I saw the classmates sent pictures. They had a good time.

Sophia

At the A and P show, I looked at a shearing match. It is interesting. I looked at more cows, alpaca and the horse racing. The female knights were very handsome.

I looked at the concert. It was a wonderful time. But, in the afternoon, it was raining. I went to a house to avoid it. My visit came to an end.

Nancy

We went to the farmer's display last Thursday. We watched a lot of festivals and things .

My favourite was sheep shearing because I feel they were working hard. I got home at noon. I felt very happy on that day.

Jason

Intermediate Class Writing

My Biggest CHALLENGE

Kirk

When I first tried skiing, my father went with me. He is a good skier. He has already gone to most mountains in China for skiing.

When I first stand on the ski board, it's hard to control the balance. I fall off a lot when I try to move. My father told me to slide from right to left and to turn back is the best way to slow down.

I practiced a lot. One week later, I could do the same action with my father. He was very glad to see my skill grow up.

Now I love skiing, the challenge made a big effect. I go skiing every winter with my father.

Tony

When I was 38, I came to NZ to study English. It is really difficult for me. I can't understand most English words and sentences. I just guess everything by my brain. So I'm really worrying about my decision to come from China. Before I planned on studying English one year, Then I can go to work. But I can't finish my plan quickly nowadays. I have to work hard for my English lessons. It's the biggest challenge for me. I still try to learn more and more English. I think I will be better than before in the future. I hope I can be do everything by myself.

Wu Yadong

When I was in high school, I was about 17 years old. My math teacher is a good man and he always told us that something should be done and something shouldn't be done.

One day, He asked us "what percentage of you can go to the college?"

We don't know and say nothing, then he said:" 50% of you can go to college. If you take the entrance to university test, there are only two results--go and don't go. But if you don't do the test, there is only one result for you."

We listened to his words and considered a lot. We studied hard. All of us took the test.

John

When I was in China, speaking English wasn't required , I haven't used it in my life.

One day, I went to another country, I found that I couldn't communicate with local people. After that I planned to study English in language school. It was too hard for me because I haven't spoken English for a long time. I've remembered when I was first in English school, I was extremely nervous. So from this basis of English, I studied English.

A year later, I could speak a little English and communicate with people.

Tina

When I first came to Christchurch , I realized English communication is very important, but I wasn't very good at it.

One day, I went to Countdown with my mother. We had to buy some dish wash liquid but we couldn't find where it was and my mother told me: "you should ask some people." At that time, I was very nervous and couldn't open my mouth because I was afraid to say the wrong grammar. In the end, we didn't buy dish wash.

Two days later , I went to school and met my teacher from New Zealand. I realized I have to speak English not Chinese. I plucked up the courage and introduced myself to him and forgot how nervous I was. After that, I began to speak English and became better and better.

It was a big challenge for me to talk with others in English. My teacher helped me to improve my English quickly.



Irene

When I was in high school, our school had a ceremony to celebrate the New Year. Each class had to do an item. I was chosen to do a dance with several girls. But I've never danced before.

At the practice time, I was so nervous that my hands were sweating. I couldn't followed the beat. I thought I was making the team bad. And then my teacher consoled me and let me practice many times.

On the day of the ceremony, I had confidence to make the show perfect. I faced throng of students, I wasn't scared. Our show was successful.

Whenever I have a challenge, I recall this memory and try my best to overcome it.

Lily Guo

I have a big challenge. It's about language. How to speak English? I have no idea. I haven't found a good way to study English. Everything is very difficult for me. Sometimes, I feel crazy. But, I like NZ, I love living here. Anyway, I'll keep studying English and won't give up. Maybe, someday I can speak English very well.

Luo

When I was in high school, English was a required subject, but I wasn't very good at it. I never passed any test.

One day, my father told me if I pass a test, he will buy a gift whatever I want.

After that, I study hard, watch English movies, listen to English music, play English games. I have greatly improved. In the final test, I got 91. That was the highest mark I've ever got. Then I got my gift-my first motor bike.

It was a big challenge for me, I can study in New Zealand now.