Why not take an English test?

It’s hard to believe it’s March already! It makes you think that you really need to make the most of your time. While you’re studying it’s a good idea to make a plan for the time you are studying and really think about what you want to achieve. It’s always easier to work hard if you have a goal to work towards. So that you have something to show for your hard work why not take one of the many English exams available? You can do both the TOEFL and TOEIC tests here at LSI. IELTS tests are held almost every weekend at several universities in Brisbane and the Cambridge exams can be taken as computer based tests here in Brisbane regularly. Decide what level you hope to achieve and then make a plan of how you intend to do this. If you want some help the LSI staff will be only too happy to assist.

Enjoy the last of the hot weather!

Irish Festival events throughout The City include:
- Fri 9 - Brisbane Irish Festival Ball @ The Irish Club
- Sat 10 - St Patrick’s Day Parade & Irish Fair, starts @ cnr George & Elizabeth St
- Sun 11 - Tara Singers Concert @ The Irish Club
- Mon 12 - Battle of The Irish Pub Trivia throughout The City
- Tues 13 - Rose of Tralee Fashion Parade @ The Irish Club
- Wed 14 - Irish Film Night @ Tribal Theatre
- Fri 16 - St Patrick’s Eve Dinner @ Tara House
- www.brisbaneirishfestival.com.au

What: LiveWired @ The Powerhouse - Free comedy program!
When: Sundays at 6:30pm from 4 March

SPORT- games every week
Suncorp Stadium hosts the Rugby Union (Queensland Reds), Rugby League (Brisbane Broncos) and the Soccer (Queensland Roar)
The rugby Union and League are just starting their seasons and the soccer is going to the finals. Enjoy watching these great sports at a great sports venue.

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Intermediate Level

This month we take a look at the B1 on the Common European Frame of Reference (CEFR) and in LSI this is known as level 4. Students at this level are beginning to really have the confidence to be able to communicate with native speakers. By the end of the course they have a good range of language and grammar and can talk well on familiar topics and deal with most situations that may happen when travelling or in day to day life. They can write emails and essays using connected text and can talk about both the past and the future, for example describing experiences and ambitions. They are also able to give reasons and explanations and ask questions. From level 4, students are ready to enter upper-intermediate if they wish to continue with general English, FCE if they wish to have a certificate of their level or begin to prepare for IELTS.

Travel / trip / journey / voyage / excursion

These words have similar meanings in English, but they are used slightly differently.

*Use travel* as a noun to describe the activity in general. *It is an uncountable noun.*
- I enjoy *travel*, cooking and playing the guitar.
- **Travel** broadens the mind.

*Use travel* as a verb to mean the action of moving from one place to another. *It is a little formal.*
- He **travelled** by plane from Seoul to Brisbane.

*Use trip* as a noun to describe moving to and from a place. *It is usually short and includes a purpose. It is a countable noun.*
- My uncle had a business **trip** to Japan.
- Our **trip** to the Gold Coast was a lot of fun.

*Use journey* as a noun to describe the actual time spent travelling.
- The **journey** from Bogota takes 25 hours.

*Use voyage* as a noun to describe a long distance journey by sea or by spaceship.
- Captain Cook’s sea **voyage** from England to Australia took many months.

*Use excursion* (noun) to describe an organized trip by a group of people for a specific purpose, usually education or leisure.
- On Friday afternoons, LSI students usually have a chance to go on an **excursion** to a local place of interest.

Now try these:
1. If I had a lot of money I would **trip / journey / travel** around the world.
2. Are you going on the **travel / excursion / voyage / journey** to the police museum?
3. On the weekend I did a **travel / trip / journey** to Noosa.
4. My aunt, who is not very well, doesn’t enjoy **travel / trip / journey / excursion**.
5. His **travel / trip / journey** to Darwin by bicycle will be long and dangerous.
Name: Maria Concetta Buda
Class: 3A
City and Country: Italy
How long at LSI: 6 months
My dream travel destination is… Fiji
The food I hate most is… Sushi (even though I eat it every day)
Something about me that might surprise others is… I am a master diver, an assistant scuba diving instructor, a diving alert network instructor, a cook and much more—I’m a very boring person
When I first arrived in Brisbane… I was very happy because I love Australia!
My friends always tell me… that I’m crazy
At school I… try to speak English
At the moment I’m listening to… just the baby around my house
An object I would like to own is… a car
10 years in the future I would like to… start my own business
My experience of learning English has been….. FANTASTIC!!
Laurence Danjean - France
I would like to create my own chain of shoe shops all over the world. My first shops would be in Paris, London and New York to establish the popularity of my designs.
For this, I would organise a big event for the launch on the same day in those different cities. I would invite VIP’s and the media to focus attention on the brand. The media plan would be an important part of the success. It is important to impress VIP’s because they are opinion leaders and people follow what they wear. If they wear your brand, it is a good way to ensure coverage in fashion magazines and of course, sales will grow quickly.
Ever since I was a child, I have loved wearing shoes and travelling. So, if I can realise this dream, I will be the happiest woman in the world.

