

Brisbane Bites



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Why not take an English test?

It's hard to believe it's March already! It makes you think that you really need to make the most of your time. While you're studying it's a good idea to make a plan for the time you are studying and really think about what you want to achieve. It's always easier to work hard if you have a goal to work towards. So that you have something to show for your hard work why not take one of the many English exams available? You can do both the TOEFL and TOEIC tests here at LSI. IELTS tests are held almost every weekend at several universities in Brisbane and the Cambridge exams can be taken as computer based tests here in Brisbane regularly. Decide what level you hope to achieve and then make a plan of how you intend to do this. If you want some help the LSI staff will be only too happy to assist.

Enjoy the last of the hot weather!



Heather



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

17th March—
St Patrick's Day

What's on in Brissie?

Irish Festival events throughout The City include:

Fri 9 - Brisbane Irish Festival Ball @ *The Irish Club*

Sat 10 - St Patrick's Day Parade & Irish Fair, starts @ *cnr George & Elizabeth St*

Sun 11 - Tara Singers Concert @ *The Irish Club*

Mon 12 - Battle of The Irish Pub Trivia throughout The City

Tues 13 - Rose of Tralee Fashion Parade @ *The Irish Club*

Wed 14 - Irish Film Night @ *Tribal Theatre*

Fri 16 - St Patrick's Eve Dinner @ *Tara House*

www.brisbaneirishfestival.com.au



St Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday 10 March 2012
at 10:30am



What: LiveWired @ The Powerhouse - **Free** comedy program!
When: Sundays at 6:30pm from 4 March

SPORT- games every week

Suncorp Stadium hosts the Rugby Union (Queensland Reds), Rugby League (Brisbane Broncos) and the Soccer (Queensland Roar)

The rugby Union and League are just starting their seasons and the soccer is going to the finals. Enjoy watching these great sports at a great sports venue.



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English Corner

Travel / trip / journey / voyage / excursion These words have similar meanings in English, but they are used slightly differently.

Use **travel** as a noun to describe the activity in general. It is an uncountable noun.

I enjoy **travel**, cooking and playing the guitar.

Travel broadens the mind.

Use **travel** as a verb to mean the action of moving from one place to another. It is a little formal.

He **travelled** by plane from Seoul to Brisbane.

Use **trip** as a noun to describe moving to and from a place. It is usually short and includes a purpose. It is a countable noun.

My uncle had a business **trip** to Japan.

Our **trip** to the Gold Coast was a lot of fun.

Use **journey** as a noun to describe the actual time spent travelling.

The **journey** from Bogota takes 25 hours.

Use **voyage** as a noun to describe a long distance journey by sea or by spaceship.

Captain Cook's sea **voyage** from England to Australia took many months.

Use **excursion** (noun) to describe an organized trip by a group of people for a specific purpose, usually education or leisure.

On Friday afternoons, LSI students usually have a chance to go on an **excursion** to a local place of interest.

Now try these:

1. If I had a lot of money I would trip / journey / travel around the world.
2. Are you going on the travel / excursion / voyage / journey to the police museum?
3. On the weekend I did a travel / trip / journey to Noosa.
4. My aunt, who is not very well, doesn't enjoy travel / trip / journey / excursion.
5. His travel / trip / journey to Darwin by bicycle will be long and dangerous.



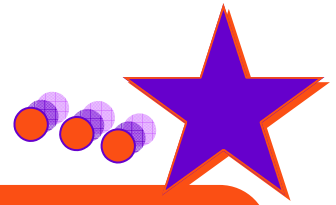
This month we take a look at the

Intermediate Level

B1 on the Common European Frame of Reference (CEFR) and in LSI this is known as level 4. Students at this level are beginning to really have the confidence to be able to communicate with native speakers. By the end of the course they have a good range of language and grammar and can talk well on familiar

topics and deal with most situations that may happen when travelling or in day to day life. They can write emails and essays using connected text and can talk about both the past and the future, for example describing experiences and ambitions. They are also able to give reasons and explanations and ask questions. From level 4, students are ready to enter upper-intermediate if they wish to continue with general English, FCE if they wish to have a certificate of their level or begin to prepare for IELTS.

10 facts about ...



Maria



Name:

Maria Concetta Buda

Class:

3A

City and Country:

Italy

How long at LSI:

6 months

My dream travel destination is...

Fiji

The food I hate most is...

Sushi (even though I eat it every day)

Something about me that might surprise others is...

I am a master diver, an assistant scuba diving instructor, a diving alert network instructor, a cook and much more—I'm a very boring person

When I first arrived in Brisbane...

I was very happy because I love Australia!

My friends always tell me...

that I'm crazy

At school I...

try to speak English

At the moment I'm listening to...

just the baby around my house

An object I would like to own is...

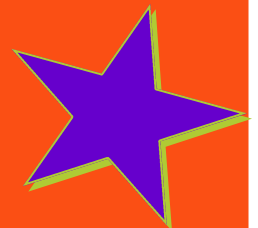
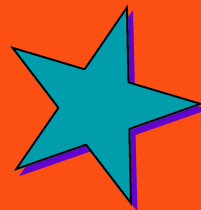
a car

10 years in the future I would like to...

start my own business

My experience of learning English has been.....

FANTASTIC!!



Students' Writing

My Dream
Business
by IELTS ...

Laurence Danjean - France

I would like to create my own chain of shoe shops all over the world. My first shops would be in Paris, London and New York to establish the popularity of my designs.

For this, I would organise a big event for the launch on the same day in those different cities. I would invite VIP's and the media to focus attention on the brand. The media plan would be an important part of the success. It is important to impress VIP's because they are opinion leaders and people follow what they wear. If they wear your brand, it is a good way to ensure coverage in fashion magazines and of course, sales will grow quickly.

