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Amazing Day for an Amazing Race!

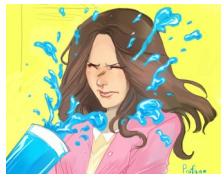


Last Sunday TAP students competed in "The Amazing Race." It was very hard because we had to race around

many different locations in Toronto. However, we enjoyed it because it was a well organized activity and a good opportunity to see several different important places in the city of Toronto.

Throughout the race each team had to complete various challenges in order to receive their next clue to move on to the next location. In total, the students had seven locations to visit.

Our team leader was Nick, an activity coordinator, and our group's first challenge was to find the statue of



Alexander the Great (located in Greek Town). Afterwards, we needed to race to the Ashbridges Bay beaches. Once we arrived we needed to find someone who was willing to buy an ice-cream snow cone or slushy and pour it all over one of our team members.

In the third challenge we had to go to China Town and purchase a specific type of tea (or convince the shop-keeper to give it to us for free).

Later on, we had to go to Dundas Square, right in the middle of downtown Toronto, where we had to run through some fountains, as well as eat cups of yogurt without using our hands.



In the end, our team won the TAP Amazing Race because we arrived before other teams, completed more challenges than the other teams, and had the least amount of penalties!

Written by Estefania and Antonio



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Photo Challenge:



What is this a picture of and where was it taken? First student to answer correctly will receive a prize. Send responses to ihaptimes@gmail.com

THE AMAZING RACE

Activities

"The Jays!"



While one of the main objectives is to learn English during our time in Canada, it's also important to experience the culture of the country we are visiting. That's why we couldn't leave Toronto without going to see the Blue Jays!

The Toronto Blue Jays are a professional baseball team located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The Blue Jays were founded in Toronto, in 1977. The "Blue Jays" name originates from the bird of the same name. They are nicknamed "the Jays," which is featured on the team's logo and on the front of the home uniform.

Yesterday, we went to watch a game at the Rogers Centre stadium between the Blue Jays and the New York Yankees. Everybody was saying Yankees were going to be the winners but, the Jays won! Maybe this was because of our presence there!? Another possibility is that since they played on their home field, the presence of their own citizens help to motivate the victory.

Some people think baseball games are boring, but yesterday we knew it did not have to be. We were singing, shouting and doing the wave throughout the game. Brazilian people sang, "Euuuuuu sou brasileiro, com muito orgulhoouuuu, com muito amooooooooo;" Spanish people sang, " Yo soy español, español, español;" and it sounded like the Italians were saying, "Italia, Italiaaa." Everyone chanted, "GO JAYS GO! GO JAYS GO!" to encourage the team. We all sang the bus-time song, "The Concert," shouting "loooo, lo lo lo looooo loooooo" and everybody wanted to sing with us. It was so funny.

That's why the game seemed so short for us and the party continued on the buses (and on the subway too!). It was an incredible experience because we experienced an important form of entertainment for some of the people that live and visit Toronto.



NIAGARA FALLS



Niagara Falls is the most powerful waterfalls in North America. These voluminous falls are located on the Niagara River and separate the international border between Canada and U.S.

The falls are 17 miles (27 km) north-northwest of Buffalo, New York, and 75 miles (121 km) south-southeast of Toronto, Ontario.

You can also pay to take the "Maid of Mist," which is a boat trip where you get wet because of how close it will take you near the base of the falls.

We think that Niagara Falls is a very beautiful place where many people can have fun and a good experience for tourists.

Visiting Niagara Falls was made even more fun because we had a great time with our friends.

Written by Estefania and Antonio



Around the World

Impressions Of Toronto

We asked students what they find unusual about Toronto. This is what they said!

1. Squirrels! Students have noticed a large number of squirrels. I can explain this only by using second interesting fact - see number #2.



2. There are a large number of parks.

3. Wide area. Toronto seems to be designed to avoid overcrowding.

City	Moscow	Toronto
Population	10,126,424	5,113,149
Area	1,081 km ²	7,125 km ²

4. Politeness is a habit. It's true. If you want to sound like Canadian, politeness and friendliness has to become a big part of your nature.

