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The Parrot



Liza Ryabaya - From Student to Staff



The Parrot: Hi, Liza! We're happy to have you here today to talk about your art. How long have you been at ARC?

Liza: I can't really remember how long I have been here. I think it has been over 10 years.

The Parrot: Where are you from and what do you do at ARC?

Liza: I'm from Ukraine. I came here with my family. Not all of my family is here, but most of them are living here with me. I was a student at ARC and my major was English; however, every semester, I always tried to take extra classes about arts. Then one of my professors saw the work I did in English and offered me a job to work in the

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Pursuing Diplomas? Consider Natomas! ESL Classes at ARC's Natomas Center

- By Professor David Evans



In case you haven't heard, American River College has more than one location. In addition to the main campus, which all of you know so well, ARC has its beautiful Natomas Center. Located a mere 7.5 miles from the main campus, the Natomas Center is less than fifteen min-

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National Gingerbread House Competition

Did you know there is a National Gingerbread House competition every year? In fact, the 30th annual competition was scheduled for Nov. 21, 2022. Here is a little history about this event from the Omni Grove Park Inn, in Asheville, North Carolina, where the competition is held.

It all began with a small group of gingerbread houses built by community members in 1992 with no plans to continue the following year. There was no possible way to know that, more than two decades later, The Omni Grove Park Inn National Gingerbread House Competition™ would be one of the nation's most celebrated and competitive holiday events. As the event grew, so did the caliber of judges and competitors. The competition has merited broadcast coverage by NBC's TODAY Show, ABC's Good Morning America, the Travel Channel, and the Food Network. The Gingerbread Display has grown in more than just entries; it has become a true family holiday tradition. From the very young to the very young at heart, the reaction to this magical experience is the same - one of wonder, awe and delight. The following gingerbread houses were the winners for 2021:

First Place



Second Place



Third Place



Want to see the winners and their designs from 2021? Watch this news report:

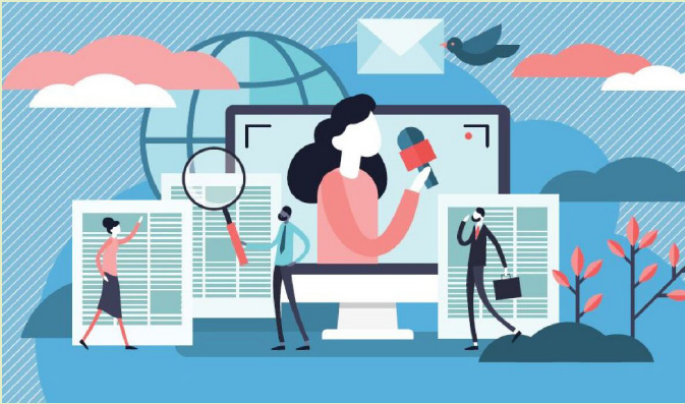
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSRp0ci0Mb4>

Want to try building a gingerbread house? Go to Davies Hall room 104 on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Hosted by Homebase for Language and People. Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and watching movies. It's time to de-stress!

Student Chirpings

Dream Jobs

I have a plan to become a journalist. It will take five years. First, I need to finish ESL courses. After that I want to start my major. Becoming a journalist is my dream job. I will try my best and I hope to have my dream job in the future.



Homa Wahidi
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Opinion Essay

Artist is another dream of mine. I hope to make this a success. I want to save this impression and want to convey it as a work of art. I feel great holding the brush and seeing the watercolor in the tray. I need to save money every month to achieve this dream. I plan to study English so that I can communicate properly and build my own business in the future.

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Special Places for Me

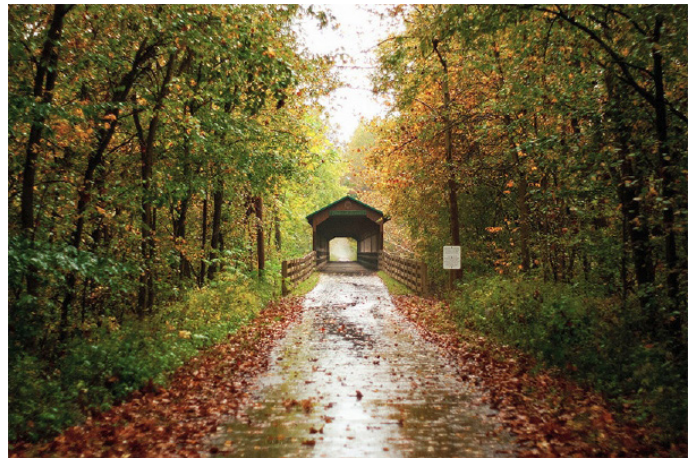
What does a special place mean to you? Most people have a special place where they like to go. Where you feel at home. A place where you feel free. Sometimes it's a place that helps you learn, or a place filled with happy memories. For some, it's a place to be alone. I also have places where I like to go. There are a few really special places for me.



The first special place for me is the coffee shop Cabinet. This coffee shop is located in Lviv, Ukraine. I really like to have breakfast there, and they also have a very tasty variety of desserts. But most of all, I like the way tea is served there. It is served in teapots, like in the Middle Ages. The entire décor of the café is retro style. The Cabinet is located in a building where a newspaper's publishing house and editorial office used to be, so that's why the atmosphere of the coffee shop is filled with the smell of coffee, baked goods and books. The bookshelves along the walls are filled with a wide variety of literature from old editions to the latest. Near the very entrance to the restaurant stands a Koch & Korselt grand piano from the beginning of the 20th century. The first time I went there was with my friend Vlad. When we walked around Lviv, I told him that I would really like to visit this café. He grabbed my hand, and we ran to the café. It was the evening, so the coffee shop was full of people. When we entered, he sat down at the piano and played for me. All people looked at us. I stood all red because I was terribly embarrassed. He came up to a random table of people and asked for their table. He made an excuse that he wanted it for his date with his girlfriend. Then he treated me to fruit tea and a piece of cake. It was a beautiful evening and I felt like a princess. Usually

when I go to Cabinet, I read books, think about the future, or meet friends. In this café, I find peace for my soul.

The next special place for me is the forest. I grew up near a forest in Ukraine. When I was a child, my father and I often walked in the forest. It was my dad who taught me to love the forest, he said that the forest is relaxing. As a child, I often ran into the woods when I was fighting with someone, and because it was quiet there, I could collect my thoughts. When I went to school, my class and I often went to the lesson of labor and nature lessons in the forest, looked at different trees, and saw foxes, squirrels, and other animals. For the labor lesson, we made birdhouses and hung them on trees. As a child, I even worked in the forest. My friends and I collected acorns, and we were paid money. Of course, it was very little money, but it was enough for ice cream. We also picked mushrooms and strawberries in the forest and gave them to my mother to cook dinner with. We often went to the forest for a picnic, sometimes with the family, sometimes with the youth from the church. It was a great time. For me, the forest is a special place. It relieves stress, so I would go to the forest alone usually when I felt bad or needed to think. It is in the forest that I have many good memories, and also there I can think alone. Perhaps that is why, having been there, I feel



better.

The last and most important special place for me is my parents' house. My parents' house is located in Ukraine in a small village near Vinnitsa. They have a large two story house. My parents'

laughter is always heard there. I don't know why, maybe because they have many children, or maybe because there are always guests there. My parents are very fond of guests. There were always friends in our house. I have many memories in my parents' house. For example, I remember how we spent evenings by the fireplace. We played games, laughed, drank tea, prayed, and read the Bible. Our favorite games were Twister and a word guessing game. I also really liked the way they greeted me after my trips. Every time I came home, they decorated the whole house with balloons and baked sweets. One of my favorite places in our house is the terrace overlooking our garden. There we usually have breakfast in the summer, drink tea and chat. The terrace is also my favorite place to read books. On summer evenings, friends from the

church came there and we had a home group, we read the Bible, prayed, and sang. In sum, for me, my parents' house is a place where happiness, love and good memories are.

In conclusion the coffee shop Cabinet, the forest, and my parents' house are places filled with memories, happiness, and thoughts, so I love these places. I hope that everyone has a place with happy memories where they can just enjoy life.

Liliya Vasilenko
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Opinion Essay

Successful Small Talk

People around the world use small talk when they meet strangers. Some people use small talk on the bus, in parks, in restaurants, in stores, and in other places, and they start small and polite conversations about something unimportant. In some countries, using small talk is not common, and some people don't like to start small talk when they meet strangers. In my country Afghanistan, people use small talk, and it is common to use small talk with strangers. In my country, I used small talk many times when I met strangers, and I also used small talk after immigrating to the United States. Some of these small talks were successful for me, but some of the small talks were unsuccessful for me. However, in my country, one day I had an amazing achievement using small talk with a woman, and I got a great job.

