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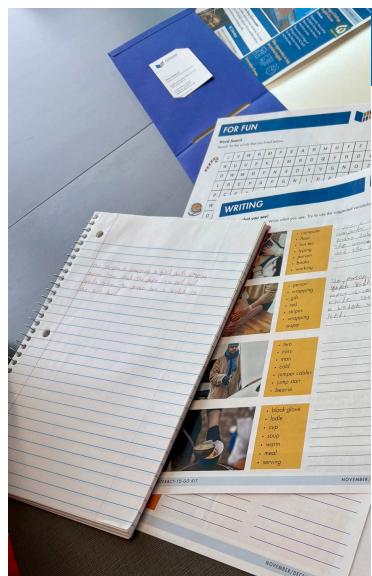
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More for You!

Welcome to our new literacy kit and newsletter!

We will share updates about our classes and services. Every couple of months we will highlight resources that are available to help you continue to improve your language skills.



ELL Saturdays

Join us once a month for a Saturday morning English Language Learners (ELL) group. Each month features a different topic or activity to help build your skills and confidence in English. Registration is required due to limited space.

January 10: Conversation Group
February 7 & 14: Pronunciation Class
Study Room 2H 10:00 a.m.
Registration is required.



Visit our Learning English webpage!
addisonlibrary.org/learning-english



College of DuPage English Classes

In-Person



Temporarily, there will be no English classes at the library due to the library's renovation project.

Please contact College of DuPage at 630.942.3697 for other Addison locations and testing dates.

Other opportunities to help you practice English!



Conversation Groups

Practice your English speaking and listening skills while making friends at the library.

Virtual:

Mondays 2:00-3:00 PM
Register to receive the Zoom link.

In-person:

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM
Meeting Room 3

Reading Circle

Join us to read and chat in a relaxed environment.

Tuesdays 11:00-12:00
Study Room 2H (Formerly S20)

APRENDER INGLÉS

con la biblioteca



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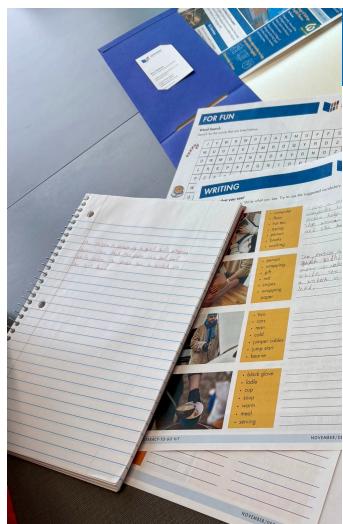
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¡Más para usted!

¡Bienvenidos a nuestro nuevo boletín y kit de inglés!

Compartiremos información sobre nuestras clases y servicios. También le dejaremos saber de recursos que tenemos disponibles para ayudarle a mejorar su inglés.



Sabados de inglés

Únase a nosotros una vez al mes para un grupo de Estudiantes de Inglés (ELL) los sábados por la mañana. Cada mes se presentará un tema o actividad diferente para ayudarle con sus habilidades y confianza en Inglés. Se requiere inscripción debido al espacio limitado.

Enero 10: grupo de conversación
Febrero 7 & 14: kits de alfabetización
Study Room 2H 10:00 a.m.
Es necesario registrarse debido al espacio limitado.



¡Visite nuestra página web Aprender inglés!
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Colegio de DuPage Clases de inglés

En Persona



Temporalmente, no habrá clases de inglés en la biblioteca debido al proyecto de renovación de la biblioteca.

Por favor, póngase en contacto con COD llamando al 630.942.3697 para recibir información.

Otras oportunidades para practicar su inglés!



Grupos de conversación

Un espacio para conversar en inglés.

Virtual:

Los lunes 2:00-3:00
Regístrate para obtener el enlace de Zoom.

En persona:

Los miércoles 7:00-8:00
Meeting Room 3

Círculo de lectura

Acompáñenos en la biblioteca para un poco de lectura y charla en un ambiente relajado.

Los martes 11:00-12:00 2H/S20

VOCABULARY

Do you know the names of the items below?



Clock



Watch



Smart watch



Gift bag



Rose



Box of chocolates



Carnation



Bouquet



Teddy bear

VOCABULARY

Matching Game

Draw a line from the picture to the word of what the picture is.



Teddy bear



Watch



Clock



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Carnation



Rose



Smart watch



Gift bag



Box of chocolates

WRITING

Describe what you see!

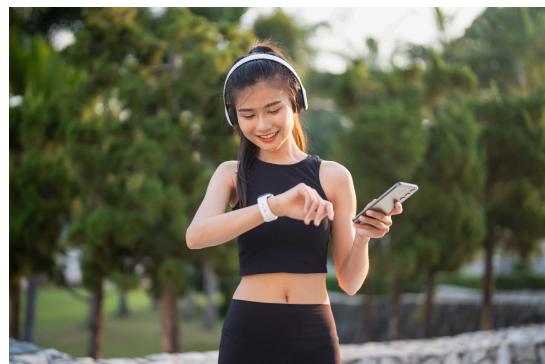
Look at the pictures below. Write what you see. Try to use the suggested vocabulary words in the box next to the picture.



