

LVWC Student and Tutor News



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LVWC new location
7 Elm Street, Westerly

Join Joe for *Thinking in English*

Are you an adult English language learner? Do you want to improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing in English in a casual, safe, and supportive group? Register online for our free class today at

<https://www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/students>.



A blast from the past. Joe Glennon working with a great group of students back in 2010.

New Class! Join Joe for ***Thinking in English***

This is a free class for adult English language learners. Improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing in English.


Class times

Tuesdays 4:30-6:00

Wednesdays 1:00-2:30

Sign up for one or both!

Instructor: Joe Glennon

Class starts January 12, 2021 via Zoom 

To register visit www.literacywashingtoncounty.org

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of Washington County

"If you ask me anything I don't know, I'm not going to answer." Yogi Berra



**We are here to help!
Barbara and Theresa
LVWC Literacy Specialists**

Tutor Tips

We adults like to give right answers to questions. Your adult students want to give you right answers, but may not know the English words (vocabulary), may not understand the question (comprehension), may hear

something different from what you said (pronunciation), may remember how bad they felt when they made a mistake in school (past experience), or may be scared stiff of this new country, culture, or situation (fear of unknown).

In fact, ironically, making mistakes is the way we learn, right? Think of how you learned to ride a bike or drive a car or organize a family gathering!

As we try to build trust and comfort with our adult students, we need to give them every opportunity to "give the right answer." That means taking the time to clarify the slightest misunderstanding of a new word. That means listening, *really* listening to your

student, and trying your darndest (using translator apps, pictures, hand and body movements, etc.) to help them understand something meaningful to them. And, it means having them leave each session with a feeling of mastery of at least one new concept/vocabulary word and its usage/spoken phrase. Repetition will reinforce this in their adult brain, and their feeling of success will build their confidence.

But you knew that.☺

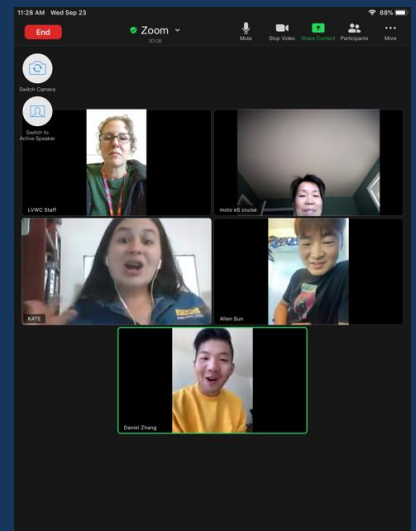
Barbara Heuer

It looks like tutor gatherings are going to be on Zoom for a little while longer. The next one is on Monday, January 25, 11:30am-12:30pm. See you there!

Conversation Classes

Come join us for a conversation class via Zoom. Visit <https://www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/students> for more information and to get passcodes. You can also call us at 401-596-9411 or email lvwctgstaff@gmail.com.

Current classes are on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:00am-12:00pm. See you there.



Keep safe out there!



Students and Tutors, don't forget to visit our website!

www.literacywashingtoncounty.org

Our website has loads of information, learning activities, and much more.

Under **JOIN US**, you will find a **STUDENT** page which contains student registration information, the latest on conversation classes, *Thinking in English* class, and the Women's International Book Club among other things. You will also find a **TUTOR** page that contains tutor registration information and the Offsite Tutor Reporting Form. Under **JOIN US**, you will find our **TUTOR TRAINING & RESOURCES** page that contains tutor training modules, our tutor gathering schedule, and other useful resources.



Speaking of useful resources, a must stop is our **LEARNING RESOURCES** page. It is a useful for both tutors and students. It offers a wide variety of activities and is updated periodically. Check it out today!

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Literacy Volunteers of Washington County
will be closed for holiday break from
December 24-January 1.

We will reopen on Monday,
January 4, 2021.