I used small talk sixteen years ago when I met a woman on the bus. I remember that day when I was in my native country, and I was 20 years old. I was with my mother-in-law, and I used small talk with the woman on the bus. First, after saying hello, I started small talk about the cold weather on that day. According to the reading, "Small Talk: A Big Deal" in Q Skills for Success Reading and Writing 3, "When we first meet people, we don't begin by telling them our life story. We start with small talk,

a polite conversation about something much less important, like traffic or weather" (p. 5). I also started my first small talk about the weather, and it was polite talk on the bus. Then, she asked me about my education and my job. I told the woman that after I graduated from high school, I didn't have any job. When I graduated from high school, my family didn't allow me to continue my university because my country was unsafe, and there were explosions every day, and the university was far away from our house. I liked to continue my education in one of the medical fields, but I couldn't continue my education. Finally, I asked her if she had a job. She told me, she worked as a principal of a private school. She told me that if I wanted to be a teacher, she could help me to get a job. She told me because she knew about my favorite field. I answered her that I needed a job at that time because I needed to make money, but I told her I didn't have an education certificate from the university in the field of teaching. She answered that she would help me because her school had some opportunities for those people who didn't have any certificates from the university.

After that small talk, the woman helped me to apply for a great job as a teacher. My experience was similar to the reading, "Small Talk: A Big

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Deal" when it says that successful small talk can help get a person a career. Before she left the bus, she wrote her name, telephone, and address on a piece of paper for me. She said, "Before you come to the school, you should call me, please." Then she said goodbye, and she left the bus. I also left the bus after five minutes, and I arrived at my house. Later that day, I told my husband all the details that I had discussed with the stranger on the bus. I consulted

with my husband, and I decided to work as a teacher. Before I went to school to meet her, I called the nice woman. She answered my call, and she wanted me to write an application and bring it to her office. Before I met her, I completed the application. I went to the private school, and I met the woman again who was the principal of the school. She was a kind and punctual woman, and she completed all the requirements for me herself. She introduced me to some teaching courses, and she taught me how to be a successful teacher.

Finally, she introduced me as a teacher to her employees. After administrative procedures, she introduced me to the teacher training courses that would last for six-months. I continued the training, and I learned something about how to teach. When I was in high school, my favorite subject was math. After the teacher training, I attended a six-month course on how to teach math classes, and I perfectly finished all that. When I passed all the procedures with a good grade, I got a teaching certificate, and I was very happy and excited because the small talk led me to that path. According to the reading "Small Talk: A Big Deal," sometimes small talk can lead to something much bigger, such as a new friendship or a better

career. This was similar to my situation because the woman also helped me and encouraged me to go for a job, and I got a great job as a teacher because of the small talk. The principal was so kind to me, and she gave me the subject of math in 4th grade to teach. I was very excited, and I started teaching

4th grade. And I learned how to be a successful teacher. After two years, I applied to a public school, and my document was accepted. I was accepted as a teacher at a public school, and



the school's name was Lane Shahid. I taught high school mathematics and physics classes for ten years. Every year, I was encouraged by the kind principal in the school, and I received a letter of appreciation from the school.

In conclusion, I had a successful small talk with a stranger on the bus when I was twenty years old, and I got a great job offer as a teacher as a result. She was a creative woman, and she was a good leader for me. She prepared all my documents for getting the job, and she helped me pursue teaching. She accepted me as a teacher, and I taught 4th grade. She taught me the law of school and education, so I got into public school teaching. I gained a lot of experience during that teaching like how to be on time, how to make a teaching plan, how to be kind to my students, how to teach with a different method, how to respect their turn, and how to keep the students in the class safe. I still appreciate the woman stranger, and I believe sometimes small talk can lead to a big achievement.

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Narrative Essay

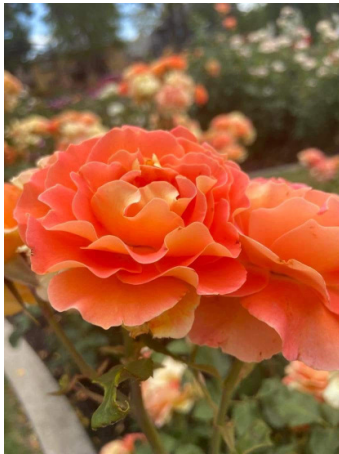


What Is Your Hobby?



Editor's Note" The pictures included with this article were taken by the author, Najia Kamiry.

Do you have a treasured place to take pictures? Maybe it is the ocean, mountains, or even a desert. There are a few beloved places I always like to take pictures. My favorite places for photography are



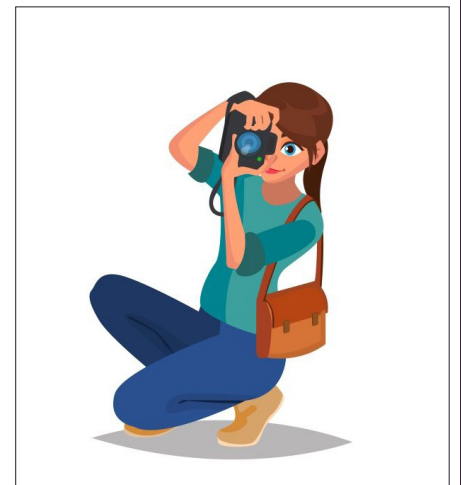
McKinley Rose Garden, River Walk Park, and the Golden Gate Bridge.

I would first like to share about McKinley Rose Garden located in East Sacramento, California. It has pretty flowers, and I love to photograph pretty flowers. Each of the plants is also different. For example, most are roses, but each plant has different colored flowers and different scents. I also like to take pictures here because it reminds me of Afghanistan. The layout and flowers are similar to a garden in my country, and it brings me joy to see a place that looks like where I am from. When I close my eyes and breathe in, the smell of the roses makes me feel like I am in Afghanistan again, and it makes me

feel so happy. The rose garden is peaceful. When I go there, I feel very calm because there aren't loud or obnoxious people. I feel very comfortable in this garden. I like this park for taking pictures because I can take good landscape photos. I can take pictures very close to the flowers and show the details of a lot of flowers together. This garden also seems like it has glowing light sometimes. For example, when the sun is going down, the flowers seem to glow in the light. So sometimes when I go there to take pictures, I go in the late afternoon because it makes the pictures look beautiful. McKinley Rose Garden is an amazing place.



The second place I like to visit for photography is also in Sacramento. It is River Walk Park, located in West Sacramento. The tall buildings of nearby downtown Sacramento are captivating, and actually I love tall buildings. I love the tall buildings because they are beautiful and not something I ever saw in Afghanistan. I didn't believe that buildings could be so tall until I saw them in Sacramento. The river is tranquil, the river is calm, and sometimes I feel



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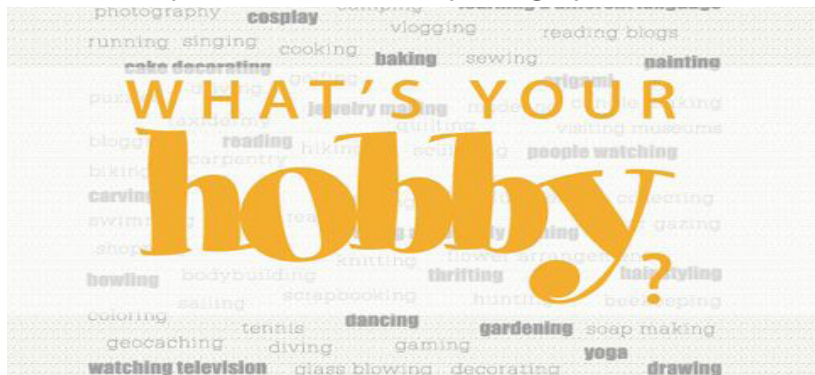
sad because it makes me think a lot and I feel free, but I don't always feel free in my life. River Walk Park has lovely sunsets, and I love to take pictures at sunset because the sky is vibrant and bright against the river and buildings. I can also take reflection photos there. The river makes a reflection, so it makes the pictures look like the river is a mirror. These kinds of pictures are so interesting to look at and to try to take. This park also has good lighting. The lighting is always nice over there especially at night with the lights from the big buildings. Being in this garden relaxes my soul and makes me feel at peace.



Lastly, my absolute favorite location for photos is the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. This bridge is famous. When I was in Afghanistan, I saw this bridge on TV, and I wished to see and take pictures of it someday. I was very lucky to see it in person and have my wish come true. I went there for the first-time last month for my birthday with my mother and friends. I was shocked because it is so big in person. I loved seeing the bridge with my own eyes. San Francisco is intriguing, and this city is commercial and very nice. It has a lot of places to visit and take pictures of the bridge from different views in the city. The fog on the bridge is very unique, too. I've not seen fog on the bridge yet in person, but I saw pictures of the beautiful fog on the bridge. It looks like a wave of clouds.

I am very excited to see it someday with my own eyes. I like it because it is easy to take photos of it during the day or at night. I think taking pictures at the Golden Gate Bridge is beautiful. It has a lot of wonderful things to look at, especially at sunset. I feel very happy taking pictures here because this bridge is very famous, and it brings me joy.

