

D.Y.U. I.L.C.

English Newsletter

Contest time at the I.L.C!

November at D.Y.U. sees the beginning of competition season here at the I.L.C!

Hundreds of English language students are looking at the contest schedule to decide which contests to take part in, eager to get involved and begin training!

This semester, two contests are available for each year group:

Freshman students are encouraged to test their speaking and listening skills in a fun game known as the taboo contest, and their reading and writing skills with the spelling contest.

Sophomore students should be on the lookout for the speech contest to test their speaking and listening skills, and the storytelling contest for reading and writing.

Joining one of these contests is a great way to improve your English language ability

as well as your confidence speaking in front of others.

All contest participants can walk away from these events with great pride in their own determination and courage. Meanwhile, those students who are dedicated and talented enough to win a contest will be able to earn some prize money and a certificate to prove their excellence in English.

So, what are you waiting for?! All of the teachers here at the I.L.C. are ready to help you decide which contest to join, and also to contribute to your training before taking part.

Please contact your English teacher to let them know which of these great contests you would like to join, and be sure to sign-up online soon.

Good luck everybody!

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I.L.C. contests NOVEMBER:

Spelling contest 14th
15th

Taboo contest 16th
17th

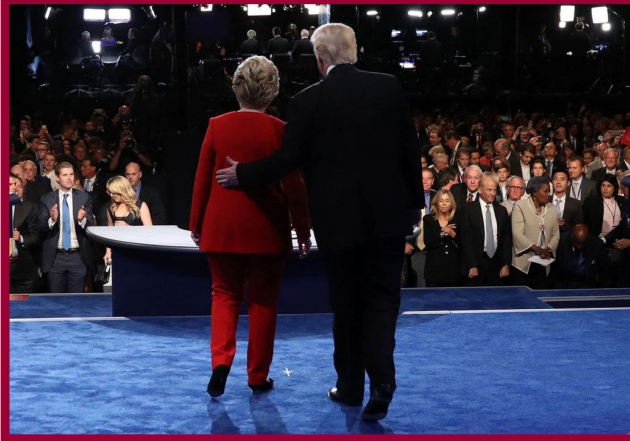
Speech contest 23rd

Storytelling contest 30th

Battle for U.S. Presidency gets UGLY as election enters final month!



TRUMP



CLINTON

The 2016 presidential election in the U.S.A. has been perhaps the most divisive, mean-spirited and ugliest political battle in living memory. Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, presidential candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties respectively, are each the most disliked candidate either party has ever fielded.

Why are these two politicians so disliked? In the case of Donald Trump the answer is simple: over the course of his campaign, he has made an almost unbelievable number of highly offensive remarks. He has directly attacked Muslims, Mexicans, Chinese people, women, disabled people, war veterans, other politicians and parents of dead soldiers.

Meanwhile, the reasons why Hillary Clinton is disliked are linked to a great distrust and dislike of authority figures which is prevalent in America today. She has been accused of being untrustworthy, due to scandals involving data protection and bribes from companies and rich individuals to gain special treatment. Hillary is also disliked by a large number of Democrat voters, as they believe she unfairly stole the party nomination from her rival Bernie Sanders.

This battle comes at a very sensitive time in U.S. politics. Since the financial crisis in 2008, the American economy has been weak, and many Americans have lost their jobs or seen their wages fall. Due to this there is a great yearning for true

change in society, so that large companies and rich people do more to help the poor and those who work hard to survive.

While Trump feeds on this anger and stirs people's emotions to gain support, he also offers no real solutions and nothing but a dark future for America. Clinton represents the status quo, and although she claims to have decent solutions to help improve America, many believe her ideas are useless and will only maintain people's current suffering.

Between two very different and each unappealing candidates, many Americans have resolved to simply vote against the candidate they like the least, rather than vote for the candidate they like the most!

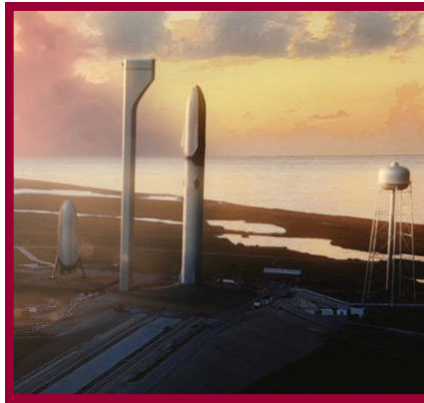


Mission to Mars: Elon Musk plans daring journey to make history!

Exciting times for fans of space exploration are upon us! Elon Musk, the billionaire visionary who founded PayPal and Tesla motors, has unveiled his latest dream: the Interplanetary Transport System (ITS).

Built by Musk's rocket company Space X, the ITS is intended to carry 100 human beings at a time to the surface of Mars. At more than 500 tons in weight, the ITS module would be far and away the most massive object ever launched into space, and it would sit at the top of a rocket the size of a skyscraper!

Elon Musk believes that human beings **MUST** leave planet earth and find other places to live in space. Otherwise we face the risk of a worldwide calamity wiping out our species. For Musk this challenge is a very serious one, which is why he has spent the last ten years at Space X building and testing advanced, reusable rockets.



However, the challenges of achieving this dream are extreme indeed. While the basic design of the rocket should work, there are questions about power generation, whether the radiation of space might harm people on the way to Mars, and how exactly people might survive on Mars.

The truth is, while Musk's ambition, dedication and achievement should be applauded, the costs and technical challenges facing this journey cannot be underestimated. Before Musk builds the full sized rocket, his company will send a number of smaller rockets to Mars in order to test their technology, and they will continue to work on a multitude of different parts for the larger rocket. However, without significant outside support from both investors and space manufacturers, there is little chance that Space X can do all the necessary work on their own.

Will this enormous rocket and spaceship ever fly? We can only hope that it will, and that even if this ship does not, there will be a similar program to achieve the same goals. Humanity's future on Earth will surely continue for some time, but eventually we **WILL** have to leave to survive.

Strange Animal: Ladybirds!

Are these colorful creatures the cutest kind of bug?

Although many bugs can appear scary, the cute and colorful ladybird (also known as ladybug) has a much more friendly face!

Alongside butterflies, ladybirds are perhaps one of the most popular bugs around. There are many products made for both children and adults that take inspiration from the vividly patterned shells of these little guys!

Ladybirds can be found all over the world with more than 6,000 known species. Although the most popular images of these creatures present them as red with black spots, they can actually be found in a variety of colors, having yellow, orange, brown and black shells, and black, white, yellow or red spots.

Ladybirds are classified as beetles. This means they have six legs and wings, and they often fly for long distances to find food or to find a mate. Despite their

outward appearance as friendly little bugs, ladybirds are in fact fierce predators. This means they do not eat plants, but in fact eat other bugs!

The favorite food of ladybirds are aphids, which are small green or black bugs that live on and eat plants. For this reason, gardeners and farmers LOVE to see ladybirds on their fruits and vegetables, because they know that the ladybirds are protecting their crops from damage by aphids!

There are, however, some downsides to the humble ladybird. Firstly, if you happen to scare a ladybird or brush roughly against



one, it is likely to release a bad smelling, orange liquid to defend itself... YUCK! Another potential problem is that in certain years ladybirds can breed out of control, and huge swarms of them can emerge!

Overall, this is an impressive, beautiful and popular little creature, and we should be very thankful for the artistic inspiration their beautiful shells have provided us!

