



DIALD

December News Letter

Building English Knowledge **Fact-Opinion-Belief**

Unveiling humility

Contrary to anything you've been taught or have heard, human beings do have limits!

Admitting to oneself that you have limits is daunting; it is often a misunderstood and distorted perception of oneself. It is clear that some people dread — absolutely dread — the notion of mortifying (embarrassing) themselves by unveiling personal weaknesses; even to themselves. A personal disclosure like this is frequently confessed with surrendering to weaknesses; being weak.

Some people are shrouded with incorrect thoughts whereby humility equates to weakness; refusing to humble themselves before others. However, humility -- true humility -- is one of the most all-embracing and life-enhancing of all virtues. It does not mean undervaluing yourself; it means valuing accomplishments and recognitions, real and imagined, of others in a respectful way.

Respect entails showing appreciation for those sustainable ideas that shield and support the principles of goodness; those common values and virtues that contribute to the good of the individual and of society, and affirm our human dignity has been derived from a sense of responsibility, a sense of self-respect and sense of respect for others.

Humility does not mean submission. It is not weakness. It shows you understand the values of respecting others and their cultures, or their beliefs. Humility is simply an attribute of being respectful to and of the accomplishments of someone you admire, like a co-worker, a neighbor, a friend, a sibling, a father or a King.

Father's Day, in particular, is a day of humbling that calls attention to the deep appreciation for the gifts of wisdom given us by fathers. Some gifts from our father figures are not immediately obvious to others, outsiders; they are intangible, nonetheless they are felt in the hearts of a nation that respects their King and his accomplishments.

FIGURES OF SPEECH

-to be considerate of –

[to be courteous, afraid of offending, look up to with great respect]



Example:

1. I was taught to be considerate of other no matter their gender, religion, race or nationality.

ฉันถูกสอนให้มีความใจสำหรับคนอื่น ๆ (นึกถึงคนอื่น ๆ) ไม่ว่าเพศเชื้อชาติศาสนาหรือสัญชาติ

2. He's not very considerate when talking to other team members.

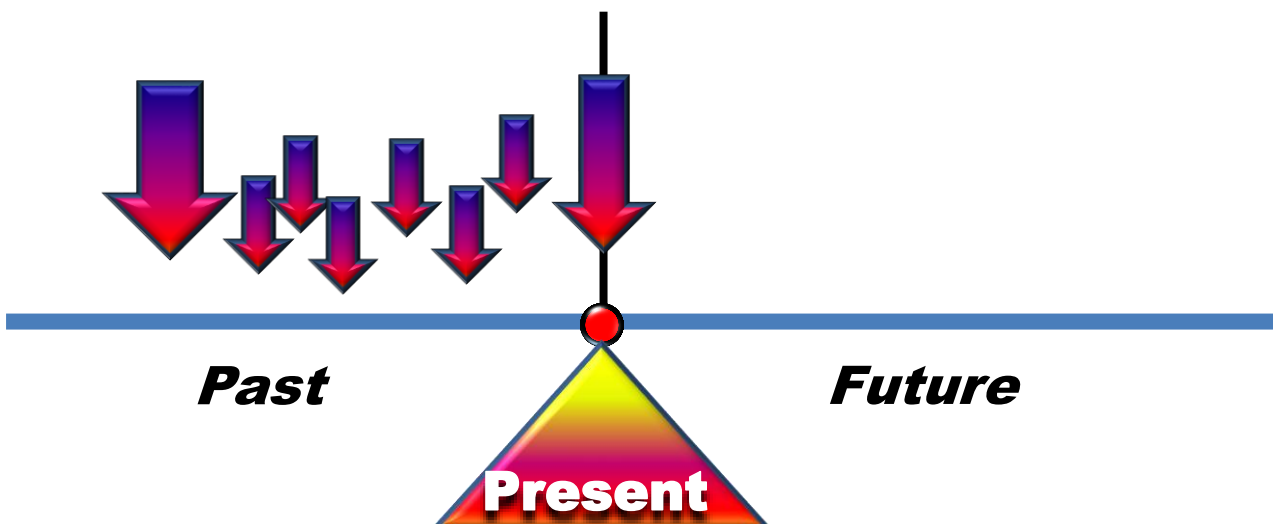
เขาไม่เกรงใจคนอื่น ๆ เมื่อเขาพูดคุยกับสมาชิกในทีม

Grammar Attack

Do you understand?

PRESENT PERFECT

Used for actions which started in the past and are still true now.



- An action or situation that started in the past and continues from the present.

*I **have lived** in England since 1969. (and I still do)*

- An action performed during a period that has not yet finished.

*Suri **has been** to the cinema twice this week. (and the week isn't over yet)*

- A repeated action in an unspecified period between the past and now.

*We **have visited** New York several times.*

- A completed action in the very recent past, expressed by 'just'.

*I **have just finished** my final exams.*

- An action completed in the past, but the specific time of the event is not important.

*I **have seen** that movie **three times**.*

Vocabulary Build

apo-	apho-	away, off, separate	aphorism, apostrophe, apospory, Apology - an explicit expression of regret.	Pride should not stand in the way of an sincere and honest apology.
arch-	archi-, archo-	chief, most important, rule	architect, archbishop, archcontinent, Archenemy - chief or worst enemy.	Superman's archenemy is Lux Luther.
		primitive, ancient	archaeology, archaic, archaeozoologist, Archive - a collection of historical materials.	You'll have to go through the university's on-line archive if you want that information.
arthro-		joint	arthroscope, arthropod, arthrosporic, arthrobranch Arthritis - inflammation of a joint.	Arthritis is more common with women, and especially those over the age of 40.
astro-	aster -	star, stars, outer space	astronaut, astronomer, astrochemist, astrocyte Asterisk - a star-shaped sign used as a reference tool.	The teacher put an asterisk next to his name because he showed a special intelligence through his work.
audio-		sense of hearing	audible, audiovisual, audience, audiobook Auditorium - a large room designed to delivery sound to an audience.	The university's auditorium will be completed by the end of next year.

Fun with English

Rebus Puzzle

-a kind of word puzzle that uses pictures to represent words or parts of words.



Top secret

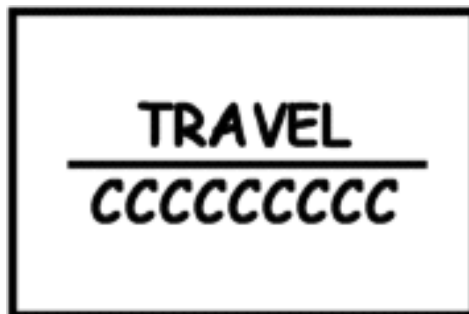
Answer to last week's rebus puzzle:



H²O

(h-to-o)

What is the word or phrase expressed in the following rebus puzzle?



the answer to the Puzzle will be in the next issue)

Quote of the Month

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." -Nelson Mandela

“สง่าราศีที่ยิ่งใหญ่ที่สุดในการดำรงชีวิตไม่ได้อยู่ในความล้มเหลว แต่ในการเพิ่มขึ้นทุกครั้งที่เราล้มลงเนลสันแมนเดลา”