In conclusion, I like to take pictures at McKinley Rose Garden, River Walk Park, and the Golden Gate Bridge. Everyone should have a place they connect with and can create art. I am grateful I have these incredible places I can visit and photograph.



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Opinion Essay

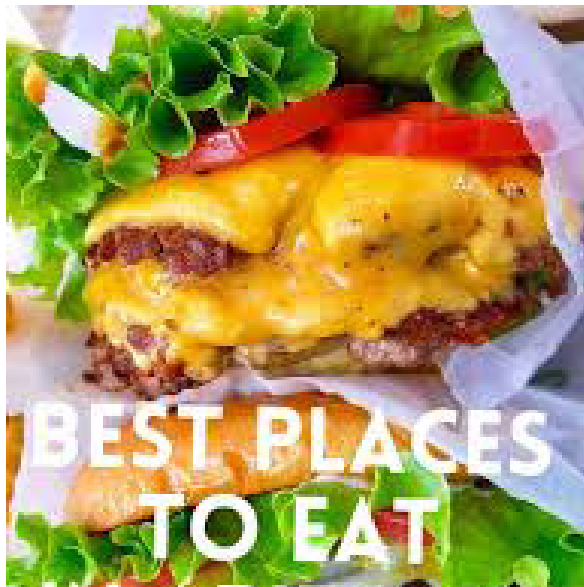


My Favorite Places to Eat

What are good places to eat with family? Nowadays, people really like to eat out of the house. People with a family like to spend time together and enjoy food. When there is no time for cooking, we eat out. Usually, these are not expensive restaurants. People like many different kinds of places where they can have a great meal. There are a few special places that my family really likes.

First, my favorite place is In-N-Out Burger. I have good memories of this place when we arrived for first time to Sacramento Airport, and we were fed in this restaurant. It's a family business fast food throughout the Western United States. They have low prices and always fresh produce. There is a small menu. They sell burgers, French fries, drinks, and shakes. In addition, they cook quickly there. We order "double-double" burgers for everyone there. Also, for dessert, my children love to order vanilla and strawberry shakes. Every restaurant seems to have one special dish it's known for. And at In-N-Out Burger, it's their animal-style fries. It's a basket of French fries topped with grilled onions and melted cheese. In short, I recommend visiting this place. It's really delicious, but there's always a line because it's really tasty and affordable.

Second, I really like Sakura Grill & Buffet. This is a Chinese self-service buffet. This restaurant is located in Sacramento on Watt Avenue. They have a very wide range of food. We like to go there because you pay a fixed price per person. My husband and I love seafood, and my children love all sorts of sweets and pizza. There is a large of assortment of seafood, grilled meat



variety, and lots of fruits and vegetables. Also, my children like the ice cream there. After eating, the visitors get a receipt that is placed on the table cookies with wishes inside. I think it means gently that it's time to leave. We often go there with friends to have fun and enjoy delicious food. To conclude, I think it is very affordable to visit this place, and it is tasty.

Lastly, my relatives' house.

This is a great place to eat in my country where almost all my relatives live. I have a big family, and we love to get together. We usually meet at our parents' house for holidays and weekends but occasionally visit my sisters for family events. There is always delicious homemade food on the table. Everyone brings their own homemade dishes such as pies, cakes, and meat dishes. Mom, for example, cooks a very tasty pilau, which we all love very much. Also, my sister,

Aizhan, surprises us with her special dish of baked duck with cheese and sour cream sauce. Our beloved dad treats all of us with his liqueur, which he prepares from his own grapes. This is how we have fun. In summary, I love my family very much, and I am happy when we are together.

In conclusion, I would like to say In-N-Out Burger, Sakura Grill & Buffet, and my relatives' house are amazing places, and I like to eat there. I hope that everyone has their favorite place to socialize and enjoy food like I do.

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Opinion Essay

Cruisin' California

Do you have a good place where you enjoy your vacation? Some people like quiet and deserted places. Other people like big cities and noisy places. For other people, long trips are a lot of fun. Any vacation is good when you get pleasure and joy from it. There are three places for me to have a vacation.

First, San Diego is a resort town on the Pacific coast in California.

This city has many attractions. There are white sand beaches, such as Coronado beach. This is one of the best beaches where you can comfortably spend time. The picturesque bay of La Jolla is the most famous bay in the city. Walking along the bay is a great pleasure. Along the promenade there are many benches with ocean views; you can sit for hours, enjoy the waves, and breathe the ocean air. You can also watch sea lions up close. In addition, Balboa Park is a huge park with museums, restaurants, a zoo, and much more. For example, there is a Botanical Garden with rare plants, a Japanese Garden, and other gardens. One week will not be enough to see all the sights. In good weather, you can enjoy great views of the coast, and in the evening admire the sunset. In short, I like to spend my vacation in San Diego because it is a wonderful city with so many attractions.

Second, San Francisco is a beautiful and popular city in California. There are so many beautiful places worth visiting. There are several hills in the city center that are so steep that it is simply breathtaking. The slope is such that it is difficult not only to go up but also to go down. Golden Gate Park is the largest in San Francisco. You can walk in the park, or you can ride a bike. There are playgrounds with slides and swings for children. Chinatown in downtown San Francisco is a very picturesque area full of shops and restaurants.



There you can try traditional Chinese dishes. Many beaches are located along the Pacific coast. For example, one of the beautiful beaches is Baker Beach in San Francisco with a great view of the Golden Gate Bridge. From this bridge you can see the famous Alcatraz Prison. Next to this beach is Ocean Beach and then China Beach. The water in the ocean is always cold. Twin Peaks is one of the

best observation decks in the city. From there you can enjoy the beautiful views. To conclude, I love vacationing in San Francisco because there are so many beautiful places there.

Lastly, Lake Tahoe is one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. It is located between California and Nevada. Being on this lake, I get a lot of impressions from the beautiful views. We go to Lake Tahoe every year. In the summer we go hiking. From the observation decks you can admire nature, the view of the lake, and the

mountains around. I take a lot of photos and share them with my friends. One of the most beautiful beaches on the lake is Sand Harbor Beach, located on the Nevada side. There is a large recreation area. For example, there are picnic tables and barbecue. Moreover, the water in the lake is blue and crystal clear. In summer, you can also go kayaking on the lake. You can drive around the lake in one day and get a lot of impressions. In general, I enjoy the beautiful views while on vacation at Lake Tahoe.

In conclusion, San Diego, San Francisco, and Lake Tahoe are three amazing places where I can have a great vacation. I think that everyone can have a great vacation if they visit one of these places.

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Opinion Essay

Covid Nightmare

In 2021, just before Christmas, my life changed. On Saturday, I decorated a Christmas tree with my family, and on the next day I was taken to the hospital with Covid infection. I knew about this disease only because it gives pneumonia and fever. But I did not know about the terrible consequences of this disease. One of these consequences is lung damage. The second consequence is some kind of mind disorder, and the third consequence is the numbness of parts of the body.

Due to the fact that Covid affects the lungs, it was very difficult for me to breathe. The doctors tried their best

to help me get better. They would put me on some kind of oxygen machine, but it didn't help me. They also tried to give me different types of oxygen masks, but none of them worked for me either. I was out of breath. When

my oxygen dropped to 64%, they decided to put me in a coma and put me on a ventilator. I was in a coma for two months. After I woke up, there were long months of breathing recovery exercises and fighting lung damage. It has been half a year since I lived at home when my recovery exercises started, but I still use supplemental oxygen for life.

The second consequence after Covid is some mind disorder. Due to the fact that the Covid virus enters the body through the nose, it damages something in the brain. During the coma, I constantly dreamed. These dreams were mostly nightmares. Sometimes, through my dream, I heard the voice of my mother, who was telling me how flowers of the trees bloomed in our backyard, and that they were waiting for me, and they felt bad without me. When I came out of the coma, I didn't remember much, and I also couldn't differentiate real life from dreams. I had memory distortions. I saw something that wasn't really there.



I was constantly scared, and this horror would haunt me night and day. Thus, I couldn't sleep at all.

The third consequence is numbness of body parts. I think that few people know about this kind of hardship. It turns out that when a person is in a critical condition, various polyneuritis can occur, which happened to me. When I woke up after a coma due to complications in my head, I did not immediately understand that I did not feel my left leg, left arm, and part of my right leg. But gradually, when physiotherapists began to visit me and

teach me to swallow, move my arms and legs properly, I realized that I had lost sensitivity. Physical therapists helped develop mobility in the arm and legs, but the sensitivity never recovered. I have learned to use the numb parts of my body, but the strength and dexterity is lost, so I still can't trust my legs and arms to do certain

stuff that involve movement.

Due to the Covid that I suffered with, my life was divided into two parts, life before having Covid and life after having Covid, and became a constant struggle with my breathing. When I arrived home, I could not walk because of low oxygen, undeveloped and insensitive muscles, as well as a constant feeling of fear of death. I still use breath inhalers, tablets, and vitamins to restore the nervous system and the sensitivity of my legs and arms. I also use an oxygen generator at night when I go to sleep. I take pills for sleep and constantly do special exercises for the development of muscles and breathing. Covid is a terrible disease that can take away your health and can eventually take away your life.

