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An EFL lesson based on the web site

Intermediate

3-4 class periods

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Prerequisites:

1. Term 7-level minimum
2. Some practice with paraphrasing
3. *Chronicle* subscription login name and password

www.chronicle.com is the web site for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, a weekly newspaper for college/university faculty and staff. It's an excellent publication that covers news, opinion and features about universities, students and faculty. Coverage is primarily of North America, but there is also an international section. The *Chronicle* also has a classified section listing up to 2,000 job openings in higher education.

What should I do?

1. Go to www.chronicle.com. On the left side, click on Facts and Figures. Next, scroll down to click on Tuition and Fees. When you reach the next page, click on Tuition and fees again. Fill in the drop-down boxes as below and then press **Go!**.

Washington ▼

All Carnegie classifications ▼

All institution types ▼

Sort results:

alphabetically

by descending cost

Go! Reset

(A) Now, find Central Washington University. How much are the current (for the latest year) in-state current tuition and fees? \$ _____

(B) How much is the out-of-state tuition? \$ _____

2. Return to the previous page. You are going to write down the names and locations of five colleges and then look up the tuition costs for them. **Your teacher will give you the list of colleges; each student receives a different list.** Write in the five colleges and locations in the spaces provided below. Then look up the tuition amounts and enter them in the spaces next to the colleges. (Private colleges have ONE rate only; state colleges have TWO.)

	<u>College/university</u>	<u>1997-98 tuition</u>	<u>Out-of-state tuition</u>
<i>Example:</i>	The College of New Jersey (NJ)	\$5,991	\$9,464
	Swarthmore College (PA)	25,200	same

	<u>College/university</u>	<u>2000-2001 tuition</u>	<u>Out-of-state tuition</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

Instructor: Give each student one set of five institutions for this question. On the work sheet, circle a different set for each student. Students should write in the five institutions and then find out the tuition amounts.

STATE ABBREVIATIONS: CA=California
 PA=Pennsylvania
 CT=Connecticut
 MA=Massachusetts
 WA=Washington

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| 1. Bethany College (CA) | 6. Azusa Pacific Univ. (CA) |
| 2. Albright Coll (PA) | 7. Bryn Mawr Coll (PA) |
| 3. Central Connecticut State Univ | 8. Eastern Connecticut State Univ |
| 4. Amer. Internat'l College (MA) | 9. Amherst College (MA) |
| 5. Clark College (WA) | 10. City University (WA) |
| 11. Central Washington State Univ | 16. Calif. State Polytechnic St. U.-Pomona |
| 12. Babson College (MA) | 17. Bucks County Community College (PA) |

- 13. Southern Connecticut State Univ
- 14. Bucknell University (PA)
- 15. California Institute of Technology
- 18. Western Connecticut State University
- 19. Columbia Basin College (WA)
- 20. Bay State College (MA)
- 21. Calif. State University at Fullerton
- 22. Carnegie Melon University (PA)
- 23. Fairfield University (CT)
- 24. Bentley College (MA)
- 25. Eastern Washington University
- 26. Humboldt State University (CA)
- 27. Dickinson College (PA)
- 28. Gateway Community Tech. Coll (CT)
- 29. Berklee College of Music (MA)
- 30. Evergreen State College (WA)
- 31. San Jose State University (CA)
- 32. Community Coll of Philadelphia (PA)
- 33. Middlesex Community Tech Coll (CT)
- 34. Boston College (MA)
- 35. Gonzaga University (WA)
- 36. San Francisco State University (CA)
- 37. Delaware Valley College (PA)
- 38. Naugatuck Valley Community Coll (CT)
- 39. Boston University (MA)
- 40. Green River Community Coll (WA)
- 41. City College of San Francisco (CA)
- 42. Drexel University (PA)
- 43. Paier College of Art (CT)
- 44. Brandeis University (MA)
- 45. Northwest College (WA)
- 46. Cogswell Polytechnic College (CA)
- 47. Duquesne University (PA)
- 48. Sacred Heart University (CT)
- 49. Clark University (MA)
- 50. Seattle Pacific University (WA)
- 51. Dominican Coll of San Rafael (CA)
- 52. Gettysburg College (PA)
- 53. Quinnipiac College (CT)
- 54. Emerson College (MA)
- 55. University of Puget Sound (WA)
- 56. Golden Gate University (CA)
- 57. La Salle University (PA)
- 58. Saint Joseph College (CT)
- 59. Hampshire College (CT)
- 60. Washington State University

3. Now go back to the front page and click on Jobs.

Then click on 1. Job announcements for the most recent date. How many jobs are currently listed? _____

- 2. Click on Job announcements
- 3. Click on Humanities
- 4. Click on English as a Second Language

Under English as a Second Language jobs, find one university ESL job in the United States and one in another country. (Some issues show jobs only in the United States; in that case, write “none” in the blank space next to “In another country.”)

In the USA: _____ (name of college)

_____ (city and state)

_____ salary?

If salary is not stated, what does the advertisement mention about salary? For example, "salary commensurate with experience and education," etc. _____

In another country: _____ (name of college)

(If you cannot find any foreign jobs, write "none")

_____ (city and country)

_____ (salary)

4. Now go back to the front page and click on International.

Do you see any article about students or colleges in your country?

If yes, name the link _____

5. Now choose the article that is most interesting to you in the International section and write a **one-paragraph summary** of it. Make sure it's in **your own words!** **You are expected to ask your teacher what this article is about and take notes in order to write the summary in your own words.**

Content and organization: Does your paragraph show substance and a knowledge of the subject, presented in a logical, coherent way? GOOD!

Is it a jumble of incoherent and/or uninteresting facts? BAD!

Language: Grammar, vocabulary, sentence structure and spelling

Answers

Question 1 A.\$3,167 (2000-2001)

 B. \$10,413(2000-2001) *For 2001-2002 and beyond, instructor should look up and revise these figures.*

Question 2.- Tuition amounts are expressed in two figures: in-state tuition and out-of-state tuition. It is probably sufficient for instructor to look up just one of the student's five answers. If that one is correct, the student has shown an ability to follow instructions and perform basic information retrieval; the other four answers are most likely close enough.

Questions 3, 4 and 5 – Variable answers.

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