5. No traffic jams.

6. It's multicultural. In Toronto, all major nations of the world are represented, including Italian, Dutch, Armenian, English, French, Portuguese, Greeks, Ukrainians, Belarusians, Polish, Chinese, Indians, Arabs, Russian, Germans, Turks, Azeri's, among many others. Residents and visitors to Toronto always have something to do because it is full of many different types of celebrations.

Written By Kate



Cross Cultural

What do you know about the countries your friends came from?

France Q & A's



Question and Answers By Kate

- Who is the most popular comedian in France? (Dujardin)
- Name a famous French movie about an orchestra. (Choristes)
- What is the French word from "eat"? (manger)

Russia Q & A's



- Name a traditional salad for a happy new year. (Olivier)
- What is the name of popular Russian singer who sang, "I don't love" (Ya Ne Lublu); Morning Gymnastic (Utren'naya Gimnastica)?
- What is the name of last Russian singer, who has won the Eurovision? (Bilan)
- Name of Russian leader who 'broke the window to Europe.' (Peter)
- One of the most famous cartoons in Russia is about a hare and a _____. (wolf)

Spain Q & A's



- Which famous food is made of potatoes and eggs? (Tortilla De Patatas)
- Who is the most famous tennis player? (Rafael Nadal)
- Where did the real Madrid team celebrate their win? (La Cibeles)
- What usually happens after many Spanish people have lunch? (Siesta/nap)

Brazil Q & A's



- Who is the best Brazilian soccer player ever? (Pele)
- Name a Brazilian president, known all over the world? (Jula)
- Which is the most marvellous city in Brazil? (Rio de Janeiro)
- What is the name of the most famous 7 day festival in February? (Carnival)
- The colours of the Brazilian flag are yellow, green, white and....? (Blue)

Food

TIRAMISÙ

Ingredients

500 g of mascarpone
80 g of sugar
4 eggs
250 g of ladyfingers
1 cup of coffee
Cacao
1 small glass of Marsala
(For 6 People)



Directions

1. Prepare the coffee and then mix it with Marsala.
2. Whip the egg yolks and mix them with half sugar.
3. Beat the mascarpone cheese until it become a soft cream.
4. Unite the mix of yolks and sugar with mascarpone.
5. Beat the egg whites until stiff and mix with the remaining half sugar.
6. Put in a container the ladyfingers and wet them with the mixture of coffee and Marsala; then cover these with the cream you did before and put on the cacao. Repeat these three passages another time (ladyfingers+creme+cacao) and cover everything with small chocolate pieces. (Submitted By Jennifer)

Macarons

Ingredients you'll need to cook perfect

Macarons:

Basic Macaron Cookie:

- 225 grams icing sugar
- 125 grams ground almonds
- 110 grams egg whites (about 4), aged overnight at room temperature
- 30 grams granulated sugar
- Pinch of salt

Bittersweet Chocolate Cream Ganache:

- 8 ounces (230 grams) bittersweet chocolate, preferably Valrhona Guanaja, finely chopped
- 1 cup (250 grams) heavy cream
- 4 tablespoons (2 ounces; 60 grams) unsalted butter, at room temperature.



(Submitted By Jennifer)

Mexican Food

Everybody knows Tacos. We all know Burritos. However, the truth is that there is much more in Mexican gastronomy than that. Besides, there are variations of this food in different countries. For example, did you know that Tacos are made with soft "Tortilla" and not crunchy as they prepare it in North America?



Beans, Oaxaca cheese or elaborate meals like "Tamales," "Pozole," or "Chiles en Nogada" tastes different from country to country, even in different Mexican restaurants.

Mexico is a country with a huge diversity of weather. Therefore, there is also a great diversity of animals and plants used as raw material in national food. Hot pepper and nopal (cactus) are the most important and popular ingredients in Mexican food culture. Hot peppers are not just an ingredient. Many people like to eat it alone, stuffed with meat and/or cheese, or in a sauce. Mexicans like spicy food, so sauces are very common and appreciated in Mexico.

Another interesting fact about Mexican food is that chocolate is originally from Mexico. Aztecs (Ancient Mexican civilization) discovered the cacao plant (Main ingredient for chocolate) and prepared the first beverage with it, named "chocolatl," which was reserved only for the emperor and the sacerdotal consume. Today, chocolate is used in many Mexican recipes, such as "Mole" which, among other ingredients, contains hot pepper and chocolate.