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Narrative Essay

Don't Give Up!

Life is a group of experiences and daily challenges; every day is a new opportunity to succeed or an obstacle to success. These experiences make the life stories of everyone, and every story is a lesson that teaches you how to make your life better. There is a famous Arabic saying that says, "Your skin will not scratch like your fingernail." My story started when I was sixteen years old. It was the first time when I have known what responsibility means and how to take care of myself.

My memory goes back to 2002 when my mind was opened to the world of computers by going to some of the few internet clubs in the city of Fez in Morocco, where we sometimes stayed up all night taking advantage of the discounts offered by

the club's management, and I was passionate about this new world. Computers at that time were few and primitive, large and made up of two main parts, a rectangular central unit and a large screen with a prominent

back. It was not easy to go to these clubs, as the prices were expensive for a short time that was not enough to satisfy the desire. I spent the week between the duties of studying and making plans to win over my father in order to get the money required at the end of the week, and sometimes I shared with another friend or two for the price of an hour or two.

During this period, I learned the basics of dealing with computers and created some accounts in order to communicate with others

across the world, and my connection to this world increased more and more. There were also some bad behaviors that united myself in the midst of them, including addiction to Internet clubs and wasting time without interest, as well as wasting money, which almost affected my academic path, but fortunately, I benefited from the directions of some professors and mentors, especially in some non-profit associations, which allowed us to benefit from the internet in a directed and free manner. Under these circumstances, my connection to the computer increased, as well as desire to obtain one.

It was not easy to get a computer, as it was not available in abundance. Hence, the



price was high, so I went to my father and asked him to buy me one, but he was not even ready to discuss the idea with me, as he thought that it was just a waste of time and

that studying did not require a computer. Still, I tried to convince him of the importance of the computer and how it could help the rest of my brothers in studying and me, but he closed the discussion with me by saying, "If you want a computer, work and buy it yourself." He did not think that I would take his words seriously. He just wanted to silence me, but I found it a good idea.

I used to spend my summer vacation, which lasted more than two months, either in

Don't Give Up!



the center of an association learning new activities and taking excursions or traveling to visit my grandmother and uncles in a distant city. However, the situation was different this time, so I decided to look for a job so that I could save the required amount to buy a computer. As soon as the school year ended, I went to one of my father's friends who was working in construction and asked him to help me find a job in his company. I explained the situation to him and asked him not to tell anyone because I knew the reaction of my father, who would not approve, especially if the work was hard. He did not agree to my request and advised me to forget the idea, as work in the field of construction is hard for adults, so how about a young man? I knew how difficult it was, but I also knew that it was the easiest way to make the required money in the short time available to me.

I had to look for work elsewhere, and after a few days I got my chance. The work was not easy in the first days. I used to come home exhausted, unable to move. I often thought about not returning to that work again, but my goal that I drew between my eyes was encouraging me to get up early and go to work again, and because I was new in this field and did not know work skills, the operator almost fired me

in the early days, but my contact with the rest of the workers made me quickly gain the necessary experience until I became one of the favorite workers as I learned how to get the work done quickly and with few mistakes.

The hard work paid off in two months. I was able to collect more than the amount required to buy a computer. I also developed new skills, and the best is that I opened up to a group of people and knew their way of thinking and how to integrate with them. In addition, I made my father proud of me, and he looked at me in a positive way. I convinced him that I could rely on myself and manage my affairs. There is a famous proverb in our culture, which is part of a poem. It says, The boy who says "here I am" is not the boy who says "he was my father." Thus, I learned that self-reliance is the only way to overcome difficulties, and I learned that getting what you want comes with not giving up, no matter how hard it is.

Mohammed El Mrani
ESL 315
Narrative Essay



Mini Interviews

If You Could Travel Anywhere, Where Would You Go?

I want to visit Canada because I have been watching Niagara Falls on TV since I was a child, and I became interested in this waterfall when I read in school, and I said to myself that one day I will definitely visit this place. The second reason I want to travel to Canada is that I like the weather there because I like winter and cold weather a lot and I don't like hot weather.

There are two reasons that I want to visit Turkey. The first reason is that I like the culture and customs of the Turkish people, and I want to eat their famous food. The second reason is that I want to visit old places and visit the sights of that country such as the tomb of Jalaluddin Muhammad Balkhi known as Rumi, a 13th-century Persian poet.

–Razya Alizada



I would like to travel to India and visit the historical places of India and the Taj Mahal. I am very interested to see the Taj Mahal up close because it is a very beautiful and a famous place in India.

I want to travel to Turkey and visit the city of Istanbul because there are many places to see there, one of which is called Takht Istanbul and it is a famous and popular place for photography. Another place that I want to visit in Turkey is one of the most attractive buildings in Istanbul, Burj Dokhtar, a building dating back to the 4th century that is located on one of the small islands in the Asian part of Istanbul, a building that has an interesting history and story. Dokhtar Tower is the only one in the waters of Istanbul, and especially at sunset, it is very spectacular and beautiful.

–Shabnam Alizada

There are lots of countries I would like to travel to. Two of them are England and Italy. I think England has lots of ancient castles that I would like to see up close. And there are some cities including London, which is a historical city where Tower Bridge is located. Italy is on my list of favorites to see because I think it's different. In Venice, you can go anywhere by boat on the rivers instead of by car on the streets. I also heard Italy has delicious foods including pasta and pizza, and I am eager to taste them as well.

–Samira Jami



First, I will travel to China because it has the largest population in the world. Of course, it is different according to this population, which will have different customs and places of interest.

The second place I choose is India because India also has a large population in the world. In addition, there are many customs and ceremonies of different religions. So, it will be intriguing for me that in each region I can meet people with different customs.

—Marina Mojadadi



Japan is a very beautiful country that combines tradition and modern design. The first reason why I would like to go there is for the cherry blossoms. I'm sure those would be great photos. The second reason is Mount Fuji. Many photographers go there to take beautiful shots, especially at night when the Milky Way is visible.

The first reason why I would like to go to Italy is to take cozy, street photos of busy Italians. The second reason is of course to go to Florence. The city is incredibly beautiful. Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Galileo, Dante, and Amerigo Vespucci were born here. That's why this place is perfect for doing creative work.

—Maria Naumenko



Dubai is one of my favorite countries, and I would like to visit there and I want to take pictures of the Burj Khalifa and especially the people there who wear really beautiful clothes. I want to take pictures of famous foods.

And the second country I want to travel to is Turkey, and I want to take pictures of the sights, especially the Turkish bridge—and the famous sea, which is really enjoyable. I want to see it and there is a good place there.

—Zahra Nahimi



Beginner Reading Practice

My name is Hans. I __1__ a mechanic. I __2__ in London, I __3__ a brother and a sister. My sister is a university student. She __4__ medicine. She is going to be a doctor. My brother doesn't want __5__ to university __6__ he wants to be a mechanic like me. He comes and __7__ me in my shop on Sundays. He hasn't finished his education yet. __8__ his education, he is thinking of __9__ with me. We will __10__ the business together.



Do you want to read more stories? Click on the website below:

<https://www.grammarbank.com/beginners-reading-worksheet.html>

Choose the correct answers to complete the above short passage.

1. a. is b. are c. am d. do
2. a. believe b. think c. arrive d. live
3. a. owns b. learn c. have d. study
4. a. teach b. learn c. studies d. uses
5. a. go b. goes c. went d. to go
6. a. because b. although c. behind d. during
7. a. works b. helps c. is angry with d. shouts
8. a. For b. Because c. After d. So
9. a. works b. worked c. to work d. working
10. a. run b. depart c. put d. wear



Answers: 1. c 2. d 3. c 4. c 5. d 6. a 7. b 8. c 9. d 10. a



**Would you like to
contribute to *The Parrot*?**

If you want to share your work, art, opinion, or anything with *The Parrot*, please email us at TheParrot@arc.losrios.edu. We would be happy to hear from you and will try to respond ASAP.

The Parrot welcomes all ESL student matters!



Some More Parrot Fun

Finding Hidden Words



Challenge:
Find 6 hidden words.

See the answers on page 31.
Click [here](#) to see more fun stuff.

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utes away by car and is easily accessible by public transportation. What's more, at least eight ARC ESL classes will be taught at the Natomas Center in Spring 2023.

The Natomas Center is every bit as inviting as the main ARC campus. Though smaller than the main campus, the Natomas Center has attractive buildings, staffed with friendly people and enlivened with inimitable Beaver spirit. As with the classrooms at the main campus, the classrooms at the Natomas Center are state-of-the-art and are optimally equipped to enhance your ESL learning experience.

Many of you have been finding that ESL classes that you are interested in taking next semester are being offered through the Natomas Center. In Spring 2023, the Natomas Center is offering reading-and-writing courses at three different levels (ESL 37, ESL 47, and ESL 315), grammar courses at three different levels (ESLG 31, ESLG 41, and ESLG 51), and listening-and-speaking classes at two dif-

ferent levels (ESLL 31 and ESLI 41).

