A few years ago, my dad talked to me about learning a different language like English. He told me that it was his father’s wish for him when he was a young boy. At that time, I did not realize that it would be a great opportunity for me. Since I came to the United States, my life has changed. I am studying English at the ELI and learning fast. Now, I have a goal to accomplish: getting a master’s in International Business at FIU. It is going to help me be a better professional, improve my skills, and grow in order to resolve any situation in my life. Moreover, living in a different country far away from my relatives makes me stronger and more confident about myself. I couldn’t imagine how my life would develop into an experience full of thankfulness, enjoyment, and happiness. This experience has showed me that appreciating every single moment in my daily life is the best way to be grateful to God and my family.

Paula Mesa

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Upcoming Events

Hi guys! I hope you all had a great term. Now that it’s coming to an end, I would like to invite each and everyone of you to the last event of the term, which is the Christmas party. It will be on December 19th, 2013 at 8pm in the Faculty Club located in Graham Center. Be there or be square.

Camilla Castaneda
Hi! My name is Jose Almonte, and I am from the Dominican Republic. I am retired from the Dominican Army. I have been studying English at English Language Institute (ELI) for about one year and seven months. The ELI has good teachers and methods where you learn grammar, reading, writing, and communication at the same time. My English has improved a lot. Besides, I have visited a lot of different places in Florida, especially in Miami. It has beautiful beaches, parks, lakes, etc. I like everything about the ELI, especially the teachers, who are always willing to help students improve their English.

Jose Almonte

Hi, I'm Dong Bo. I come from China. I have been in Miami for more than 3 months. I love it here very much! I love the weather because it's warm! The air here is clean! And what I love best are the beaches! I have gone to Fort Lauderdale Beach once. Fort Lauderdale Beach is one of the "national top ten Beaches". I have been studying at the ELI for almost 3 months. Studying at the ELI has not only helped me improve my English, but also has allowed me to meet people and make a lot of friends who come from all over the world. This has given me an opportunity to learn more about different culture and increase my knowledge about geography. I have also learned a little Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic and so on. Every week, there are a lot of activities at the ELI. I like it very much, and I enjoy studying here!

Dong Bo

My name is Daniela Ojeda. I am seventeen years old. I have been in Miami since October. I like this city very much because the people are friendly and polite. I like go to the beach, read, and enjoy myself. My experience at the ELI has been great. I have learned so much and have met people from different cultures.

Daniela Ojeda

My name is Inaki Contreras, and I am from Venezuela. I have been living in Miami for a year. I'm glad that I have met really good people at the ELI. I'm happy with my teachers because they help us and thanks to them, I have been improving my English skills.

Inaki Contreras

My name is Aaron, and I am nineteen years old. I am from Venezuela. I have been in Miami for five months. I like living in Miami because it is a new experience for me. I like the program offered at the ELI because of the teaching methods used and because it has the best teachers.

Aaron Perez
Student Spotlight: Barbara Bonjour

Hi everyone! My name is Barbara. I come from French Guiana, which is a small country located in South America. I would like to study public relations. I chose to study in Miami for a year before continuing my studies. At the beginning, leaving my country was pretty scary for me, but I really enjoy being a student at the ELI. It is my second term here, and I have met a lot of lovely people. I hope that someday I will be able to visit my best friends in their native countries. Traveling and meeting people from different countries are things that I really like to do. Also, my passion is modeling and fashion.

Student Spotlight: Jose Acosta

Hello everyone my name is Jose, and I’m from Venezuela. This is my first semester at the ELI. Since I have been here, I’ve had a great time. All the teachers are special in their own way, and students can learn more than English from them. People here are crazy (in a good way) because they all come from different countries, which makes this program very interesting and enjoyable. I came to Miami because I want to study international business at FIU. The ELI has helped me improve my English, and I know that my skills will get better and better with time because the ELI is a really good institute. I know the time spent here is going to be one of the best experiences of my life.

Jose Acosta

Interesting Facts about Christmas

1. Each year, more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone.

2. All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.

3. The traditional three colors of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty.

4. Christmas trees have been sold in the U.S. since 1850.

5. Christmas trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.


7. Alabama was the first state in the United States to officially recognize Christmas in 1836 and Oklahoma the last in 1907.
Santa Claus Conundrum

The 3 stages of man:

1) He believes in Santa Claus.
2) He doesn't believe in Santa Claus.
3) He IS Santa Claus!

What do you call people who are frightened of Santa?

Answer: Claustrophobic.

What do you get if you team Santa with a detective? Santa Clues!

What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?
The Christmas alphabet has No L (Noel).

What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman? Frostbite.