ELL 5 with Adam Kieffer

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8:30 – 11:30am Monday – Thursday Office: 1301

**Class Description**

Welcome to ELL 5! Every day we will practice reading, speaking, listening and writing English. Each month we will learn new vocabulary and practice English in different topics. I want to help you improve your English skills so that you are more successful at work, in your community, and for your future. NO CLASS ON FRIDAYS.

**Tests**

1. ***CASAS reading test***: You will take this test every other month. The purpose of the CASAS test is to measure your general reading comprehension. You cannot re-take the CASAS test until you have 40 hours of instruction in class.

2. ***TABE test***: This is a different reading test that is used in ELL 6 and above. We will take it a few times so that you are more comfortable with the test before you move to ELL 6.

3. ***Reading and Listening Benchmark tests***: These are tests relating to the monthly theme. You will take these at the end of each month.

**Advancing to ELL 6**

In order to move up to ELL 6, you must:

 1. pass the Listening Benchmark test (70%) 2. pass the Reading Benchmark test (70%)

 3. score 226 or above on the CASAS reading test. 4. attend class regularly and do good work.

**Classroom Expectations**

1. ***Have good attendance!*** If you cannot come to class, please send me a message by phone or email or text. You need to have a monthly attendance of 50%. (But higher attendance is better for learning English!) If your attendance is low, you will have one month to increase your attendance. If that doesn’t happen, you will be dropped from the class.

2. ***Cell phones MAY NOT be used in the classroom.*** PLEASE turn off your phone or set it to vibrate before class. If you must take a call, please leave the classroom and talk in the hallway.

3. ***No food in class***. Please eat in the student lounge during break.

4. Bring a pencil, notebook, folder or binder EVERY DAY. Keep your materials organized.

5. Work together with other students, and ask for help when needed.

6. Sit next to someone new each day. This gives you much more practice with English!

**Monthly Topics**

September: Setting Goals and Education

October: Health

November: Money and Consumerism

December: Teacher’s Choice

January: Housing

February: Getting a Job

March: Working

April: Community

May/June: Communication or Accidents and Emergencies

**Grammar topics**

Gerunds, infinitives, modals, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, subject-verb agreement, negatives, questions, conditionals, plural nouns, conjunctions, punctuation, suffixes, prefixes, and more!

**Verb Tenses**

Simple present: Maria studies English at the Hubbs Center every day.

Present continuous: Maria is studying English at the Hubbs Center right now.

Simple past: Maria studied English at the Hubbs Center last year.

Past continuous: Maria was studying English at the Hubbs Center 5 years ago.

Simple future: Maria will study English at the Hubbs Center next year.

Present perfect: Maria has studied English at the Hubbs Center for 3 years.

**Writing**

Simple sentences: **My teacher showed the class a video.**

Compound sentences: **My teacher showed the class a video, and we took a quiz.**

Complex sentences: **After my teacher showed the class a video, we took a quiz.**

**Class Activities**

Dictation Reading Writing Discussion Listening CASAS test practice

Computer activities Grammar Practice Academic Vocabulary Topic Vocabulary