Devoun Stewart, Dean of the ARC Natomas Center, has expressed his commitment to having ESL courses there. His wonderful administrative staff, including supervisor Roxanne Luppino, is available to welcome and assist students from all manner of backgrounds. On November 17, Dean Stewart hosted a widely attended Cultural Event, which featured delightful ethnic clothing, music, and dancing, along with sumptuous international cuisine. It was a blast!

Are you thinking of taking an ESL course at the Natomas Center? If so, don't be shy. In addition to its welcoming administrative staff, its beautiful grounds and top-notch classroom facilities, the Natomas Center has some of your favorite ESL instructors, including Professors Danielle Ayala, David Evans, Daniel Glenn, Laura Leek, and Elena Ortiz, and Stephanie Parrish. After class, just think—you could dine at local international restaurants, shop at variety-packed supermarkets, and enjoy scenic outdoor vistas. In Sacramento, Natomas is where it's at!





Bakang (Student Employee)



**Supervisor Roxanne Luppino and
Dean Devoun Stewart**



ESL Professors David Evans and Stephanie Parrish

Words of a Feather

Funny English Sayings for Learners to Laugh At

Keep your eyes peeled



Gross, right?

Who would want to peel their own eyes, like they were fruits or vegetables? If your eyes are already peeled, how do you keep them that way?

Of course, you don't have to use this phrase yourself if it feels too disgusting, but at some point, you'll probably hear someone say it to mean "**watch out [for something].**"

The elephant in the room



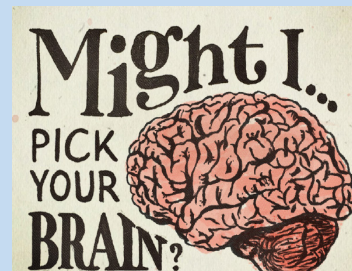
This might be one of the weirdest English phrases in existence. If you say that something is the elephant in the room, you mean **that thing is very obvious, but no one's talking about it.** Usually, "the elephant in the room" is something that makes people uncomfortable, which is why no one's talking about it.

Put out feelers



To put out feelers means **to see what people think or feel about something**, often before taking some kind of action

Pick your brain



Here's another saying that sounds pretty gross. Why would you pick someone's brain?

Well, if you think someone's ideas or intelligence could be useful to you, it might make perfect sense. To pick someone's brain just means **to see what they think or know about a particular subject.**

To see more sayings and examples just click on this link: <https://www.fluentu.com/blog/english/funny-english-sayings/>

The Dance of Laughter

By C. J. Krieger

Although you have been gone

These many years

Your shadow still remains

On everything

That you had touched

No matter where I go

There is no place

Where I cannot see

Or hear your voice

Filled with merriment and mirth

As it meanders

About the rooms



And though

You have departed

So many years ago

When my laughter

Pierces through the dark

I have found

The light of your smile

Still dancing on the laughter

That dances on my heart

Source: <https://allpoetry.com/poem/16602041-The-Dance-of-Laughter-by-C.-J.-Krieger>

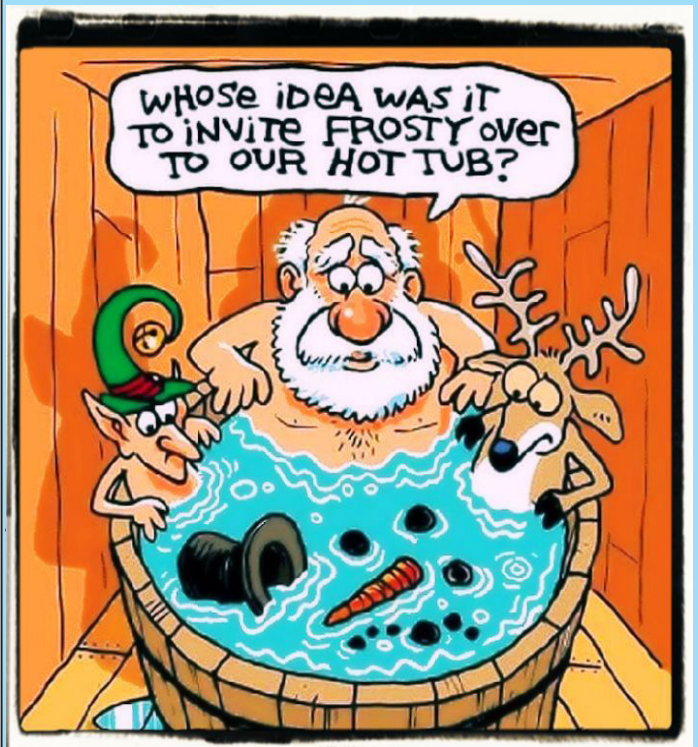
Rigoberto's Riddles



Every day, a woman was seen crossing the border carrying bags of sand on a motorbike. After some time, the border police become suspicious and stop her, but found she only had sand on her, so they let her go. What was the woman smuggling across the border?

Motorbikes

Silly Vasily's Chuckle Chamber



Source: <https://www.english-culture.com/christmas-funny-cartoon-english-culture/>

Explore California



Shark Fin Cove

For this month's issue, I bring to you a new location I recently found with a great view of the ocean and with cool rock formations. It makes an amazing scene for sunset photos and astrophotography (as you can see in the photos I took above): Shark Fin Cove

A massive rock stands guard over a small cove full of geologic wonders just up the coast from Santa Cruz, only 0.7 miles south of the town of Davenport.

The main geologic feature, visible from Highway 1, has inspired two interchangeable names:



Shark Fin Cove and Shark Tooth Beach. This beach is most certainly a cove, however, and it's fun to imagine the size of the shark lurking beneath a fin of that size, so I prefer Shark Fin Cove.

To get there, just [click here](#) to start navigating or see how far it is from your current location.

I took these photos with my Nikon z9 and a 35mm lens, and a 17mm lens. The photo with the Milky Way was taken using the long exposure technique, and the photo of the sunset was achieved using a wide angle lens.

By Manny

What is HomeBase?

The HomeBase pathway community is a dedicated and friendly space where students pursuing a related major/program have personal access to the HomeBase Success Team. The HomeBase Language and People pathway community is a one-stop support center for ARC students in programs under the Department of Behavioral Social Science, English, and Humanities. Let's learn more about Language and People HomeBase!

Q: What can HomeBase offer to students?

A: HomeBase can help schedule counseling appointments, answer questions about support services, such as financial aid, [Beaver Cares](#), and internships, and provide space or facilities (computer or printer) for study. You also can just come in and hangout to pass the time during class transition.

Q: What are majors under Language and People HomeBase?

A: Anthropology, Art History, ASL-English Interpreting, Communication, Deaf Culture and ASL, Early Children Education, Education/Teaching, English, English as Second Language, Ethnic Studies, History, Humanities, International Studies, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Justice Studies, Social Science, Sociology, and World Languages.

Q: We can see that English as a Second Language (ESL) is under HomeBase Language and People. How can Language and People HomeBase be useful for ESL students?

A: Language and People HomeBase can be useful for ESL students not only for all the support services described above, but also by providing a community to practice their English. At HomeBase, ESL students can create or participate in a study group for homework or

exams, and meet their professors who have office hours at the HomeBase. Also, the HomeBase success team has some students with an ESL background that can share their experiences as ESL students.

Q: HomeBase has a success team. What is a success team?

A: Your Success Team includes assigned counselors, coaches, clerks, faculty and peer mentors.

Q: Who is available to help?

A: Your HomeBase Coach is your first point of contact. They share strategies for college success and coach you all the way to your goal! Coaches, clerks, and peer mentors can answer questions and help you register for classes.

Q: Where to find Language and People HomeBase?

A: We are available in-person at Davies Hall in rooms #103 and #104, Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm; Friday we are available remotely. You can reach us, too, through the email AskHB-Humanities@arc.losrios.edu

and telephone #(916) 484-8584. Are you on Instagram? Please follow us ([@archb_lp](#)) to ask quick questions and stay updated on the latest HomeBase activity.



Eat the World!

The Parrot represents students of many hues and sounds --- no news there. Indeed, birds of a feather flock together, right? They also eat together. The Parrot is proud to present Parrot fodder from around the world in this and subsequent issues. Squawk!

Gingerbread House Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

HOUSE:

5 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
3 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon kosher salt
Nonstick cooking spray, for greasing
1 cup vegetable shortening
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup molasses



ROYAL ICING:

4 large egg whites
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
6 cups powdered sugar, sifted
Water, as needed

Want to see how this dessert is made?
Watch it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5REhShQVt0>

Try building a gingerbread house! Go to Davies Hall room 104 on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Hosted by Homebase for Language and People.

Restaurant Review

STARBREAD RESTAURANT



box) around 5 pm and the bread was warm and fresh, confirming what they advertise on their website that they always sell fresh Señorita bread. It is so soft with the smell of butter that it brings you a moment of joy whenever you take a bite. If you do not like overly sweet bread, this is the right one for you. The tiny bread rolls are addictive, and I'm glad they have different options for quantity and prices.

