I remember when I was looking for a doctoral program in business management. My first choice was to seek a university in The United States or England, but my level of spoken English was not very good. Then I chose a Spanish-speaking university, and although obviously the classes were in Spanish, all the literature was in English because the most prestigious journals in management are written in this language.

This has made me realize the importance of knowing English in my research activity. Therefore, it is not enough for you only to know how to read and write well, but you also need to speak it fluently.

So one of my goals now is to improve my knowledge of this language in all its aspects because if you want to participate in international conferences, it is necessary to understand and speak English perfectly, not just to be able to present a paper and answer the questions that the audience can make, but to make contact with other professionals who are researching about similar topics.

That is why I want to encourage all the students of UDEP to devote time and effort to improve their English, because this will undoubtedly contribute to your future career development, as a person and as a profesional.

* Business Administration Professor
English in our professional lives  By: Elena Belletich *

All my life I have thought that English is important in our lives and that is why I have studied it. However, just at this time when the global revolution is over us, I realize that learning English is a death or life matter. I’ll try to explain myself.

Obviously you have heard about the blogs, flickr, and twitter. I must confess that I don’t know what exactly they are or what they are used for. Internet has changed the entire world and the traditional communication ways.

Internet has both good and bad things. In any journalism or communication activities, Internet and all the new tools that are used in the web have increased the advantages of the network. But, are we ready to use them? What must we do to survive in the global world?

Everybody is talking about competitiveness and efficiency as the only ways to be alive in the world of work and I think it is true.

Nowadays all the most advanced, recent discoveries, or contributions in any field, are first published in English.

There is also a good deal of advanced information that is never published in Spanish or any other language, simply because there is no one able to do this job. If you review or check the bibliography that we have in our library you could realize that there is a lot of interesting books that you can find and read there.

English and Internet give the mass media the opportunity to spread globalization.

*Journalist at UDEP's Information Office

Learning English with Garfield (Experiences)

I had the chance to spend my last summer holidays in Europe. I was delighted by this "old continent" where the countries are full of history, art and modernity. Of course I enjoyed visiting some of the most famous cities like Paris, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Brussels, Brugge, Frankfurt, Munich, Zurich and many others.

One of the things that really impressed me, the time I lived in Aachen- Germany, is how concerned European people are about preserving our planet.

They really care about recycling all kinds of materials such as plastic, glass, paper, etc. In order to manage this, they have a very well organized collecting system which is properly scheduled.

Also, they have developed a great civic conscience and as a result a high respect for the Law.

Everybody does what is necessary to be done to keep things in order like parking their cars and paying for it in parking automatic machines, paying their taxes and of course, not littering the streets.

The German are people who do not only enjoy beer and sausages, they also like reading. You can see people of different ages even children going to public libraries to borrow piles of books to read and study at home, after paying for this service, naturally. We should learn from them!

Europe, a different world!  By: Sara Fiestas

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Literacy – the ability to read and write – has been seen as a desirable skill for whole populations. However, for most of us, writing is very difficult because we don’t have the habit of writing, we hardly have the opportunity to write in our first language and we think we don’t have anything to say.

Writing is useful to practice grammar and improve our creativity and imagination.

It’s important to feel confident and comfortable with writing so we need to be motivated because our disposition will determine our success. Let’s try to write every day a few lines about something and you will notice that your fluency when writing will develop!

School of Education
Teacher: Connie Nalvarte

Why writing? By: Grecia Gálvez

When I grow up I want to be a plastic surgeon. I want to study Medicine. First of all, I want to study at Cayetano Heredia University. Then maybe I’ll go to the USA to study for three years more. I think I’ll work in a hospital; maybe in my own hospital. For being a plastic surgeon, you have to be very accurate, responsible and you mustn’t be afraid of blood.

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My dreams By: Camila Vives

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UDEP’S Anniversary By: Claudia Olivares

This year UDEP celebrates 40 years of existence. Teachers and students expect to have a good time.

Many people say that it will be really exciting and, obviously, students are looking forward to celebrating it.

Students of all the faculties will participate in different activities in order to make this anniversary more fun.

Level: Intermediate II
Teacher: Jaime Ancajima

Teachers’ Miscellaneous

♦ Our Director, Mr. Julio Valladares, gave a workshop at the San Ignacio de Loyola National Convention on June 12th. He talked about Native versus Non native English teachers Dichotomy. Congratulations.
♦ In July, all our teachers will travel to Lima to take part in two different Training Workshops: The first one is at Camelot Institute and the other one at Británico. Good luck.
♦ In July, the Centro de Idiomas will offer Crash Courses in Piura and Lima. They will start on July 1st and finish on July 31st. Let’s study!

A new student in class!

“Class, I’d like you to welcome our new foreign exchange student who’d like to come up here and help us find “OZ” on the map?”
Dear students,

This last edition of the 2009-I semester is very special because people who work in other faculties at UDEP are presenting their articles to let us know how important English is in their professional lives. We hope you also continue presenting yours. Good luck in your final exams. Visit our website:

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- Q: What is the longest word?  
  A: Smiles, because there is a mile between the first and last s.

- Q: What's got a head and a tail, but no body?  
  A: A coin.

- Q: What makes "oom" and gives milk?  
  A: A cow walking backwards.

- Q: What has thirteen hearts but no body and no soul?  

- Q: What do you call a fish that only cares about himself?  
  A: Selfish

- Q: Why did the traffic signal turn red?  
  A: You would too if you had to change in the middle of the street.

- Q: Why are baseball stadiums so cool?  
  A: There is a fan in every seat.

- Q: What's the difference between a TEACHER and a CONDUCTOR?  
  A: A teacher TRAINS the MIND and a conductor MINDS the TRAIN.

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