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ESOL FUN FRIDAY

FREE EVENT!

Join us for Fun Friday. This month's event will focus on conversation practice. Some conversation starters will be provided, but we'll go wherever the conversation takes us! Invite your family and friends to this free, fun event!

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April's Days

April 1st is "April Fools Day" and April 4th is "Tell a Lie Day." A redundant holiday if ever there was one. I suppose this is for

people who forgot April Fools Day and want a second chance. However, I don't think "Tell A Lie!" has the same ring as "April Fools!" By the way, for these days, go big; "A massive asteroid is due to hit the earth at 3:30." "I'm quitting my job to study penguins in Antarctica." And my personal favorite as a teacher—"I've decided to fail the entire class."

Pro Tip: Don't drag these lies out. Immediately say, "April Fools" or the more unclear, "Tell a Lie!" to avoid a physical response from your victim.

At the end of the month, April 30 is National Honesty Day to balance the deceitful beginning of the month. However, if you have participated in April Fools Day and Tell a Lie Day, don't expect people to believe you. On Honesty Day tell people what they don't want to hear: "That dress makes you look fat." Then, quickly say, "National Honesty Day!"

April is religiously significant. For Christians, Easter Sunday, on April 6th, is only second in importance to Christmas. If you are Muslim, Ramadan begins April 12. If you don't believe in anything, April is your month; Atheists Day is on April Fools Day. No kidding.

Another second chance day is Lover's Day on April 23. So, if you forgot Valentine's Day, use this day as an excuse. You can say, "Valentine's Day is too common for our love, darling, I want to celebrate us on Lover's Day this year."



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This Country Surprised Me

Could being surprised be synonymous with being reborn? Being surprised is a sign that you are feeling, seeing, or perceiving a new experience. It is something that you had not experienced before or something that takes you out of your comfort zone and calls you to feel alive. This is a phrase that I have been repeating frequently since I left my country, Colombia, and arrived in the United States.

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Amazing Things that I Have Seen in Texas

For ten years, my family and I came to the U.S. one or two times a year to take



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vacations. We visited many states and cities in this country. However, I noticed many interesting things in Texas. When I started to live in Texas there were many things that caught my attention. For example, Texans are people who really have a sense of identity and are proud of their state. You can see it in houses, cars, clothing, and businesses; it is the flag of Texas, the lone star or some symbol that shows their pride not only for their country but also especially for Texas. Another thing I noticed was the tea. I have tasted sweet tea in other places but in Texas, they like really SWEET tea. I was also thinking that Texas was a desert, and I was nicely surprised when I noticed how much vegetation and rivers there were here in Austin and the surrounding cities. Another thing that surprised me was the chicken fried steak; it is not chicken!! OMG you can imagine my surprise when I ordered it and tasted beef!! I said, "what!?" Why call it chicken if it doesn't have chicken? Well, nobody has answered me yet. But, the BBQ is really "The BBQ." It is one of the most delicious things that I have ever eaten in my life. It's really good. However I have to say that I have one deception about Texas, I did not see authentic cowboys around. I was hoping to see some Clint Eastwood type cowboys (when he was 30-40 years of course). Well, I hope to stay here many years more to discover more interesting things about Texas and maybe some lucky day, I'll find some handsome cowboy.



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