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Ramadan Kareem

A very special time of year for our Muslim students

Many CIES students are **fasting** the next few weeks because of Ramadan. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and it is considered a very holy month for Muslims. During this month, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. At the end of the day, they observe *iftar*. During *iftar*, Muslims will eat dates to symbolize the end of the fast. After eating the dates, there are usually prayers followed by a large meal. Ramadan is also a time for **charity**. Many Muslims will bring food to those who are poor, and they might share their evening meal with their neighbors. Although fasting can be a challenge, most Muslims are very proud that they get to fast during Ramadan! Ramadan is a time for Muslims to be thankful and avoid things that might be bad or harmful. If any of your friends are fasting, please ask them about Ramadan. One of the best things about CIES is that we get to share our culture with others.

June Activities

Friday June 9: Every summer CIES always makes a trip to St. George Island (SGI). St. George is a beautiful beach about 75 miles from Tallahassee. It is a very popular beach, and June is one of the best months of the year to go to SGI. You can



swim, walk on the beach, play volleyball, or just lay on the beach and get some sun. We do not have class on **Friday June 9**, so we will leave CIES at **8:30** and take a bus down to St. George. (We will return by late afternoon.) There will be more information on Facebook, and there will also be a signup sheet downstairs.

Friday June 16 is WATER DAY! Even though Thursday June 15 is the last day of class (and the day of the reading final), Friday June 16 is the official last day of the session. Even though there is no class on Friday, it is a very important day because it is the day we say goodbye to all of our CIES friends and family. We have many students leaving this session, and this may be your last chance to say goodbye to them.

In addition to goodbyes, we will be celebrating Water Day on **Friday 6/16 at 9:30**. There will be different games to play, and there is something for everyone. There will be games where you practice **tossing**



where you try to fill up a bucket of water using a sponge. After the games, there will be food available to eat.

water balloons, another game where you try to **limbo**, and even one

The most important part is at the end. We will hand out certificates to those students who will be leaving. This is a chance for us to recognize every student who is leaving individually. Not only do the teachers make a speech about each student, but students can talk as well. Even though many of you are fasting this month for Ramadan, hopefully you will still be able to come out and say goodbye and recognize those students who are leaving.

Summer II Session

We have many new students who will be arriving for Summer II session. Orientation will be on **Wednesday June 21** and **Thursday June 22**. There will be opportunities for old students to come those days and greet the new students. This is a great opportunity for those of you who are in Tallahassee (and might be bored) to come and welcome the new CIES students.

Don't forget your dad!

Sunday June 18 is a special day in the United States. That is a day when we recognize all of our dads. Most of you might be many thousands of miles away from your dad. If you are, take an opportunity that day to call your father (or grandfather or husband) and tell them what they mean to you!

Birthdays in June

Eduardo Juliani (June 8)

Jihong Ma (June 11)

Ana Claus (June 24)

Natalia Zelenska (June 27)

Culture Questions

Question: Why do people dress so casually at FSU?

A: The simple answer to the question: because it's Florida. Florida is officially the hottest state in the United States; the average temperature in Florida is over 70° Fahrenheit (21° Celsius). Hawaii, which many people think is the hottest state, is actually in 2nd place. Because of this warm weather, Floridians grow up wearing shorts and less clothing. Although north Florida can occasionally get cold, many FSU students are from parts of Florida that rarely get cold weather. As a result, they are used to wearing shorts, tank-tops, and loose-fitting clothes. Many younger FSU students tend to dress very informally, so you will often see shorts that are very short, even by American standards. You will also see many people wearing tank-tops and other sleeveless garments. Even some guys will often cut out the sleeves of their shirts in order to try to stay cooler. If you were to visit universities in other parts of the United States, you would likely find students who don't dress quite as casually.

Language Question

Question: When is it wrong to say 'in the morning'?

Answer: Is the following sentence correct or incorrect: *Tomorrow in the morning I will meet my friends. ?*

Although the above sentence might be grammatically correct, it would never be spoken by a native English speaker. Anytime you have the words *tomorrow, yesterday*, or any day of the week (*Monday, Tuesday*, etc.), you can follow them up directly with the words *morning, afternoon, or evening*. For example:

Thursday in the evening I will go skating. (not so great)

Thursday evening I will go skating. (perfect)

Yesterday in the morning my brother forgot to eat breakfast. (not so great)

Yesterday morning my brother forgot to eat breakfast. (fine)

Question: Is it better to use a gerund or an infinitive after the verb 'remember'?

Answer: Both are correct. However, even though both are correct grammatically, they have very different meanings.

A gerund is an -ing form of a verb. Many verbs in English are followed by a gerund. Look at these sentences with underlined gerunds:

I avoided talking to my friend.

Keep doing good work!

I enjoy speaking English.

An infinitive is a verb that is (most often) preceded by 'to'. Many other verbs are followed by an infinitive. Look at these sentences with underlined infinitives:

I decided to do my homework.

I plan to buy Mr. Wilson a present.

I waited to see the doctor.

'Remember' can be followed by both.

I remembered to do my homework last night. (infinitive).

I remembered doing my homework last night. (gerund).

These sentences look the same but are rather different. If you use remember + an infinitive, then the remembering happens BEFORE the other verb. *I must remember to pay my bills.* (You remember first, then you pay your bill.) If you use remember + gerund, then the remembering happens AFTER the event. *I remember coming to CIES for the first time.* (You are remembering a past event after it happens.)

Practice Time!

Circle the most logical answer below:

I remember to celebrate / celebrating my 10th birthday.

Remember to call / calling your father on Father's Day!

Quote of the Week

"We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but we rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty."

- Maya Angelou



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This week's vocabulary:

to fast (verb) / fast (noun) – not eating food (usually for religious purposes)

charity (noun) – the act of giving or providing for those that are poor or less fortunate

toss (verb) – to throw something in a gentle way

limbo (noun/verb) – a game that involves bending backwards under a stick

casual/casually (adjective/adverb) – everyday; not formal

garment (noun) – a more formal word for clothing or things that are worn