

## ENGLISH COURSE AT AMERIKAZENTRUM

### Winter Semester 2010-2011

The object of this course is to provide the participant with practice in all the skills needed to pass the TOEFL internet-based (TOEFL iBT) examination. Grammar will also be revised if necessary. Communications activities such as group work and role plays will provide the learner with practice and an improved sense of self-confidence when using the English language. Interesting topics on American life, history and culture will also be introduced.

Location of course: Amerikazentrum (Am Sandtorkai 48, 20457 Hamburg)

Instructor: John Fladhammer

Time: Monday, 6.15 – 7.45 p.m or Thursday, 6.15-7.45

First lesson: **MONDAY; OCTOBER 18, 2010**

- October 18 -- getting-to-know-you exercise  
October 21 -- How is the internet-based TOEFL exam different?  
-- What do you know about America and its people?
- October 25 -- grammar revision: present perfect 1 (**I have done**)  
October 28 -- TOEFL reading exercise  
-- forecast for the midterm elections
- November 1 -- grammar: future tenses (**I will and I'm going to**)  
November 4 -- TOEFL listening exercise  
-- Obama's approval ratings compared to those of other modern presidents in their first two years
- November 8 -- writing an integrated TOEFL essay  
November 11 -- TOEFL essay  
-- Oil and the Gulf of Mexico spill: End of an era?
- November 15 -- adjectives and adverbs (**quick, quickly**)  
November 18 -- TOEFL speaking exercise  
-- What is Thanksgiving and how did it become a holiday?
- November 22 -- **still, yet, and already, any more, any longer, no longer**  
November 25 -- TOEFL reading exercise  
-- **Living in hard times**: telephoning skills
- November 29 -- verb + -ing (**enjoy doing/stop doing, etc.**)  
December 2 -- TOEFL listening comprehension  
--**Living in Hard Times**: writing a résumé that will get you a job
- December 6 -- **each and every**  
December 9 -- TOEFL writing exercise  
-- **Living in Hard Times**: the job interview role play
- December 13 -- **a, an and the**  
December 16 -- TOEFL speaking exercise  
-- *The Cajun Night Before Christmas*
- January 7 -- : **to..., for...and so that... (purpose)**  
January 11 -- TOEFL listening exercise  
-- "House Divided" : 150 years after Lincoln's election and secession
- January 14 -- Reported Speech 2  
January 18 -- TOEFL reading exercise  
-- "Free at Last": the civil rights movement of the 1960s
- January 21 -- grammar: revision of what we've learned  
January 25 -- TOEFL speaking exercise  
-- "The Nutmeg State:" s look at Connecticut