

ESL Grade 5 and 6 Dragon Class Newsletter
November 2026

Welcome to the November newsletters. Here you will find information on our upcoming classes and material that we will be learning together for the next few weeks. The students have been progressing and learning very smoothly thus far, following routines and maintaining great levels of focus. It has been wonderful to see them shine and improve all around, and become better English learners as the days go by. Please see below what we have in store for November.

Core Material – Reading and Vocabulary
For the month of November, the theme for our reading class will be weathering and erosion, how nature can affect the planet. Similar to what we were learning in September about natural disasters and their impact on the world, this story follows how the grand canyon in the USA was formed, and a little about the dust bowl in the Americas in the 1930's. Some very interesting and historical themes for the students to learn. Accordingly, the vocabulary will match the themes and topic.

Grammar
For November our grammar class will continue with the theme of **verbs**, **linking verbs**, **prefixes** and **suffixes**. There will also be a mix of **synonyms** and **antonyms.** A **linking verb** connects the subject of a sentence to a word that renames or describes it, rather than showing physical or mental action. A **prefix** is a group of letters added to the beginning of a root word to change its meaning. A **suffix** is a letter or group of letters added to the end of a base or root word to change its meaning or part of speech. A **synonym** is a word, morpheme, or phrase that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or phrase in the same language. An **antonym** is a word that has the opposite meaning of another word.

Google Slides Presentations
For November we have the topic of 'collectibles', and 'countries I want to visit'. Two very interesting topics that the students should find easy, yet challenging discovering new objects that people may collect and thinking about where they would want to go if they had the choice for anywhere in the world. In addition to the slides and presentation, I will be spending a little time with the students teaching them how to use the Google Slides application to its fullest capacity. There are many hidden or unknown features in the

application, or tricks to make the presentation even more interesting and professional. The students are very familiar already with how to use slides, so this will be fun for them to dive deeper into the possibilities there are.

This concludes the monthly newsletter for November
Please feel free to ask should you have anything you would like to discuss with me.

Thank you for reading,
Teacher Tom.



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您好，歡迎閱讀十一月份的 ESL 英語學習電子報！在這裡，我們將與您分享接下來幾週的課程規劃及學習內容。

截至目前為止，學生們的學習進展相當順利，不僅逐漸熟悉課堂常規，也能持續保持良好的專注力。很高興看到孩子們在各方面展現自己的能力，並隨著每天的學習不斷進步，逐漸成為更優秀、更有自信的英語學習者。

以下為十一月份的課程內容與學習重點。

核心教材－閱讀與字彙
十一月份的閱讀課程主題為**風化與侵蝕（Weathering and Erosion）**，探討大自然如何改變地球的地貌。

延續九月份自然災害及其對世界影響的相關學習，本月學生將透過故事認識美國著名的大峽谷（Grand Canyon），了解大峽谷是如何經過長時間的自然作用而形成。此外，也將介紹 1930 年代美洲歷史上著名的「沙塵暴時期」（Dust Bowl），讓學生了解當時嚴重的沙塵暴對土地、環境及人們生活所造成的影響。

這些內容結合了自然科學與歷史知識，能讓學生在提升閱讀能力的同時，拓展對自然環境及世界歷史的認識。

本月的字彙學習也將配合閱讀主題，讓學生熟悉與風化、侵蝕、自然環境及相關歷史事件有關的詞彙，進一步提升閱讀理解與語言表達能力。

文法（Grammar）

十一月份的文法課程將延續動詞（Verbs）的學習，並進一步介紹連綴動詞（Linking Verbs）、字首（Prefixes）及字尾（Suffixes）。此外，也會搭配同義詞（Synonyms）與反義詞（Antonyms）的練習，幫助學生擴展字彙量並提升語言運用能力。

本月的文法重點如下：

- **連綴動詞（Linking Verbs）：** 用來連結句子的主詞與後面的補語，補充說明主詞的狀態、特徵或身分，而不是表示身體或心理上的動作。
- **字首（Prefixes）：** 加在字根或單字開頭的字母或字母組合，能改變原本單字的意思。
- **字尾（Suffixes）：** 加在字根或單字結尾的字母或字母組合，可以改變單字的意思或詞性。
- **同義詞（Synonyms）：** 意思相同或相近的單字或片語。
- **反義詞（Antonyms）：** 意思相反的單字。

透過這些概念的學習與練習，學生將能更深入了解英文單字的組成方式，並增進字彙辨識、句型理解及正確表達的能力。

Google Slides 簡報

十一月份的 Google Slides 簡報主題為**「收藏品」（Collectibles）以及「我想造訪的國家」（Countries I Want to Visit）**。

這兩個主題都非常有趣，學生可以從日常生活中熟悉的事物出發，探索不同種類的收藏品，例如玩具、郵票、模型或其他具有特殊意義的物品。同時，也能發揮想像力，思考如果有機會前往世界上的任何地方，自己最想造訪哪個國家，以及選擇該地的原因。

除了製作投影片與進行口頭報告之外，我也會安排一些時間，帶領學生更深入地學習 Google Slides 的各項功能與使用技巧。

雖然學生們已經相當熟悉 Google Slides 的基本操作，但這個應用程式其實還有許多不常被使用、甚至不為人知的功能與小技巧。透過進一步的教學，學生將學習如何善用不同工具，讓自己的簡報內容更加豐富、生動，並呈現出更專業的效果。期待學生們能在這次的活動中發揮創意，享受探索與製作簡報的樂趣！

以上就是十一月份的課程內容與學習規劃。
如果您有任何問題，或有希望進一步討論的事項，歡迎隨時與我聯繫。
感謝您撥冗閱讀，也謝謝您一直以來對孩子學習的支持與配合！
Teacher Tom