



“Connecting ESL Students and Tutors”



ESLSAP

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ESL Student -Tutor Matches

The ESL student and Volunteer Year. Also, throughout the year I am often surprised by new ESL tutor matches are almost completed. If you are a tutor and have not been matched, it means that for the first time we have more tutors than students. There are 4 ESL students who want tutors, but due to their busy fall schedules aren't able to have a tutors at this time. All of them want a tutor in the New

Year. Also, throughout the year I am often surprised by new ESL students who have found our program, so you may be receiving a call to tutor out of the blue. Thank you tutors for your continued support and patience, your support is integral to the success of our program!

At night at Shuswap Theatre



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Pronunciation Tip: “Minimal Pairs”

Q: What are minimal pairs?

A: They are pairs of words that except for one phonemic difference sound alike. The one sound can make a significant difference in meaning between the two words. e.g. beat-bear, wet-wit, ten-teen etc. Try these activities below:

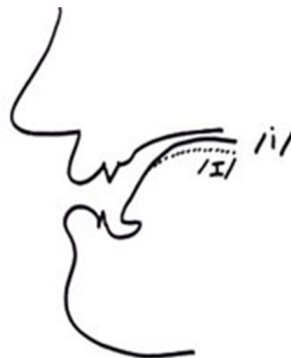
#1. /i/ & /I/ Minimal Pair Exercises for Student Pairs

You and your partner have different sheets, either A or B. Read your words from the list below to your partner, and he or she will mark down which word is different, either the first, second, or third. Then, your partner will read, and you will mark down on your work-sheet either the first, second, or third, whichever is different.

Example: You hear "sin—scene—sin"; you write 2 in the space provided, as the second (scene) was different from the first and third (sin).

Partner A

1. gin gin jean __
2. cheap chip cheap__
3. lick lick leak __
4. leave live live __
5. peel peel pill __
6. scene sin seen __
7. pit pet pit __
8. bead bid bead __
9. grin green green ____
10. mead mead mid __



Partner B

1. pit pet pit __
2. bead bid bead __
3. mid mead mead __
4. green green grin __
5. chip chip cheap __
6. leak lick lick __
7. peel pill pill __
8. sin scene sin _
9. live leave leave __
10. gin jean gin __

#2 Minimal Pair Distinction

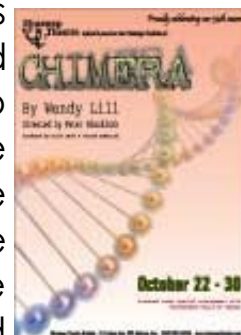
Partner A says only one of the *italicized* words. . Partner B circles the word they hear.

1. Meinrado and Feliza were **living/leaving** happily.
2. Aki took the **bins/beans** to the warehouse.
3. The orchard workers **picked/peeked** most of the day.
4. The team needed **Jean/gin** to win the game.

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At night at Shuswap Theatre

Some of our ESL students and tutors saw Shuswap theatre's season opener, "Chimera". It was a thought-provoking and interesting play, enjoyed by all. The ESLSAP program plans to attend all the plays this season and the ESL students will take on a more active role for the last play written by George Bernard Shaw and directed by James Bowlby. James came to our class last year to talk about the play, "Two Gents" He plans on coming again next Spring to discuss his play and how our ESL students can perhaps help with the front house. Please check out the line-up for Shuswap Theatre this 2010-2011 season. www.shuswaptheatre.com



BC TEAL Conference - Big Success!

The BC TEAL (BC teachers of English as an Additional Language) Interior Conference that was held on October 16th and was a huge success. Over 150 ESL educators, TESOL students, ESL tutors, **(Including some of our own Salmon Arm tutors, Julianna Sukare, Leahann Mohle, Irene Beer, Beverly Richardson, Sharlene Wiebe, Sam Brock and Terry Everest)** and many others came to the conference, doubling past attendance records!