Come and enjoy a snack here if you are a fan of bread. You won't regret ordering a Señorita box.

Go and check it out at:

1251 Baseline Rd #130, Roseville, CA 95747.

6127 Mack Rd. Sacramento, CA 95823

Starbread is the place you always want to go if you are craving some good bread to eat with your coffee in the morning, afternoon, or any time of day!

It has many locations that may be close to your house, workplace, or wherever you are in California. They only offer food to go.

Each location has various kinds of bread for you to choose from. You can find your favorite kind here; however, you should come in the morning to enjoy the freshness of many kinds of bread. Otherwise, a Señorita might be the only choice you can get for later in the day.

Señorita is their best seller as it has a unique flavor with a cute size. (See the picture on the left). We ordered the Señorita bread box (the 40 pieces

<http://www.starbreadca.com/>



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ESL Center. I was a student-help then, and I'm an IA now. I love to be around people and I love English. I think it's a great opportunity for me to work here.

The Parrot: What kinds of art do you like to do?

Liza: I love drawing, painting, and making hand-made art.

The Parrot: How many kinds of art projects are you doing at the moment?

Liza: I'm trying to make some jewelry like necklace pendants, necklace chains, and bracelets. When I went out and saw interesting handmade things, I thought I could make some. I went to the store and bought materials and tried to make them. I usually use real flowers and dehydrate them to put in my handmade jewelry.

The Parrot: Do you work on art in your free time or is it your second job?

Liza: I only work on art in my free time. It's not my second job.

The Parrot: When did you get started in art?

Have you taken any art classes?

Liza: I can't say when I started art. It just came out naturally and I don't remember when. If I remember right, I only took 2 classes in art at ARC before, but I don't think I got any better because they were basic



classes. I only had more assignments and more practice that didn't really teach me anything big about art; however, they were all helpful and I have never regretted learning them.

The Parrot: I especially like your horse drawing. Do you love horses?

Liza: Yes, I really love horses. They are really beautiful. I tried to learn how to ride them with my friend who has a horse, but I couldn't really ride it well. I





took several places even though I was kind of afraid, but I loved the experience because it was so exciting.



The Parrot: How do you draw a horse?

Liza: It's easier for me to see a sample and draw it. It's hard for me to imagine things in my head or see the thing in front of me and draw it.

The Parrot: What do you think about drawing a unicorn?

Liza: It's not a real thing, right? I think it's normal to draw a unicorn, but I love to draw real things rather than fairy tale things.

The Parrot: What do you do with your artistic creations? Do you sell them, hang them on the wall, or give them as gifts to other people?

Liza: Oh, I always keep them for myself or make it a gift to other people. There are some people who asked me to make some art for them, but it gives me a weird feeling anytime I need to make art for

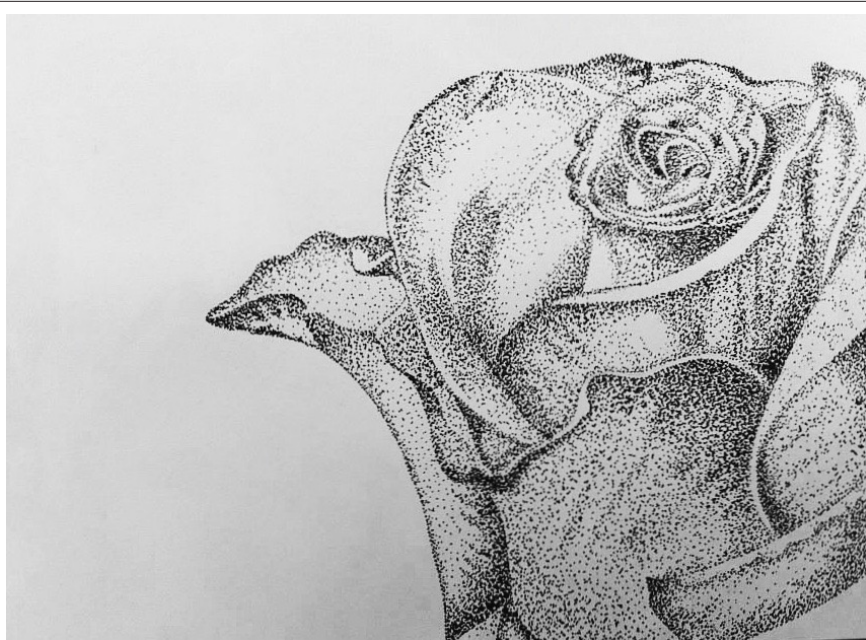


money. If people ask me if they can buy something or place an order for an art project, and then they ask me about a price, I don't really know how to answer them because I don't do art for a living. I haven't had a second thought if I have ever given away my art as a gift for another person because I know I can make another one even though it can't be the same.

The Parrot: Do you feel comfortable if you have people around watching you do art?

Liza: I don't remember if I've had that situation before; however, if I can choose, I prefer to let them see my art after finishing it.

The Parrot: How do you feel after finishing a project?



The Parrot: Are there other hobbies you do besides art?

Liza: I like doing crusades and singing in my free time. I don't know if you can call it a hobby or not.

The Parrot: What do you think about the idea that everyone can do art? Do you think there is an artist in everyone?

Liza: I think yes. Everyone has a way or idea to do things they like. I believe we are all creative in a lot of different ways. Some people just never tried, or they think they can't, or they don't want to.

The Parrot: Thanks a lot for your time and hope to see you on campus some-time.

Liza: Thank you!

Interviewer: Snow Le

Liza: I always feel so joyful after finishing a project. I really enjoy the moment I finished it.

The Parrot: Where do you get ideas to start an art project?

Liza: They just come out of nowhere. Maybe I read a book or saw something, and that made me want to draw or make something for someone. For example, it was a long time ago when my nephew went to the army, and we couldn't have any connection with him. We only could write a letter, a handwritten letter, and send it to him. I wanted to send some small things to him, so I drew a little bookmark to give him which related to the army.



English Practice Hour



English Practice Hour

It will be
online,

Please contact Professor Denise Saur at saurd@arc.losrios.edu for a link to the Zoom session, or for the location of the in-person Talk Time.

The weekly practice hour is 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Help for Refugee Children



Starting Point is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting newly arrived refugee children in the greater Sacramento area.

The organization strives to give them a warm welcome by providing basic necessities and programs as they begin their new lives in the U.S. They do things like meet refugee families with children at the airport, give them welcome baskets, and provide basic ESL and computer lessons, and they have even started a very popular soccer team for the kids. Visit the website and click on [REQUEST HELP](#).

Starting Point is directed by Vickee Moy, a professor of English as a Second Language professor in Sacramento. She launched Starting Point in June 2017 after being deeply touched by her refugee students' stories about their lives in their native countries and about their new lives in the U.S. Starting Point is one way she hopes to

honor and remember their incredible stories and beautiful lessons about perseverance, strength, hope, and humanity.

As a child of immigrants, Vickee feels a connection with new arrivals and is passionate about helping them begin successful lives in their new country. Along with her husband and three sons, she is excited to reach out to this growing community of newcomers.

<https://www.startingpointworld.com/>

Want to Help?

There are several ways that you can help Starting Point to help children. You can put together a welcome basket, assemble a backpack with supplies, help buy shoes, assist with lessons and program development for SPARK (Summer Program for Arts, Recreation and Knowledge), or even coach and support a soccer team!

Donations to Starting Point are tax deductible. Please visit the [Starting Point Volunteer Page](#) for more information.



The ESL Center is also open on ground in the LRC, Mon. & Wed 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tues. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feel free to call: (916) 484-8919.

Fall 2022

<https://lrccd.zoom.us/j/97773383036>

Mon-Thu 8am-7pm Fri 8am-12:30pm

New ESL Student Questions

Study English in the LAB

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Assessment Info

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Spanish		Ukrainian
Romanian		German
Pashto		French
Hmong		Arabic



Snow-Boots-Chill-Frost-
Ice-Mittens

Did you find them?



The ESL Center

NOW OPEN IN PERSON!

Monday and Wednesday:

10 AM to 5 PM

Tuesday:

10 AM to 4 PM

Online Services are also available:

Monday to Thursday:

8 AM to 7:15 PM

Friday:

8 AM to 12:30 PM

Information

Phone: (916) 484-8919

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Parrot Student Voices

To celebrate the holidays in the last issue of 2022, we interviewed Snow, *The Parrot's* longest working employee, and asked her what is she thankful for? Click on her photo to hear her answer.



