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Learn by Ear

The Canadian English Centre's method makes you learn English in a natural way because it focuses on your audio memory. Visualizing written words may help you, but making it a habit will certainly be a hurdle that might keep you from ever reaching fluency. Our brain is made to work with sounds. These sounds must be linked to clear meanings or images, not to written words. That is why our practice program pictorials and audio exercises are so important. When you learn a language from birth and practice it every day, you are constantly reinforcing the audio models and image-sound links by practice. But when you learn a second language as an adult, you face two challenges. First, you do not normally have the opportunity to practice enough, as you speak your mother language most of the time. Second, only during your childhood or early teenage years can your brain perceive language patterns in an effortless and natural way. After that, you need guidance and a very objective program to make sure you assimilate the necessary models and reproduce the sounds correctly. That is where the Canadian English Centre's exclusive audio exercises come in. Those exercises will give you key grammar models that your brain will use as a reference when you are talking. The better they are assimilated, the more fluently and correctly you will speak, and only the Canadian English Centre has the right techniques to guarantee your success. However, with time, if you do not use English on a daily basis, it is possible that you will begin to lose some of those models. In this case, it is very important to review your audio exercises every time you experience difficulty using a certain structure. The Canadian English Centre's method carries a set of audio exercises for every major grammar item. This way, you will never lose your English!

The Student of November

Ilisete Gumbowski is the STUDENT OF NOVEMBER. Ilisete, or Lis, is a Book-Four student who joined the Canadian Centre in Book 3, and has progressed enormously ever since. Her passion for the English language, and her enthusiasm for the exclusive method of the **Canadian English Centre** did not go unnoticed. The **Canadian English Centre** is extremely happy with your achievements. **CONGRATULATIONS, LIS!**

SUPER PIZZA PARTY!

You can't miss it.

Lots of pizza! Lots of fun! Games, conversation and fun!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24th AT 7 PM
R\$10 per person! SIGN IN NOW!



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Tips on English Idioms

To know better – To be wise, experienced, or well taught. *Mary should have known better than to accept a lift from a stranger.* **To kiss and make up** – To forgive. *They were very angry, but in the end they kissed and made up.* **To give way (to someone or something)** – To yield to someone or something; to get out of the way of someone or something. *All the cars gave way to the fire engine.* **To go along for the ride** – To accompany someone for the pleasure of being in a car, etc. *I don't really need to visit the shops, but I'll go along for the ride.* **To egg someone on** – To encourage, urge, or dare someone to continue doing something, usually something unwise. *John wouldn't have done the dangerous experiment if his brother hadn't egged him on.*

It's True!

- It is part of the cure the wish to be cured. (*Seneca*)
- Wait until it is night before saying it has been a fine day.
- He who receives a benefit should never forget it; he who bestows should never remember it.
- I respect faith, but doubt is what gets you an education. (*Wilson Mizner*)
- Bullies are always to be found where there are cowards.
- Children have more need of models than of critics.
- Forty is the old age of youth. Fifty is the youth of old age. (*Victor Hugo*)

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The Canadian Prairies

The Canadian prairies is a large area of flat sedimentary land stretching throughout western Canada between the Canadian Shield in the east and the Canadian Rockies. The Canadian prairies – the portion of the Great Plains landform that supports various grasses and shrubs – cover much of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta — a region known as the Prairie provinces, Canadian Prairies, or simply the Prairies. (The "p" in prairie(s) is typically capitalized in political references, but not when describing landscapes.) The Prairie provinces are included among the provinces of Western Canada.



The Canadian prairies are one of the world's major farming areas. Two of the most important commodities are wheat grown in the southern prairies and beef cattle raised in Alberta.

Source: wikipedia.com

BUY NOW!
Ray von Schmalz's Karaoke Party 2, 3 & 4!

Lucy Montgomery

Influential Canadians Series [contributed by Prof. J. Fedalto of Global Mission]

Since the 1920s, millions have flocked to Prince Edward Island, Canada's smallest province, in search of a romantic place called Green Gables and the ghost of a red-headed kindred spirit who never existed. People come because of author Lucy Montgomery, who created a children's story that became the most influential single book written by a Canadian in this century. It was 1905 when she finished *Anne of Green Gables*, the story of an orphan girl adopted by an elderly couple living in a small town in the bucolic PEI. In 1965, a musical based on the story premiered at the Confederation Theatre in the Province's capital Charlottetown. Remarkable to say that this presentation has been running every summer to packed houses for 40 years! Green Gables is one of the largest tourist attractions for PEI and Canada as well.

Moncton Goes Wireless

Moncton, New Brunswick - Moncton residents are set to have a new citywide wireless internet service available to them on Thursday [November 9, 2006] based on a new type of wireless technology. Red Ball Internet was to debut its high-speed wireless data service that uses so-called iBurst technology by Kyocera Corp. of Japan. The technology, which is similar to that used for cellular phones, could pave the way for relatively inexpensive always-on broadband mobile internet service, experts say. The technology is in use in Australia, South Africa, Kenya and Malaysia. Red Ball was offering free service to the end of the year for its first 1,000 Moncton-area customers

Study in Canada!

Global Mission covers Canada from coast to coast, offering several courses in the best Canadian colleges and universities.



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The Best and the Worst Countries

Each year, the United Nations ranks more than 175 countries according to health, education, and standard of living. Known as the Human Development Index [HDI], the annual list provides statistics about life around the world. Sierra Leone is considered to be the world's least-developed nation, more than half of Sierra Leone's population of 5.3 million lives in extreme poverty. Sierra Leone has an infant mortality rate of 166 deaths per 1,000 live births. The average life expectancy in Sierra Leone is a mere 34 years. Niger is an arid country of 12.9 million is the world's poorest country and its second-least developed. Burkina Faso is a small African country of 13.8 million, which has suffered recurring droughts and military coups. Mali is a relatively peaceful, democratic country of 13.8 million, whose poor rainfall, recurrent droughts, and degradation of natural resources have contributed to the decline of food production. In Mali, the infant mortality rate is 122 deaths per 1,000 live births. A child grow-

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ing up there can expect to live only 49 years on average. In 2005, Brazil ranked 63rd, way behind Argentina [34], Chile [37], Uruguay [46], Cuba [52], and Mexico [53]. The top ten in 2005 were Norway, Iceland, Australia, Luxembourg, **Canada**, Sweden, Switzerland, Ireland, Belgium, United States. Now in 2006 **Brazil lost six positions**, and went down to 69th. This year, the top ten are Norway, Iceland, Australia, Ireland, Sweden, **Canada**, Japan, United States, Switzerland and Netherlands. See the complete list at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_Human_Development_Index#endnote_2

*** LAB TIME ***

Our lab opens from Monday to Friday, from 2 PM to 10 PM, and on Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM

Pause for a Joke ☺

☐ The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four person is suffering from some form of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they are okay, then it's you.

☐ My wife and I have the secret to making a marriage last. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, a little wine, good food..... She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.



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Friday Practice

3 to 5 PM [with Jim]

7 to 9 PM [with Ray]

November 3: Free Conversation & Language Games with Newspapers

November 10: Free Conversation & Story-Telling Game

November 17: Free Conversation & Canadian Cartoon

November 24: SPECIAL PIZZA DINNER! R\$10 participation fee. Sign in NOW!

December 1: STUDENT OF THE MONTH DINNER / Conversation with Jim

December 8: Free Conversation & Games

December 15: TOEFL

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