Mole can also be used to complement more national dishes such as "enchiladas" or "chilaquiles." Both consist on tortilla covered with Mole, red or green sauce, cream, cheese and many different optional ingredients. It can be cut in small pieces for chilaquiles or rolled and filled with chicken when used for enchiladas.

Even when a lot of people do not know about original Mexican food and they eat Tacos with lettuce and tomato instead of meat and sauce, Mexican food has left a legacy in many countries. It is known for tasting delicious and I can assure you that it is.

Written by Veneza



Campus Corner



This Week We Interviewed...

Elvis!

Are you named after anyone?

Yes. Elvis Presley.

What's your favourite name?

For girls, "Sara." For boys, "Robert, Anthony, Joseph and Michel."

Are you married? If so, can you tell me their name?

Yes. Her name is Blerta.

How long have you been working with IH?

4 ½ years.

What is your role with IH?

I am the director of junior programs. I take care of the teenagers.

Do you experience any difficulties in this position?

I don't have difficulties. I have challenges like, making everyone happy.

Why did you choose this career?

I enjoy working with young people. I like children.

Tell me something funny about working at IH.

It's funny when people think I am only angry.

Why do you look so angry and why is it difficult to laugh?

I think people have the wrong impression of me.

What makes you laugh?

It makes me laugh when students think I'm angry.

How many languages do you know?

Fluently, three: Albania, English and another language not to be mentioned yet. However, I understand every language students speak in this program.

What do you feel when you see a baby crying?

I think it's sad. I like babies.

What is your all-time favourite soccer team?

I like France and Roma.

What country have you travelled to the most?

I've been to the U.S.A a lot and Turkey

Do you want to say something to the students?

Thank you for being here. If you need anything, just come and talk with me and I won't be angry.



... Elvis's Interview Continued...

Have you ever worked for secret service?

Next question, please.

What is your favourite ice cream?

I don't have a favourite ice cream. I like all flavours.

Why do you bite your fingers and why don't you stop?

I bite mine because I don't want to bite someone else's fingers. I don't stop because I have a lot of people here.

Are you jealous of Elvis Presley?

No.

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Interview Conducted By Renan

ST. MICHAEL CAMPUS

From modest beginnings, with just eight students in its first class in 1852, St Michael's College has grown to become the largest Catholic post-secondary educational institution in English-speaking Canada. Currently enrolling over 4,200 full-time students, St Michael's has fulfilled its mission by providing Catholic higher education to over 50,000 men and women over the last century and a half.

Our campus is located in the centre of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. This means that you can go anywhere you like in the downtown core very easily. Our location has many trees and green spaces around it. For example, you can go to the nearby parks and have fun with your friends. It also has many indoor places where you can spend your free time. In one of the student lounges, for example, you can watch television, play pool and foosball, or just hang out with friends and meet new students during your free time.

This campus also has many classrooms the pupils learn English in the morning and afternoon. In our opinion, this campus is a good opportunity for people who want to learn English and have a good summer with people from other countries such as Austria, Brazil, Japan, France, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, Russia, Spain, and Taiwan.

Written By Antonio and Estefania

Sports

FIVB Beach Volleyball Swatch World Tour

Moscow, Russia, July 13, 2011 – Eight teams, from eight different countries, survived the men's qualification tournament, at the 2011 FIVB Beach Volleyball Swatch World Tour Moscow Grand Slam and complete the 32 teams that will start in the main draw pool play on Thursday.

Among the qualifiers was one Russian team.

On another hot day, at the historical **Poklonnaya Gora** (Victory Park) the home audience on centre court cheered Dmitri Barsouk and Alexey Yutvalin, as the Russian pair first beat Alexandr Dyachenko/Alexey Sidorenko from Kazakhstan in two sets. The cherry on the cake was their victory over first seeded Aleksandrs Samoilovs/Ruslans Sorokins from Latvia in the afternoon.

Also we have to add, that anyone could get tickets any time. You'd hardly find this stadium overcrowded, so let your Moscow friends know – it is a great way to spend your weekend!

Written By Kate

Tennis

Tennis has a special class of important Championships called: Grand Slam. There are four big tournaments that highlight the best players and how beautiful tennis can be.