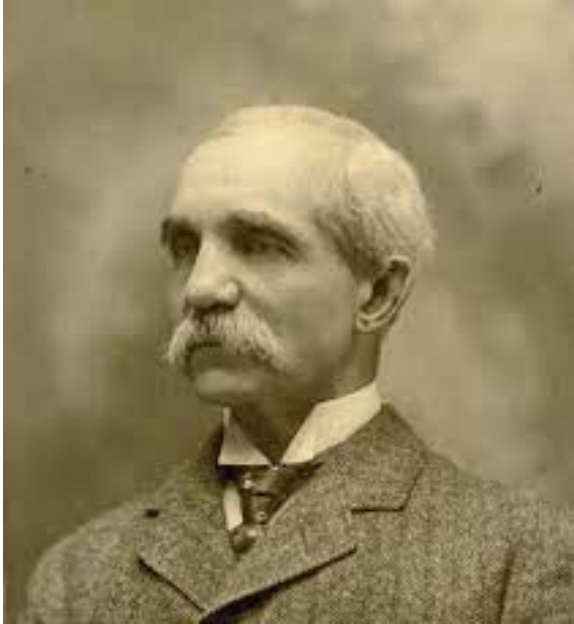
"...I'm thankful for being able to wake up everyday. After the pandemic, many people died suddenly, so I'm thankful I'm still alive..."

-Snow, from Vietnam

Click on Snow's photo and hear her answer.



Uses for Reed–Kellogg Sentence Diagramming in the ESL Classroom - Professor David Evans



Brainerd Kellogg

Have you ever wished you could visualize the relationship between the various parts of a sentence? While the number of possible sentences in English is infinite, the number of ways in which sentences can be formed is not. As those who have taken grammar classes have learned, sentences are formed according to certain patterns—patterns that can be described and studied in detail. What if these patterns could also be visualized?

Let me let you in on a little secret: they can. Useful techniques of diagramming sentences were developed by educators in the United States about a hundred and fifty years ago. The most popular diagramming system was that developed by Alonzo Reed and Brainerd Kellogg in their book *Higher Lessons in English* (1878). It was widely used in public schools in the United States until the nineteen-seventies.

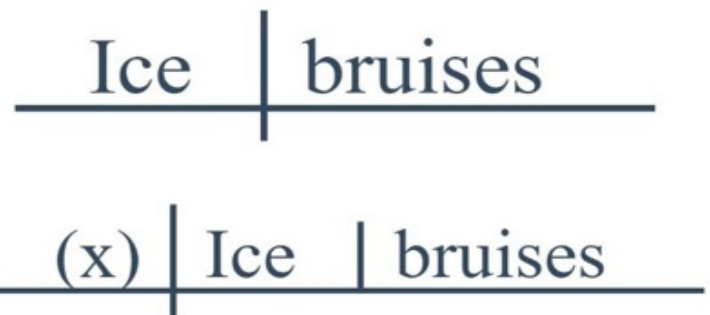
By the time I went through the public-school system, sentence diagramming had largely been eliminated from the standard curriculum; curriculum designers had come to believe that it was a waste of time to emphasize grammar teaching. Later on, in university syntax classes, I would learn how to make

highly technical syntax-tree diagrams. However, unlike my parents, I had to teach myself how to do old-fashioned Reed–Kellogg diagramming.

As Homer House and Susan Harman put it in their 1950 textbook *Descriptive English Grammar*, "A diagram of a sentence is a graphic representation of the sentence, picturing the interrelation of the parts" (203). "The diagram," they explain, "records and objectifies the constituent parts, or elements, of a sentence" and "is exceptionally useful to both the student and the teacher in explaining the basic structure of a given sentence" (*ibid.*).

I now use Reed–Kellogg diagramming, to a limited extent, in the ESL classes I teach. Although I do not require diagramming of my students, I teach them enough about the diagramming system to be able to understand what basic diagrams are depicting. Then I use the diagrams to illustrate such principles of grammar as structural ambiguity, subject–verb agreement, the *who–whom* distinction, and grammatical parallelism.

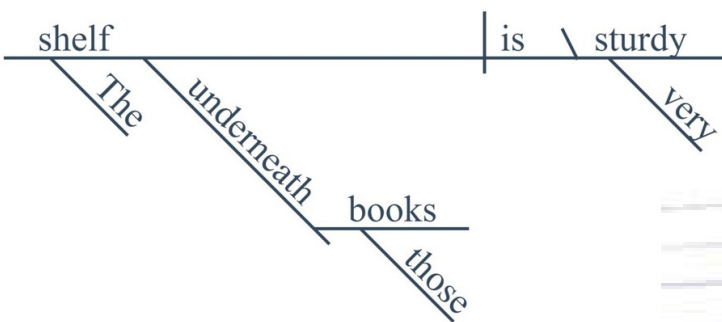
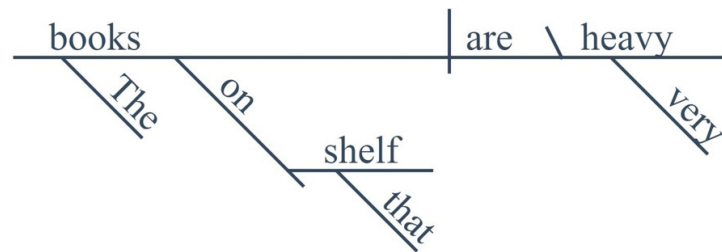
To see how diagrams can be used to illustrate structural ambiguity, we need not look at lengthy, convoluted sentences. A sentence with a mere two words will suffice. The two diagrams below have the standard horizontal line depicting a clause. It is bisected so as to divide subject from predicate, the subject appearing to the left and the predicate to the right of the bisecting line. Each of these diagrams represents a radically different structure and meaning.



In the first diagram, *ice* is a noun and is the

subject of the sentence, and *bruises* (the predicate) is an intransitive verb. The meaning is "Ice can bruise people." In the second diagram, the same words form an imperative; *ice* is a transitive verb and *bruises* a plural noun. As the direct object of the verb, *bruises* is placed to the right of a vertical line standing on the main line. The (x) represents that the subject (*you*) is implied. The meaning is "Apply ice to bruises."

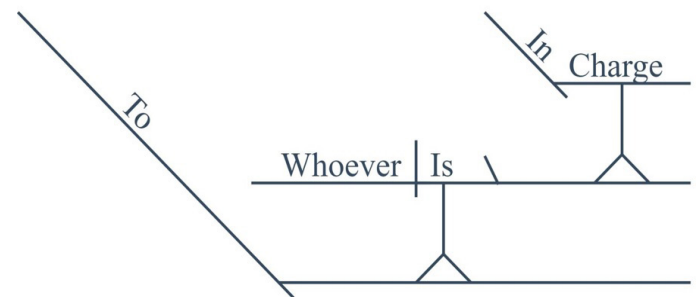
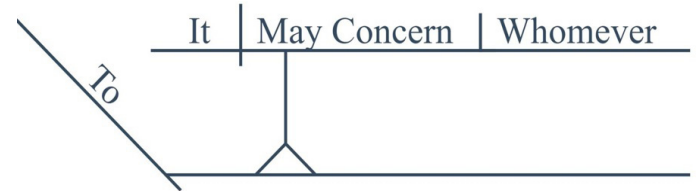
Modifiers are diagrammed on slanted lines branching downward and to the right. Below, the determiners *the*, *that*, and *those* are diagrammed thus, as is the adverb *very*. The prepositional phrases begin on slanted lines, the object of the preposition appearing on a horizontal line intersecting with the slanted line. That the adjectives function as subject complements of the linking verb is indicated by the backward-slanting line on top of the main line.



The above diagrams illustrate something important about subject-verb agreement. In *The books on that shelf are very heavy*, we have a plural verb (*are*) even though the noun to its immediate left (*shelf*) is singular; in *The shelf underneath those books is very sturdy*, we have a singular verb (*is*) even though the noun to its immediate left (*books*) is plural. The number of the verb is determined by the simple subject (on the main clausal line), not by any of its modifiers.

Reed-Kellogg diagramming depicts the

components of a sentence in their grammatical relationship to each other. It does not always depict words in the order in which they appear in the spoken or written sentence. For example, in relative clauses with relative pronouns, the relative pronoun is placed before the verb in the diagram only if the relative pronoun is functioning as its subject; otherwise it appears in an object function.



