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Fall 2020 Intensive English Program Certificate Survey

The end of the semester is approaching quickly! Students who successfully complete the Fall 2020 Intensive English Program will receive virtual certificates. Some students may also want printed certificates. To request a printed copy of your certificate, please fill out the [ELI Intensive English Program Certificate survey](#) by **Friday, November 20 at 5 P.M.**

Students who request a printed certificate can choose to either 1) pick-up their certificate in person if conditions allow OR 2) choose to receive their certificate by mail. If safety conditions change and students cannot pick-up their certificates, certificates will be mailed to all students who want printed certificates.

Printed certificates will be distributed in early December. Students who complete the ELI Intensive Program Certificate survey and successfully complete the Fall 2020 Intensive English Program will be contacted with more information on how to receive their certificates.

If you have any questions, please contact the ELI Main Office at elipitt@pitt.edu.



ELI/IEP Activity:

ELI Virtual Game Night Scattergories

As we near the end of the semester, your motivation for studying English might begin to diminish. If you are looking for a catalyst to generate some energy, then join the ELI on Saturday, November 7, from 8:00-9:00 p.m. for another uproarious Virtual Game Night!

On Saturday, we will play a game called Scattergories, which is a competition of categories. When we begin the game, a list of diverse categories, such as vegetables or cities, will be visible on the screen. In addition, a letter will also be visible. The goal is to think of one word for each category that begins with that letter. For example, if the letter is “C” and one of the categories is “vegetables,” you could answer “carrot.” Each person will work individually to think of words for as many categories as possible.

When the time is up, you will send your answers to Ece, and she will reveal them for everyone to see. You will receive a point for each answer if a consensus is reached on the validity of your answer. For example, you might insist that a cat is a vegetable, but most people will agree that is nonsense. Receiving an additional point is contingent upon having a unique answer, ie., no one else had the same answer. After we add up the points for one round, we

will resume the game with a new letter and new categories.

You must [register for this activity](#). Use the same password that you use for your ELI classes.

ELI Activity:

ELI Virtual Language & Music Club Activity

Date: Monday, November 9

Time: 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Place: Wherever you and your laptop are

Most people acknowledge that music has the potential to unify people. Even though it is not feasible to be in the same physical space now, we can join together in a virtual format to enjoy learning English through songs.

ELI teachers Ece and Heather insist that you join them for our final Language & Music Club this semester. Although we met at 7:30 p.m. for the last two meetings, we will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Monday. While one of the purposes of the evening will be to exude confidence as we raise our voices together in song, if you feel too timid to sing into the computer mic, “Mute” is always an option in Zoom.

You must [register for this activity](#). You will receive the handouts for the activity via your Pitt email in advance if you register by 3:00 p.m. on Monday. Everyone will be able

to access the handouts during the activity.

Use the same password that you use for your ELI classes.

Korean words from the Korean Wave in the United States

By: Song Yee

A person who can speak two languages is called bilingual. Then, do you know how to call someone who speaks only one language? It is "American." Although it is a joke, it tells us how much power English has in the world. But this joke is now an old saying. Whether they know it or not, native English speakers are using many foreign languages. As a native Korean speaker, I would like to introduce the Korean language spoken in the U.S. in connection with the hottest entertainment industry, the Korean Wave.

The Korean Wave refers to the phenomenon that South Korean culture is gaining popularity in other countries. The beginning of the Korean Wave in the U.S. can be said to be a YouTube video of "Gangnam Style", a song of the uproarious and eccentric performer Psy. After Psy's song "Gangnam Style" became very popular, the influx of Korean Wave through social media accelerated. BTS and BlackPink-based K-pop idols music became popular among Americans, especially with Generation Z. As the Korean Wave became popular, more Americans are inclined to use and learn Korean, and many Korean words have become adopted. Words that are difficult to properly explain their real meaning in English, such as *Oppa* (the appellation of men from younger women), *aegyo* (similar meaning with winsome), and *dapdaphae* (uncomfortable and frustrating) are examples. And the words *nunmul* (tears), *haru* (one day), and *yeongwonhi* (forever) which are frequently heard in K-pop

and K-drama became more common. *Mukbang*, which is the abbreviation of *MUKneun BANGsong*, is the eating show which started from the Korean video hosting service in 2010. Usually, it shows a host eating an enormous amount of food while communicating with the audience. With the spread of video hosting service, *mukbang* gained popularity in both the U.S. and worldwide, and it has become a loan word. As such, many Korean words were introduced to the United States as part of the Korean Wave.

Even with the popularity of social media, it is still surprising that Korean Wave has given so many words in the U.S. these days. It remains to be seen what social changes will take place in the future of the U.S. when Generation Z, who have encountered many languages and disparate cultures including Korean, have grown into the mainstream.