Australian Open	French Open	Wimbledon	US Open
Tournament Dates: 17 January – 30 January Venue: Melbourne Park, Melbourne The tennis Court is made of Clay Current Men's Single Champion: Novak Djokovic Current Women's Single Champion: Kim Clijsters	Tournament Dates: 22 May – 5 June Venue: Roland Garros, Paris The tennis Court is made of Grit Current Men's Single Champion: Rafael Nadal Current Women's Single Champion: Li Na	Tournament Dates: 20 June – 3 July Venue: All England Tennis Club, London The tennis Court is made of Grass Current Men's Single Champion: Novak Djokovic Current Women's Single Champion: Petra Kvitová	Tournament Dates: 29 August - 12 September Venue: USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York The tennis Court is made of Clay Current Men's Single Champion: Rafael Nadal Current Women's Single Champion: Kim Clijsters



Submitted by Renan

Entertainment

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part II

We are all waiting for it.

There is no one in Toronto, who doesn't know what kind of sensation is coming this

week. Even for people, who always don't know what is going on, St. Patrick subway station has posters hung all around of this upcoming movie. For the last few weeks fans have started counting out how many weeks, days, and hours they have to wait until everyone could watch the part where "it all ends"! They have already annoyed all of their friends who don't enjoy HP so much, reviewed all parts, and reread all books. Have you bought your magic wand?

One and only.

We've known them for 10 years - Daniel, Emma and Rupert. They have all grown up in these films. We've watched them from their childhood to youth. Also for true fans (who've at least read the last book, it is not a secret, that in last movie we'll see them as they become young adults. HP became popular so quickly that these actors can hardly compare their school homework with the all work on the set. Working in this project has become a great part of their life and the reason why for some of them this end is really hard.

These are some quotes from the actors:

"It will take awhile for me to let go of this - because it has been my childhood"
Rupert Grint

"It's really sad. Every year you'd know you'd have school at the start of September and then you'd have *Harry Potter* a few months later. And then to have it suddenly gone.... It's kind of scary."

Evanna Meghan Naomi Lynch (Luna Lovegood)

Tom Felton (known as Draco Malfoy) confessed that after the last scene of *Deathly Hallows* he started crying.

But some of the actors were actually happy to finish this chapter of their life. To celebrate the end of *Hermione's* character EW cut off her hair, which was *inalienable part of Hermione's* appearance.

Hard to forget.

HP is not kind of experience, which will be forgotten. These actors will have work really hard to stop being these famous characters. Not all of the fans know that all these actors took part in other projects, for example, DR is now taking part in many plays in London, and EW and RG have already taken part in many films. After so much success they do not want to stay with their characters forever.

And I have to admit it is not an easy task to do. They have to play in something really worthwhile or at least not less popular than HP and we all know, this will really hard.

Plot.

Few movies are very entertaining, but not optimistic. Of course, brave.

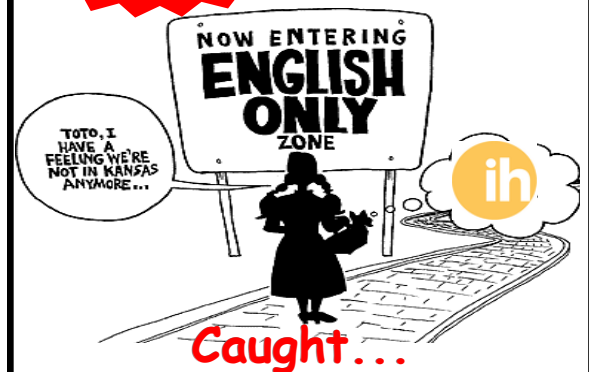
3D

Four or five years ago it was so new and cool to watch movies in 3D, but now producers, who see the possibility to sell expensive tickets on 3D films use this format almost everywhere. HP is a good exception of last rule. Enormous dragons, lights of spells, darkness and all of this magic stuff we'd love to see in this format. It will be as if you took part in fights!

Written By Kate



CAUGHT IN THE ACT!!



ILYA LEVCHENKO, OLGA M, OLGA PETRO-
CHANKO, SERGEY PLINT



Arriving late to class...

ALEXANDER MIKHAYLOV, ANTON DRANIVSKI,
NIKITA SAVATEEV, EDOARDO BOMBARDIERI