Ever since I was a child, I have loved wearing shoes and travelling. So, if I can realise this dream, I will be the happiest woman in the world.



Florian Fassbind - Switzerland

If I got the chance to start up a new business, it would probably be a guitar shop due to my passion for guitar playing and music in general.

With a given budget of 1 million dollars, my first step would include renting an unused office which would need to be well-located and close to Brisbane's CBD. This would allow me to

reach a reasonable number of potential customers and would give my shop the best chance for success. Initially, I would resist the temptation to recruit too many staff in order to save money which I would use to buy stock.



Max (Eulyong Mun) - Korea

If I had \$1 million dollars, I would build an animal shelter. South Korea, my country, has few animal shelters. Even though there are so many pets owned by a huge population, there are just about ten private animal shelters in the whole country.

Of course, each small government office has owned animal shelters and many pets who have lost their owners live there. But if they can't find the owner within 10 days, the animals are killed. Many animal lovers insist that 10 days is too short to find a new owner. However, our government also says they don't have a lot of funds to look after pets.

In private animal shelters, they usually take care of pets well. However, some owners do bad things to these poor pets. Not long ago, many pets in a shelter suffered terribly because the owners of these shelters didn't take proper care of them. Many people got angry about this.

So these pets need someone who has a strong desire to take care of them and that someone would need lots of money. After establishing my shelter, I'd like to begin rescuing animals. I would also like to build an animal hospital. I really want to give animals happy lives.

Dear God,

Please find me a home today.

I'm scared
and lonely
and I heard
them say
something
about my
time being
almost up.

Love, Cage #275
(once known as Jake)

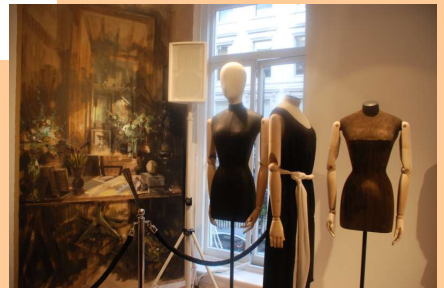


Charlotte Emtevik - Sweden

My dream is to set up a fashion and interiors business. I have a strong passion for both fashion and interior design. Ever since I was a child I have had a great interest in clothes, I used to dress up in my mother's clothes every day after school.

My interest has grown stronger over the years and I currently work as a Visual Merchandiser, which involves product presentation, styling mannequins and training of the staff.

I'm also responsible for taking good care of our customers. This is why I believe I have a good foundation to set up the business of my dreams.



February BBQ



Farewell Ewart!



After nearly 10 years with LSI Brisbane, Ewart has decided that it's time to move on.

Ewart is a wonderful teacher and will be sadly missed by everyone. We thank him for everything he has done over the past years and wish him well in his new endeavours.

While you're in Australia, you may hear people say some rather strange expressions. Things that you wouldn't have learned before you arrived. So let's test your knowledge.

1. "Bloody oath" means "that's the truth". True or false?
2. When someone says "chuck a U-e", what are they talking about?
3. My friend "had a blue" at the bar last night. What does it mean?
4. If someone's "got tickets on himself", it means they are humble and modest. True or false?
5. If a person tells you to "Pull your head in!", is this good or bad?
6. If a man "cracks onto" a girl, what is he doing?
7. Feeling "crook" is a good or bad feeling?
8. To be "spot on" means to have many spots. True or false?
9. Your friend "spat the dummy" after his team lost. What did he do?
10. Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter, always used to say "Crickey!". What does it mean?

- Answers
1. True
 2. To do a U-turn
 3. He had a fight with someone
 4. False. They have a very high opinion of themselves
 5. Bad. It means shut up
 6. He is romantically pursuing her
 7. A bad feeling. You are not well
 8. False. It means to be correct or right.
 9. He got angry
 10. It's an exclamation we use when you're surprised.

What's the Latest Gossip?



RYOTA (level 3) went to Ayers Rock or better known as Uluru, and Kakadu for one week. Wow! Two very expensive places – he's fortunate as these are very special places in the out-back of Australia.

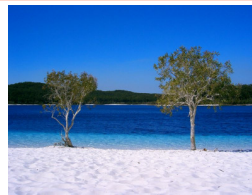


PEPE (level 2) visited the world's largest sand island - Fraser Island! It is also the only place on the planet where rainforest grows from sand.

He enjoyed the experience of exploring the rainforest, MAHENO shipwreck, sand dunes, and crystal clear lakes.

Welcome back! AHMED and LUCAS

(from the IELTS class), MAJDI (from level 4) and a friend Reece who rented a car and went on a road trip from Brisbane all the way to Melbourne in 12 days! Their first stop was Byron Bay, where they stayed for 2 days, then they pushed on to Sydney for another 2 days where they visited the Opera House and Bondi Beach. Thereafter it was Adelaide, also for 2 days and two speeding fines later ... ouch! ... they finally reached Melbourne where they stayed for 6 days. They loved St. Kilda and said the people were really friendly. After seeing as much as possible they could luckily fly back to



After an ultrasound scan ANDREINA (level 4) heard she is expecting a boy! LSI staff wish her a trouble free pregnancy and a healthy baby, whatever the gender.



Brisbane.

What happened to KARL (level 2)? and where has he gone? After slipping on wet grass while playing soccer he injured his knee and has gone back to Korea to have a knee operation. He hopes to be back in two months, hopping and skipping.

**DO YOU HAVE SOME GOSSIP?
PLEASE TELL THE LSI PAPARAZZO - NOULINE**