The theme of the conference was Cultural Kaleidoscope and highlights included an TESL Student Poster Session contest, an engag-



Culture Kaleidoscope:
Changing Times, Changing Practices
in English Language Teaching

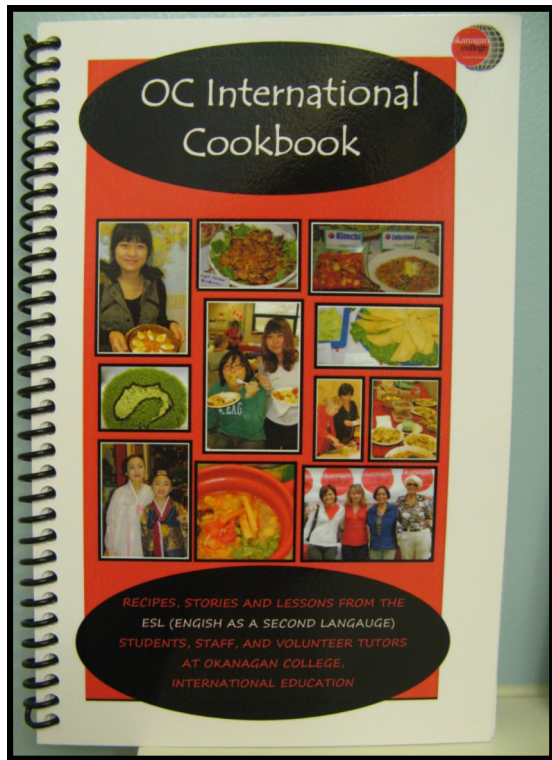


ing and thought-provoking cultural panel, an inspirational presentation by Nick Arkle on education in developing countries, and several sessions which explored practical ways ESL can be taught in a variety of settings. The conference ended with a Wine and Culture Reception featuring some amazing international foods from the OC International Cookbook (available for purchase from Tracy) and cultural performances from Jamaica and the Middle East. The conference ran so

smoothly, thanks to the tremendous effort from a small army of international student volunteers (over 45 students volunteered to help!). There are rumours that Kelowna will host this conference again, so don't miss the opportunity to attend next year!

OC International Cookbook

OC International Education Department has created an eclectic cookbook that brings together food, friends, language and culture from 21 different countries! This cookbook will not only engage



your palate, but it will speak to your heart as you read and cook these culinary inspirations from Okanagan College's staff, students, and volunteers. Proceeds from the cookbook will go to an ESL scholarship. The cookbook can be purchased for \$25. If you have any questions, or would like to order a cookbook please contact Tracy. You can also see a sample copy and buy one at the College's front office.

ESLSAP ON –LINE Training

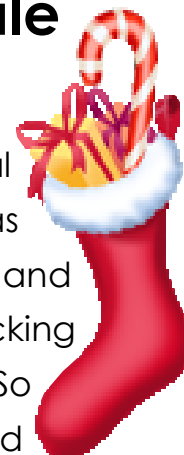
Don't forget to do the on-line training! For new tutors, this training is mandatory, for continuing tutors it is a great way to refresh your skills, and for those interested in becoming a tutor this is a good opportunity to learn more about our program. The on-line training can be found at the link below.

<http://www.mytrainingbc.ca/eslap/training/html>

ESL & ASE Christmas Craft & Baking Sale

Monday, December 6th 1-3pm, at Okanagan College

ESL (English as a Second Language) and ASE (Adult Special Education) have joined together to have the first Christmas Craft and Baking sale. Among many great Christmas treats and stocking stuffers will be homemade German baking, Swiss stocking stuffers, Japanese crafts and hand-made flies for fishing. So mark your calendars and come out to support our students and pick up a few goodies for the holidays!



Scholastic Book Order

This year, the ESL program will be participating in the scholastic book ordering program. This is a very economical way to buy books and other learning materials for yourself and for gifts. We have the November Scholastic catalogs for readers preschool aged to late-teens and some adult books. Many books are great for gifts and those learning English. The benefit to the ESLSAP program is that we



can buy deeply discounted books for our ESL lending library. If you would like to learn more about Scholastic books order, click on the link below. www.scholastic.ca

If you would like the November catalogs to order something for Christmas or learn more about the program, please contact Tracy.

BOOK ORDER DEADLINE = NOVEMBER 26th.

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