

Anytime ESL Coffee Break Discussions



September 2018 – June 2019 Schedule

CLB 1-2: Wednesdays 12:30-1:20

CLB 3-5: Wednesdays 1:30-2:30

Dates	Topics	Short Description
Sept. 12	Getting to Know You (agreeing & disagreeing)	CLB 1-2: Make sentences about your routines. Listen to classmates' sentences. Practise agreeing ("Me too") and disagreeing ("I don't") with them. CLB 3-5: Make positive and negative "I" sentences about your past, present, and future life. Listen to classmates' sentences. Practise agreeing to positive and negative sentences. ("Me too" or "Me neither"). Practise disagreeing with classmates, as well.
Sept. 26	Housing Problems (& polite requests)	CLB 1-2: Talk about common housing problems. Practise telling a landlord about the problem. Then, practise asking a landlord to fix the problems. CLB 3-5: Talk about housing problems. Practise calling a landlord asking him to fix the problems.
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving (Harvest Foods & Festivals)	CLB 1-2: Learn the names of traditional harvest foods in Canada. Talk about Thanksgiving in Canada and harvest festivals around the world. CLB 3-5: Talk about Thanksgiving in Canada and harvest festivals around the world.
Oct. 24	Superstitions/Folklore (good luck/bad luck)	CLB 1-2: Talk about good luck and bad luck superstitions in Canada and around the world. CLB 3-5: Talk about weather superstitions/ folklore and other superstitions in Canada and around the world. Example: "If you break a mirror, you will have 7 years bad luck."

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Nov. 7	Let's Talk about Canada	CLB 1-2: Talk about Canada and your first country. CLB 3-5: Make interesting questions and ask the teacher these questions about Canada. Then, ask classmates the same questions about their first country.
Nov. 21	Natural disasters / news events / global issues (hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, forest fires, etc.)	CLB 1-2: Learn the name of some natural disasters. Talk about the disasters that are common in Canada and in your first country. CLB 3-5: Learn the name of some natural disasters. Talk about the disasters that are common in Canada and in your first country. Also, talk about what you should do in some of these disaster situations.
Jan. 9	New Year's celebrations & traditions	Talk about New Year's celebrations & traditions in Canada and around the world.
Jan. 23	Small Talk (& complimenting)	CLB 1-2: Answer some small talk questions. Practise complimenting (saying nice things). "I (really) like <u>your shirt</u> ." "I like <u>your hair</u> ." "I like <u>this food</u> ." "I (really) like my gift." CLB 3-5: Talk about common topics and questions we ask when we are making small talk. Practise complimenting (saying nice things). We also do this when we are making small talk.

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Feb. 6	Valentine's Day (& gift suggestions)	CLB 1-2: How do you say "I Love You". Talk about traditional gifts for Valentine's Day. Talk about gift ideas for birthdays. "You can give ____." CLB 3-5: Talk about traditional gifts for Valentine's Day. Practise giving gift suggestions for Valentine's Day and other holidays/celebrations. ("You could get/buy/make her ____." "How about getting/buying/making her ____.")
Feb. 20	Family Talk	CLB 1-2: Answer questions about your family. Ask your classmates some questions about their families. CLB 3-5: Make interesting questions to ask about family. Practise asking and answering these questions.
Mar. 6	Birthday celebrations & traditions	Talk about birthday celebrations & traditions in Canada and around the world.
Mar. 20	Seasons & Seasonal activities	CLB 1-2: Talk about the 4 different seasons in Canada. Talk about activities we do in these seasons. CLB 3-5: Talk about the 4 seasons in Canada and compare to the seasons in your first country. Also, talk about typical seasonal activities in Canada.

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Apr. 10	Easter & Spring Celebrations	Talk about Easter in Canada and spring celebrations in other countries.
Apr. 24	Garage Sales / Yard Sales	Talk about garage/yard sales in Canada. We'll practice "making deals".
May 8	Mother's Day & Father's Day	Talk about the dates and customs around Mother's Day and Father's Day in Canada.
May 22	Long Weekends & common long weekend activities	Talk about long weekends, long weekend activities (hiking, camping, swimming, fishing, gardening, etc.), and learners' plans for the long weekends.
Jun. 5	Sun / Summer Safety	Talk about how to stay safe during the summer. We'll practise giving warnings.
Jun. 19	Summer Holidays / Summer Plans	Talk about places to go and things to do in the summer. CLB 1-2: Practise using "go" (go, go to, and go to the) CLB 3-5: Practise making recommendations of places to go / visit.