Evaluations of Your Teachers

by Christine O'Neill

As your ELI teachers evaluate you, you have an opportunity to evaluate your teachers. Your feedback is really very important! All evaluations are now online. Please go to your Pitt email. The Office of Evaluations and Measurements (OMET) will send you an email for each teacher you have. Just click on the link and follow the instructions. You may also access each evaluation in CourseWeb. Each evaluation should take you between 5 to 15 minutes.

Research indicates that people are more likely to do online surveys if they have negative responses. However, we really hope to hear from all of you. We hope to get all feedback—positive as well as negative and in the middle too. Please, your feedback helps us to be better. We can't do it without you!

Also, be sure to read the items in the survey carefully to be certain you are providing accurate feedback. Sometimes on surveys on a scale of 1 to 5, a "1" is very good; other times it is not good. In this survey **1 is the lowest rating.**

The surveys are available starting Monday, November 2. **Please respond by Monday, November 16.** The survey will not be available after November 16. Please be sure to respond before that day. If you have any questions, ask any or all of your teachers.

ELI Writing Contest

The ELI is holding a competition for students in all Writing classes. There will be one winner in each level (4,5,6), and the winners will be announced at the ELI Closing Ceremony.

If you have written a good composition in your writing class this semester, you should tell your writing teacher that you would like to enter it in the writing contest. Your teacher will then submit your paper for you. Your entry will be read anonymously by judges (your name will be removed from the paper, so they won't not know who you are). The judges will choose the best composition from each level.

The deadline for entries is Monday, November 16 at 12:00 p.m.

If you are in level 4, 5, or 6, your entry must be an essay that you wrote in class this semester. Each student can enter only one composition.

Good luck!



Listening Corner

By: Heather McNaught

Do you ever feel like it would be great to watch the news in English, but the news anchors just speak too quickly and there are too many unfamiliar words?

If so, there is a great resource for you at Voice of America Learning English <https://learningenglish.voanews.com>. This site has articles about current events that are written especially for learners of English. In addition, each article contains vocabulary explanations as well as an audio file of the text that is spoken slowly and clearly.

You can use VOA for a variety of purposes: reading, listening, pronunciation, vocabulary as well as grammar. Just spend 10 minutes per day reading an article while you listen to the accompanying audio file. You can keep up on current events and see how fast your English will improve!

International Education Week at Pitt November 1 to 6

The University of Pittsburgh joins colleges and universities from all over the nation to celebrate International Education Week. For one week every year, the U.S. Department of State and the U. S. Department of Education join with Pitt's University Center of International Studies to produce, support, and coordinate international activities campus-wide. This is a chance to expand your awareness and knowledge of global events and issues, collaborate with and learn from students all over the world, gain new cultural understanding and perspectives, and experience a small slice of the life and diversity within Pittsburgh and out in the wide world.

Events during this week include, but are not limited to:

- [Art, Identity, and Activism with Jasmine Cho: Cookie Art Workshop](#)
- [Watch Party Wednesday](#)
- [K-pop Virtual Showcase](#)
- [International Speed Friending](#)
- [Brain Candy Podcast Live at Pitt](#)
- and more!

For a detailed list of events, go to www.internationalweek.pitt.edu and click on "Schedule of Events" at the top of the page.

Happening at Pitt

A few highlights from the [Pitt Events Calendar](#) and other Pitt sources that might interest you. These opportunities are great for practicing all of your listening and speaking skills.

November 5

[CLAS Film Series](#): 6:00-8:30 p.m. The Center for Latin American Studies Film Series continues on Thursday, November 5 with [Miriam Lies](#), a film that explores identity, racism, and coming of age issues such as friendships, affection, and more. [Register through Qualtrics](#). The Zoom link information will be sent the day of the film.

[International Student Career Conference](#): 6:00-8:00 p.m. This conference is designed to connect you with the people and resources you need, as an International Student, to help you answer your questions about Visas, employment, and other opportunities. Lawyers, employers and more will be available to chat. Continues on Friday, November 6 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

[Art, Identity, and Activism with Jasmine Cho \(An Interactive Cookie Art Workshop\)](#): 6:30-8:00 p.m. Presented by the Pitt Global Hub and Asian Studies Center, this "cookie activism" art workshop is

free and open to the Pitt community. The first 25 registrants will receive a free cookie kit complete with two blank sugar cookies and all of the tools you'll need to decorate along with Jasmine Cho. Cho is a Pittsburgh-based artist, author, and cookie activist, a Food Network Champion, and Founder of Yummyholic. Her work has been featured in many prominent media outlets. [Register as soon as possible](#) to reserve your spot.

