

Elizabeth Claire's E-News - September 2009

Hello,

Thank you for opening your email. I know you are busy, and I hope you will be delighted with the very first edition of the Elizabeth Claire's E-News.

Easy English NEWS for September: What's in it? (advance notice)

Easy English NEWS will be shipped from New Jersey on August 24, and delivered to subscribers on the east coast by August 26, and reach the west coast by September 1st.

September's feature article is **"Wash Your Hands!"** –tips on preventing the spread of the swine flu.

The news about swine flu, its spread, treatment, vaccines, and effects will change rapidly during the next few weeks. It's hard to bring you current news when the printer's deadline is August 14, but you won't be reading the paper with your classes until mid-September.

You will find information prepared for you in easy English posted at www.Elizabethclaire.com starting September 15 so you and your class can keep up to date on this developing story.

U.S. government experts and the World Health Organization urge vaccination for many groups of vulnerable people. They may make vaccination mandatory for school age children and others.

Teachers who want to learn about another side of vaccination can go to http://www.organicconsumers.org/articles/article_18884.cfm to see Dr. Gary Null's video Vaccine Nation.

For our September back to school issue, we have:

- Tips for success in school
- Does education pay? The costs and payoffs of high school and higher education
- **Covered Events in September are**
 - **Labor Day**
 - **Back to School**
 - **Patriot Day**
 - **Ramadan**
 - **Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15. Our article includes a feature on the new Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor.**

- **Grandparents Day**
- **Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur**
- **Constitution Day**
- **Autumn Begins**
- **Hispanic Heritage Month**

America the Beautiful (our geography feature) is **St. Augustine, Florida**, to tie in with Hispanic Heritage Month.

The *Heroes and History* feature is ***The Names of the States*** — showing how state names hold clues to American history.

This open ended article with **a large U.S. map** allows multiple ways to use it in the classroom, from learning map features, state names and locations, and understanding a bit of our English, Spanish, French, Dutch, and American Indian heritage.

The Hurricane Season article helps newcomers in the path of a hurricane know how to prepare.

Plus the regular features: Reader's stories, Ask Elizabeth, Funny Stuff, Idioms, Crossword Puzzle, discussion questions and Word Help.

If you would like to find out more about this 12-page 11 x 17 monthly newspaper for adults and young adults learning English, visit <http://www.elizabethclaire.com/een/eenmain.html> to learn more about Easy English NEWS. **There are deep discounts for class sets.**

Free stuff at the Elizabethclaire.com website:

Subscribers to our 12-page monthly newspaper, ***Easy English NEWS*** receive a **monthly teacher's guide** with background information on the stories, and three reproducible quizzes.

For an advance copy of the Teacher's guide and quizzes, visit <http://www.elizabethclaire.com/een/teacherspages.html>.

Also available free at the website is a printable

24-page *HOW TO Use Easy English NEWS in your ESL Classroom.*

Showing techniques to use with beginning students, intermediate, and advanced, and with 10 reproducible, generic student activity sheets including self evaluations that you can use each month. For the HOW TO, visit <http://www.elizabethclaire.com/een/eenmain.html>.

In addition to the challenge of learning English, newcomers must deal with a new monetary system, and the complex and irrational English/US measuring system for weights, distances, volumes, and temperatures. Help your students get started with a

Free download

Metric/US Measurement System Conversion Chart

You can print out a copy of this easy-to-use Conversion chart for each student to keep taped inside his or her notebook, and use it for many types of lessons. One suggestion is to copy it to a page at half size to provide a wallet size version for students to carry with them. For the conversion chart, visit <http://www.elizabethclaire.com/more-information.html>.

For sale:

ESL Phonics for All Ages, a six book series. Five books are now ready, and audio CDs are available to read every word to the learner. It's designed for English language learners who are literate in their home language, know very little English, and want to speed up their acquisition of decoding skills in English.

Older students who are not literate in any language will also greatly benefit from **ESL Phonics for All Ages**. To learn more about the ESL Phonics for All Ages series, visit <http://www.elizabethclaire.com/books/ESLPhonicsForAllAges.htm>.

COMING SOON!

A brand new website for **Elizabethclaire.com** is under construction. We'll have a shopping cart, samplings of books and music, and many new features for your convenience. We'll announce its debut in the **E-News** and have a "grand opening" with new products and special offers you won't want to miss.

Stay tuned for next month's newsletter.

I'm glad to be here to serve you in your classroom or in your studies of English as a new language. I hope this extra effort will be helpful to you. Your comments are most welcome.

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