- man
- woman
- smiling
- red
- roses
- balloons
- happy



- gift bag
- women
- handing
- coat
- black
- gray
- gift



- outside
- woman
- smiling
- smart watch
- phone
- headphones
- walking



- doctor
- child
- teddy bear
- smiling
- glasses
- blue
- heart

Read the Article

Read the article below from News For You Online and answer the questions at the end.

Stuffed Animals Get a Second Chance at Love

Some people love their stuffed animals. They think of the toys almost as living beings. So getting rid of the "plushies" and "stuffies" can be painful. Charlotte Liebling is one of those people. Eight years ago, she helped at a charity thrift shop in London, England. She saw boxes piled high with stuffies. "I hated to see them just thrown in a bin," Liebling said. "I was sad to learn most of them ended up at the landfill." Liebling set out to help those once well-loved toys.

Second Chances

About 80% of stuffies end up in the trash. They make up 6% of the plastics in landfills across the globe. In 2019, Liebling started the company Loved Before. People give her used soft toys for free. She cleans them and then finds new homes for them. The toys sell online for about \$10 to \$15 plus shipping. Three British stores also sell Loved Before toys. In the past five years, Liebling has found new homes for more than 60,000 plushies. Some come from London thrift shops. But thousands come from people who drop off or mail in their "friends" as an act of love. "It doesn't matter if toys are old or battered or worn, we'll find them homes," Liebling said. She gives 50% of the money she makes to charity.

Adopt-a-Stuffy

Liebling calls her company a "soft-toy adoption agency." She asks donors to write something about their toys. Loved Before posts an online story about each stuffy. If one comes in without a story, Liebling gives it to a "foster carer" for a few weeks. "Or we'll pass them over to a school classroom, and the children will take them on adventures and write the stories," Liebling said.

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Each toy goes through a high-heat steam cleaning, called a "spa day." If needed, toys get added repairs. Loved Before fixes 50 to 100 toys a day. On Mondays, the website lists sets of new toys for sale. Most sell out that day. People in more than 25 countries have bought Loved Before toys. They often post photos and thank-you notes.

Sharing the Love

Emily Dreimann loves the toys. She bought a pig named "Captain Porkchop" for a friend's daughter. Then she went to her parents' attic and found about 20 of her old stuffies to give away. Liebling hopes kids learn about giving something a second chance. She thinks Loved Before toys are better because of the love and adventures they've had. A dying 80-year-old woman once gave Loved Before a teddy bear. "She wanted to be sure her bear would be loved when she wasn't here anymore," Liebling said.

Answer the questions below.

1. **What percent of stuffies end up in the trash?**

2. **What is something you learned from this article?**



WRITING AND SPEAKING



Q&A (Questions & Answers)

Answer the questions below. Write your answer on the black lines. Find someone you can share your answers with and then ask them the questions too! Write their answers on the blue lines.

What goals are you setting for this new year?

What will you do on Valentine's Day?

How have you been dealing with the cold months?

Who was the first person you wished a happy new year to?

What was the last gift you gave or received?

Do you prefer to use wrapping paper or gift bags for presents? Why?

LISTENING



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"Dreaming of You" by Selena

Scan the QR code or follow the link to listen to "Where You Lead I Will Follow" and fill in the missing lyrics.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRU2qs82DAg>



Late at _____ when all the world is sleeping
I stay up and think of _____
And I wish on a star
That somewhere you are thinking of _____ too
'Cause I'm dreaming of you tonight
'Til tomorrow
I'll be holding you tight
And there's nowhere in the _____ I'd rather be
Than here in my room
Dreaming about you and me
Wonder if you _____ see me (see me)
And I wonder if you know _____ there (am I
there? Am I?)
If you looked in my _____
Would you see what's inside?
Would you even care?
I just wanna hold you close
But so far
All I have are _____ of you
So I wait for the day and the courage to say
How much I _____ you, yes I do!
I'll be dreaming of you _____
'Til tomorrow
I'll be holding you tight
And there's nowhere in the world I'd rather be
Than _____ in my room
Dreaming about you and _____

Corazón
(I can't stop dreaming of you)
No puedo dejar de pensar en ti
(I can't stop dreaming)
Cómo te necesito
(I can't stop dreaming of you)
Mi amor (cómo te extraño)
Late at night when all the world is sleeping
I _____ up and _____ of you
And I still can't believe
That you came up to me
And said, "I love you"
_____ love you too!
_____ I'm dreaming with you tonight
'Til tomorrow ('til tomorrow) and for all of my life
And there's nowhere in the world I'd rather be
Than here _____ my room
Dreaming with you endlessly (dreaming with
you, tonight)
_____ you tonight (I want you to know I'll be
holding you tight)
And there's nowhere in the world where I'd
rather be
Than here in my _____
I'll be dreaming (endlessly) of you tonight
(endlessly)
And I'll be _____ you tight ('til tomorrow)
Dreaming with you tonight (endlessly, endlessly)
Dreaming (endlessly)

Do you like this song?



Yes, I like this song.



No, I did not enjoy this song.

Word Search

Search for the words that are listed below.



E	R	R	Z	X	C	C	S	F	E	Q	S	H	H	R	S	D
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CARNATION

ROSE

TEDDY BEAR

CLOCK

GIFT BAG

BOX OF CHOCOLATES

SMART WATCH

BOUQUET

WATCH