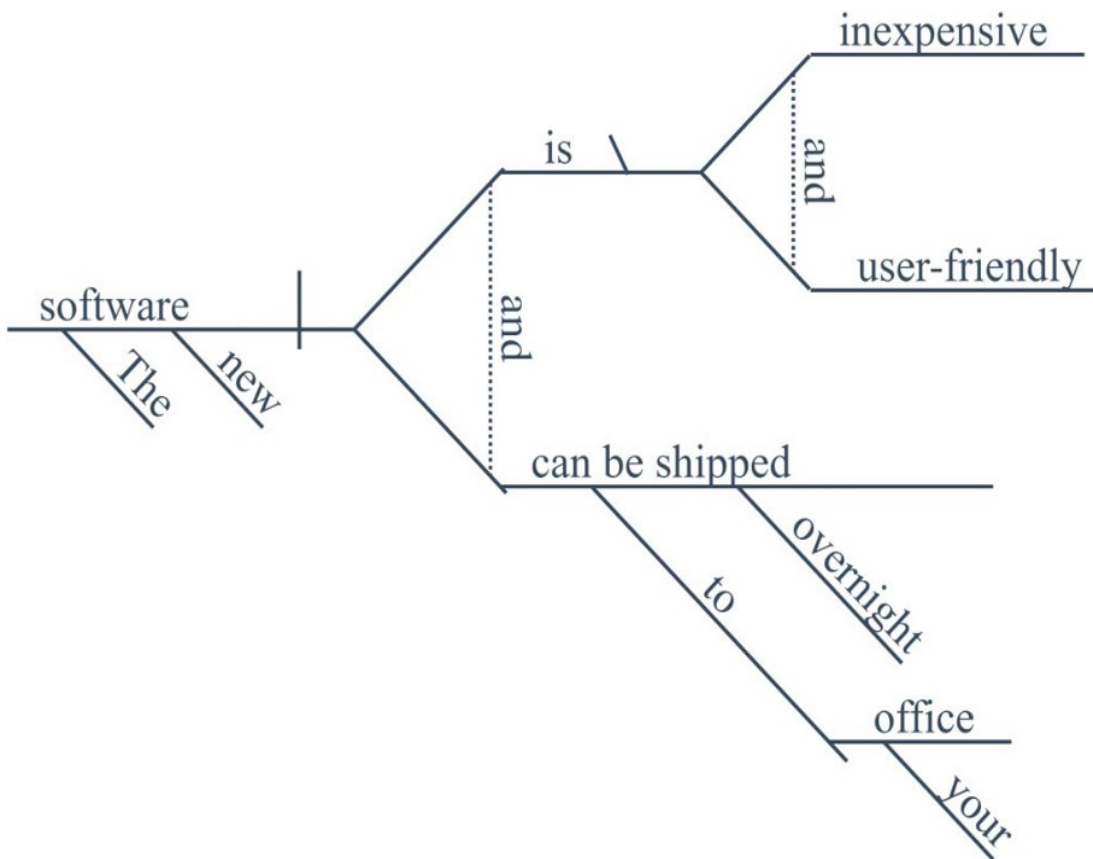
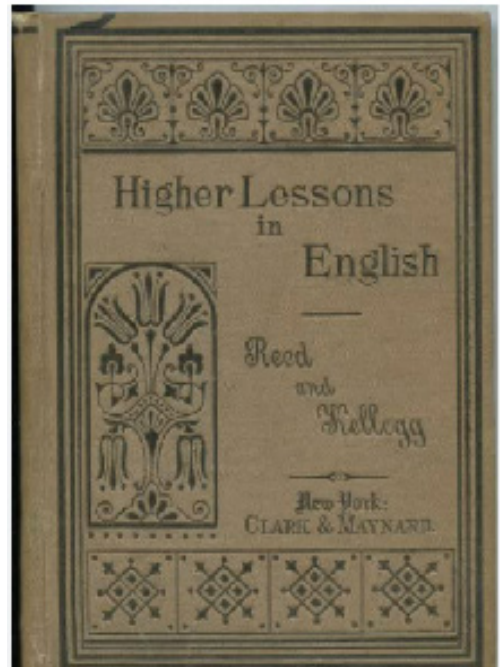
Many people think that the reason for *Whomever* in the salutation *To Whomever It May Concern* is that it functions as the object of the preposition *to*, but that is incorrect and the diagram shows us why. *Whomever* is functioning as the



Alonzo Reed with his wife and family direct object of the verb *Concern* in the clause *It May Concern Whomever*. It is that noun clause that

functions as the object of the preposition *To*. In *To Whoever Is In Charge*, by contrast, *Whoever* functions as the subject of the noun clause.

Lastly, let us see how diagramming can help to illustrate grammatical parallelism. The following sentence has faulty parallelism, the two adjectives having been coordinated with a verb phrase: *The new software is inexpensive, user-friendly, and can be shipped to your office overnight*. An additional *and* is needed between the adjectives. The second *and* coordinates the two verb phrases. As the diagram below shows, we have coordination at different levels.



Taste the Magic of Fall

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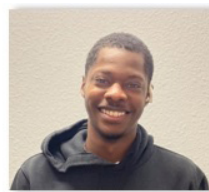
I love the fall season! It is such a special time of the year. The leaves slowly change colors, adding beautiful fall colors to nature. We say goodbye to the extreme summer heat as the temperature drops, and we bundle up to stay warm.

There are many things to love about fall, but the one thing I look forward to is the pumpkin spice latte. This is the time when coffee shops bring out the pumpkin drinks. If you have not tried one, I encourage you to do so this fall. Pumpkin puree blended with spices (cinnamon, nutmeg, and clove) and mixed with sugar, coffee and milk may sound odd, but it tastes pretty darn good. 😊

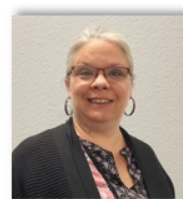
Not everyone likes pumpkin drinks, so I asked some of my colleagues to share their favorite fall drinks.



Ziba
Hot Caramelizer Mocha
(Dutch Bros)



Jaquan
Iced Chai Tea Latte with
Pumpkin Cream Cold Foam
(Starbucks)



Valerie
Chai Latte



Christian
Caramel Brulee Latte
(Starbucks)



Vanessa
White Peppermint Mocha
(Starbucks)
Mexican Hot Chocolate
(Dutch Bros)



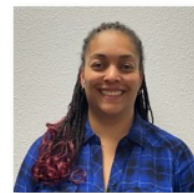
George
White Chocolate Mocha with
Whipped Cream
(Starbucks)



Leah
Hot Maple Latte with Oat
Milk (Milka Coffee Roasters)



Khanani
Vanilla Bean Frap with Extra
Caramel (Starbucks)



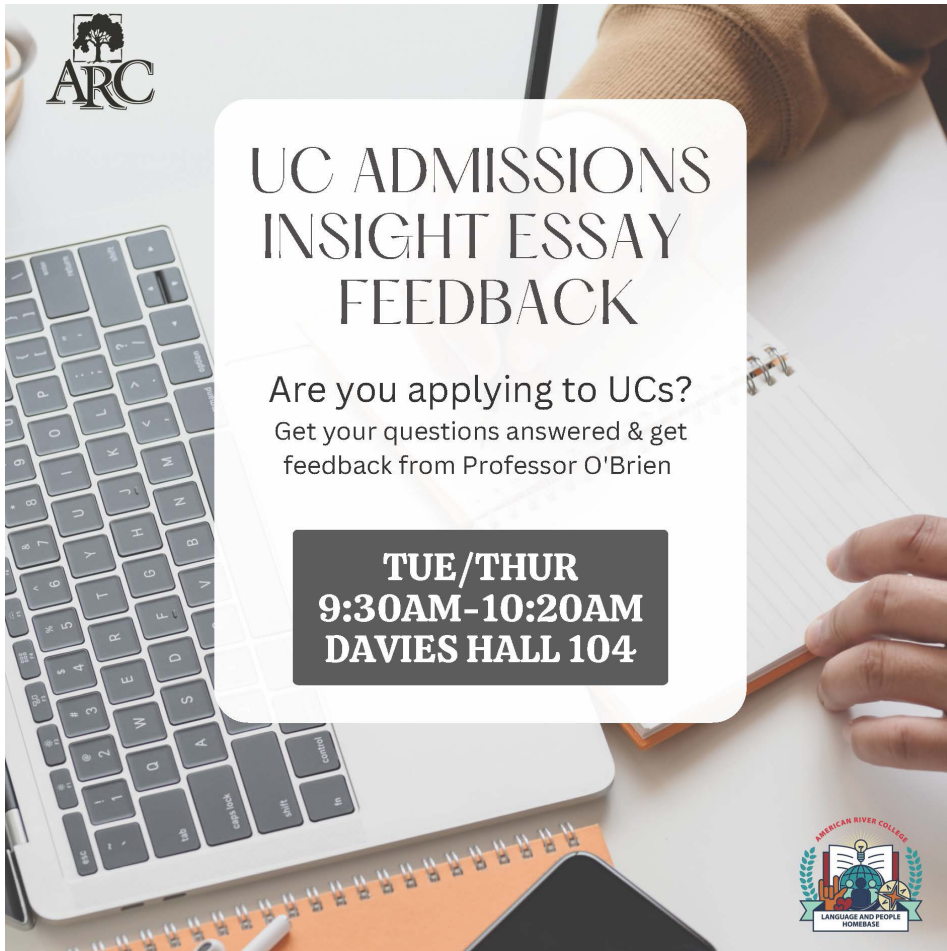

Cathy
Hot Chocolate



*** What do you like to drink during this fall season? Email your favorite fall drink to TheParrot@arc.losrios.edu by **Friday, December 9th** for a chance to win a **\$10** gift card to Starbucks or Dutch Bros Coffee. The drawing is open to everyone, including students, administrators, faculty, and staff members. Two winners will be randomly selected and will be contacted by email.




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