[Get Hooked on Crochet \(A Beginner's Crocheting Class\)](#): 7:00-9:00 p.m. The Pitt Program Council and Geneva Vasquez (owner of the Etsy shop KnoghtandStichDesign) will teach a Zoom class on introducing the basics of crochet. For \$5 (about the cost of a ball of yarn at the craft store), you will get a package of all the required materials, including yarn, a crochet hook, darning needles, and more. Sign-ups are limited to 50 students. You may be asked to pick up your package in person if you live inside the 15213-area code (be sure to fill out the Daily Covid Health Check first and wear a mask properly). Other area codes will have their materials shipped. [Registration required](#).

[K-Pop/FRESA Showcase](#): 8:00-9:00 p.m. the Asian Studies Center and the Pitt student group FRESA (Fresh Entertainment by Student Artists) presents a virtual event of South Korean K-Pop music, film, and of course, dance. You need to [register](#) ahead of time for this event.

November 6

[Global Company Tour](#): 1:00-4:30 p.m. The Study Abroad Office and Career Center present a career counselling opportunity. The Global Company Tour will feature four 45-minute information sessions, each with a Question and Answer session afterwards, with company recruiters from [Bayer](#), [Covestro](#), [SAP](#), and [PAE](#). [Registration required](#). [Connect Virtual Happy Hour](#): 4:00-5:00 p.m. Join Pitt's Congress of

Neighboring Communities (CONNECT) and others over Zoom to have a drink (Happy Hours traditionally feature alcoholic drinks, but non-alcoholic drinks are welcome), relax, and chat. Zoom information will send after you [register](#).

November 7

[Pitt Jazz Faculty Showcase](#): starts at 7:00 p.m. Celebrate the 50th annual Pitt Jazz Seminar and Concert online November 2-7. There are several performances planned, as well as a symposium with Columbia University and more. The Pitt Jazz Faculty Showcase was pre-recorded at the Pittsburgh Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and features small ensembles of Pitt jazz faculty performing songs, many composed by Dr. Nathan Davis. There will be a special guest appearance by Pitt's Senior Vice Chancellor for Engagement, Dr. Kathy Humphrey.

[Pot It Like It's Hot \(A Virtual Plant Workshop\)](#): 10:00-11:00 p.m. The Pitt Program Council has teamed up with Le Petit Garden for a virtual plant workshop to destress and reconnect with nature. [\\$5 to sign up](#). Participation will be capped at 30 students, so sign up quickly! Supplies will be shipped to students.

November 8

[2020 Virtual Polish Fest](#): Nov 8-15 at 10:00 a.m. Learn about Old-World Customs and Traditions, especially about Christmas, from Pittsburgh's Polish, Lithuanians, and Carpath-Rusyns. This program includes dance, history, holiday customs, and more. Videos available on the [Pitt Global Hub website](#).

November 10

[\(Almost\) No-Sew Bookmaking](#): 5:00-6:00 p.m. Join Anais Grateu of the University Library System for an informal workshop on bookbinding using minimal supplies. Wouldn't making a book

be a great gift for a loved one? Or you could make one to commemorate your time here at the ELI. [Register](#) for Zoom information.

Pittsburgh Treats: Best Pierogi

When people think of Pittsburgh food, they often think of pierogi, or filled dumplings. Pierogi were introduced to the Pittsburgh area by Eastern European immigrants in the early 1900s. These tasty dumplings quickly grew to become a city favorite. In fact, it's difficult to find pierogi in the United States outside of Pittsburgh. Pierogi are typically filled with potato or cheese, but they can also be filled with other savory or sweet fillings. The dumplings are cooked in boiling water then pan-fried before serving, making them crisp on the outside and soft on the inside. To try this Pittsburgh staple, check out some of the recommended restaurants below.

[S&D Polish Deli](#) (Click for Google Map Locations)

[S&D Polish Deli](#) (S&D) is located in the Strip District of Pittsburgh. The deli is both a restaurant and a food shop. S&D serves pierogi in traditional Polish styles filled with potato, cheese, and sauerkraut (fermented cabbage). You can order your pierogi as a meal from Grubhub or as takeout from the restaurant. The menu also features soups and other Polish dishes. If



Pictured above are perogi from APTEKA. Photo from @Aptekapgh on Facebook.

you need to restock your pantry, you can order groceries online to try out Polish cheeses, jams, sausages, and more.

[APTEKA](#) (Click for Google Map Location)

[APTEKA](#) is located in the Bloomfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Since opening a few years ago, APTEKA has received national attention for its delicious vegan, Eastern European cuisine. In case you don't know, vegan means that the food contains no meat, dairy, or eggs. This makes APTEKA a great option for those with certain dietary restrictions. APTEKA's menu rotates using locally grown, seasonal vegetables to create homemade dishes. Have no fear, pierogi are always on APTEKA's menu.