Florian Fassbind - Switzerland
If I got the chance to start up a new business, it would probably be a guitar shop due to my passion for guitar playing and music in general.
With a given budget of 1 million dollars, my first step would include renting an unused office which would need to be well-located and close to Brisbane’s CBD. This would allow me to reach a reasonable number of potential customers and would give my shop the best chance for success. Initially, I would resist the temptation to recruit too many staff in order to save money which I would use to buy stock.

Max (Eulyong Mun) - Korea
If I had $1 million dollars, I would build an animal shelter. South Korea, my country, has few animal shelters. Even though there are so many pets owned by a huge population, there are just about ten private animal shelters in the whole country.
Of course, each small government office has owned animal shelters and many pets who have lost their owners live there. But if they can’t find the owner within 10 days, the animals are killed. Many animal lovers insist that 10 days is too short to find a new owner. However, our government also says they don’t have a lot of funds to look after pets.
In private animal shelters, they usually take care of pets well. However, some owners do bad things to these poor pets. Not long ago, many pets in a shelter suffered terribly because the owners of these shelters didn’t take proper care of them. Many people got angry about this.
So these pets need someone who has a strong desire to take care of them and that someone would need lots of money. After establishing my shelter, I’d like to begin rescuing animals. I would also like to build an animal hospital. I really want to give animals happy lives.

Charlotte Emtevik - Sweden
My dream is to set up a fashion and interiors business. I have a strong passion for both fashion and interior design. Ever since I was a child I have had a great interest in clothes. I used to dress up in my mother’s clothes every day after school.
My interest has grown stronger over the years and I currently work as a Visual Merchandiser, which involves product presentation, styling mannequins and training of the staff.
I’m also responsible for taking good care of our customers. This is why I believe I have a good foundation to set up the business of my dreams.
After nearly 10 years with LSI Brisbane, Ewart has decided that it’s time to move on. Ewart is a wonderful teacher and will be sadly missed by everyone. We thank him for everything he has done over the past years and wish him well in his new endeavours.
While you’re in Australia, you may hear people say some rather strange expressions. Things that you wouldn’t have learned before you arrived. So let’s test your knowledge.

1. “Bloody oath” means “that’s the truth”. True or false?
2. When someone says “chuck a U-e”, what are they talking about?
3. My friend “had a blue” at the bar last night. What does it mean?
4. If someone’s “got tickets on himself”, it means they are humble and modest. True or false?
5. If a person tells you to “Pull your head in!”, is this good or bad?
6. If a man “cracks onto” a girl, what is he doing?
7. Feeling “crook” is a good or bad feeling?
8. To be “spot on” means to have many spots. True or false?
9. Your friend “spat the dummy” after his team lost. What did he do?
10. Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter, always used to say “Crickey!”. What does it mean?

**Answers**

1. True
2. To do a U-turn
3. He had a fight with someone
4. False. They are a very high opinion of themselves
5. False. It means to be correct or right.
6. True
7. He is romantically pursuing
8. False. He isRomantically pursuing
9. He got angry
10. Bad

**Quiz Time**

What’s the Latest Gossip?

PEPE (level 2) visited the world’s largest sand island - Fraser Island! It is also the only place on the planet where rainforest grows from sand. He enjoyed the experience of exploring the rainforest, MAHENO shipwreck, sand dunes, and crystal clear lakes.

Welcome back! AHMED and LUCAS (from the IELTS class), MAJDI (from level 4) and a friend Reece who rented a car and went on a road trip from Brisbane all the way to Melbourne in 12 days! Their first stop was Byron Bay, where they stayed for 2 days, then they pushed on to Sydney for another 2 days where they visited the Opera House and Bondi Beach. Thereafter it was Adelaide, also for 2 days and two speeding fines later ... ouch! ... they finally reached Melbourne where they stayed for 6 days. They loved St. Kilda and said the people were really friendly. After seeing as much as possible they could luckily fly back to Brisbane.

What happened to KARL (level 2)? and where has he gone? After slipping on wet grass while playing soccer he injured his knee and has gone back to Korea to have a knee operation. He hopes to be back in two months, hopping and skipping.

After an ultrasound scan ANDREINA (level 4) heard she is expecting a boy! LSI staff wish her a trouble free pregnancy and a healthy baby, whatever the gender.

RYOTA (level 3) went to Ayers Rock or better known as Uluru, and Kakadu for one week. Wow! Two very expensive places – he’s fortunate as these are very special places in the outback of Australia.