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Going to the Fair

Taking a trip to the North Florida Fair

Fall is a time of year where there are many important traditions in the United States. Here at CIES, we have celebrated many of these traditions. We have gone to a football game, participated in homecoming, carved pumpkins, and celebrated Halloween with a scary haunted house. As you can see, this is a very busy time of year!

Going to the fall fair is another famous American **pastime**. A fair is a large social gathering, and it is a wonderful place to experience American culture. There are always many cows, pigs, horses, and other animals at a fair. Children really like the fair because they can see these animals up close. Older children and adults like the fair because there are many fun rides. Some of the rides are very relaxing and gentle (merry-go-round and Ferris wheel), but some of the rides are very fast and might make some people sick. There are also games that you can play to win fun prizes.

Another fun part of the fair is the food! There is almost any type of food you can think of at the fair. You will find everyday food like hamburgers and pizza, but there are some foods that are especially eaten at fairs. Funnel cakes, corndogs, cotton candy, and turkey legs are some foods that are commonly found at fairs. The fair in Tallahassee is called the North Florida Fair. This fair brings in people from other parts of north Florida. In addition to **local** fairs, each state also has one major state fair. State fairs bring in hundreds of thousands

of people. (The state fair in Minnesota, for example, brings in nearly 2 million people!)

We will be attending the fair on **Tuesday November 8**. Jen Dickinson will be making announcements later this week, and there will be opportunities for you to sign up. If you like rides and having a good time, this is a great opportunity for you!

Time for a Change

When you go to bed on Saturday night, make sure you set your watches and clocks back one hour. Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday November 6 at 2:00am. The good news is that you will get an extra hour of sleep on Saturday night! ☺ It will also be good news for those of you who like to get up early. The bad news is that it will now get dark one hour earlier in the evening. (Sunset will now be at 5:45pm!)



more light outside during the summer evenings.

Your phones and computers will change time automatically, but don't forget to change all of your other clocks.

Most of you come from countries that do not observe Daylight Saving Time. It was started about a century ago, and its goal is to give people

Election next week

As you all know, next Tuesday is Election Day in America. Election Day is always the 1st Tuesday after the first Monday in November. This year the election is on Tuesday November 8. Here is some information about the election that you might want to know.

- Americans do not vote directly for president. There is a group called The Electoral College, and it consists of 538 members. So there are only 538 people in America that actually vote for President! Each state is given a number of electors. Florida has 29 electors.
- All a candidate has to do is win more votes than his/her opponent in a state. For example, if Candidate A gets 1,000,000 votes and Candidate B gets 1,000,001 votes, Candidate B gets ALL of the electoral votes (points) for the state. (It's like a sports game. It doesn't really matter how many points you win by; it only matters that you get more points.)
- This presidential election is one of the most negative and **bitter** campaigns in a long time. Americans are very divided. Issues such as race, gender, religion, and education level are the main things that divide Americans.
- In addition to the many differences between Americans, the people running for President are very unpopular. As a matter of fact, many people are not voting FOR a candidate, they are simply voting AGAINST another candidate. As of October 28, only 45% of Americans have

a positive view of Hillary Clinton, and 52% of people have a negative opinion of her. Only 38% of Americans have a positive opinion of Donald Trump, and 59% of Americans have a negative opinion about him.

- The one thing most Americans can agree on is that we are all very ready for this election to be over with!

Happy Birthday!

Eman Jamsheer (November 3)
Fahad Alajmi (November 4)

Note to Students

We are lucky to have a refrigerator and kitchen downstairs for all the students to use. You are allowed to bring food from home and keep it in the refrigerator. However, **do not eat other student's food from the refrigerator!** If you eat food from another person, they might not have any food for lunch. If you do bring food, it might be a good idea to put your name on the food so other people will not eat it.

Culture Question

Question: Why do I already see so many decorations for Christmas?

Answer: If you go to many stores, you will see Christmas items being **displayed** even before Halloween! Do Americans really

decorate for Christmas this early? The simple answer is no. The majority of Americans don't start decorating for Christmas until the end of November (either right before or right after Thanksgiving).

Christmas is the busiest time of year for stores in America. Many **retailers** will do 30% of their sales for the entire year during the holiday season. Putting up Christmas decorations makes people think about Christmas, and it makes the holiday shopping season longer for stores. Businesses make more money by putting Christmas items out early, and it seems to be getting earlier and earlier every year.

Language Question

*Question: Is it better to use **at**, **in**, or **on** when talking about places?*

Answer: This is an excellent question. **IN** you usually use for large areas. **ON** is more specific. **AT** is the most specific. For example, CIES is located **IN** Tallahassee, **ON** FSU campus, **AT** 634 West Call Street.

IN – use this preposition for big places like the names of continents, countries, states, and cities. (Example: *I live in Florida which is in the United States.*)

ON – use this preposition for more specific places such as streets. (Example: *Her house is on Pensacola Street.*)

AT – This is used for specific addresses and specific places. You would most often use this preposition for restaurants, stores, and places like the mall.

Imagine that you're having a conversation with your friend. She asks you where you are. Your response:

I'm in Olive Garden eating dinner.
(awkward preposition)

I'm at Olive Garden eating dinner. (the best preposition to use)

Although people would understand you if you said 'in', 'at' is used to refer to specific businesses and places.

Choose the best preposition in each sentence:

1. There is a Walmart located **on/at/in** West Tennessee Street.
2. My best friend is **on/at/in** the movies right now. She'll come to my house after the movie finishes.
3. That's the ugliest house **on/at/in** Florida!
4. Their business is **on/at/in** 2416 Delta Boulevard.

Quote of the Week

In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.

- Abraham Lincoln



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This week's vocabulary:

- pastime (noun)** – a pleasant way to spend time; a recreational or amusing activity
- local (adjective)** – relating to something nearby or in the same town; close by
- bitter (adjective)** – disagreeable; negative; hard to bear; causing pain
- display (verb)** – to show something so that others can see it
- retailer (noun)** – a store or an individual that sells items (clothes, books, electronics, etc.)