[Stuff'd Pierogi Bar](#) (Click for Google Map Location)

[Stuff'd Pierogi Bar](#) is dedicated to pierogi, Pittsburgh's comfort food. Stuff'd serves pierogi in both traditional and creative ways. According to the [Pittsburgh City Paper](#), "At Stuff'd, it's not just what's in the perogies, but also what's served on top of them." From traditional sweet cabbage pierogi to breakfast pierogi filled with eggs, cheese, and bacon, this is one restaurant that will definitely leave you feeling stuffed! If you can, save room for seasonal dessert pierogi.

If you choose to visit a recommended restaurant in-person, check with the local ordinances to make sure it is safe. Remember, some restaurants may be takeout only at this time so be sure to visit a restaurant's website before going to visit. Follow all CDC safety guidelines such as staying 6 feet away from others, properly wearing a face mask, and washing hands for at least 20 seconds.

Virtual Japanese-English Reading Circle

The [Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania](#) hosts a [virtual Japanese-English Reading Circle](#) every first and third Saturday of each month. Members discuss Japanese- and English- language readings with each other and play vocabulary games in their second language. There are also icebreakers, book discussions, and reading strategies discussed.

This group is aimed at Japanese learners of English and English learners of Japanese. Any proficiency level is okay, but it helps if you have at least beginner knowledge of the second language you are studying. Sign up for the [Facebook Group](#) and get connected.

Heinz History Center Offers Free Kids' Admission During November

All Pitt students have free admission to the Heinz History Center, but during the month of November, your kids can get in for free, too, thanks to the generosity of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services.

The Heinz History Center includes the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, the Fort Pitt Museum, Discovery Place Kids' Zone and a Mister Rogers display in the Special Collections Gallery. You can also recreate famous portraits in the Smithsonian Portraits of Pittsburgh.

[Purchase timed tickets online](#) and remember to take and follow all Covid-19 precautions, such as wearing a 2- or 3- ply mask over your nose and mouth as well as generous handwashing and use of hand sanitizer.

Student Advisor Office Hours

Please remember that Stacy Ranson, your Student Advisor, can help you with questions about your registration and classes, academic issues, letters of recommendation, and personal issues, as well. Feel free to email her at sar72@pitt.edu any time. She is also available by appointment for Zoom video chats. Please email Stacy if you would like to speak by Zoom during her office hour. If you cannot meet during office hours, other arrangements can be made.

Stacy's office hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
12:00 pm-1:00 pm

ELI Virtual Office Hours

Do you have a question for the Main Office, but want to speak to a person?

Email ELI@pitt.edu to schedule a Zoom meeting with Jean Linder, the Administrative Assistant, during her Virtual Office Hours. Students can schedule 15-minute slots on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. to discuss questions about submitting important documents, transcripts, general ELI questions, and more. Please submit meeting requests no later than 2:00 p.m. the day before. Friday sessions will be "drop-in," meaning that you do not need to make a reservation.

Virtual Office Hours Drop-In Link for Fridays:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/98102090044>
(password: ELI@pitt)

More Fun Things to Do

To find out what fun activities are planned for students in the ELI and/or offered by the University, check out these websites:

- [ELI Activities Calendar online](#)

- [Pitt Events Calendar](#)
- [Pitt Program Council](#)
- [Pitt Student Organizations and Clubs](#)
- [Pitt Global Ties](#)
- [Pitt International Community Facebook Group](#)
- [Pitt Serves](#) (volunteer opportunities)
- [Pitt Center for Creativity](#)

We hope you take advantage of these opportunities to use English outside of the classroom, make friends with students in degree programs at Pitt, and have fun, too!

Health and Wellness Resources at Pitt

Your health is very important, especially during stressful times, but there are many free resources available to students to stay healthy both physically and emotionally:

- [Pitt Fitness Centers and Gyms](#)
- [Be Fit Pitt](#) (live streaming and online exercise and fitness)
- [Healthy Ride](#) (free bike rental for Pitt students and employees)
- [Wellness Workshops](#) from the Pitt Counseling Center
- [The Stress Free Zone](#)
- [University Counseling Center](#)
- [Student Health Services](#)

In addition, students in the ELI's Intensive English Program can also contact the ELI Student Services Supervisor, [Stacy Ranson](#), for additional support.

Quote Corner

"Where we love is home—home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts."—[Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.](#), American writer, doctor, poet and educator

Source: [Brainyquote](#)

SOUND OFF: How do you define "home?" Where is home to you? Can you have more than one home?