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FREE week in Malta for agents

We are aware that once agents have visited a school and the respective destination, they will be in a better position to support students in their choice of school and answer queries in more detail.



For this reason, we are inviting agents to spend a week at Clubclass before the end of March 2010. Our offer includes complimentary airport transfers on arrival and departure, a one-week group course in general English, single accommodation on self-catering basis, and a couple of sightseeing tours / activities which will be on offer in the respective week.

This offer is only applicable to agents / employees of the agency in question and is not transferable (unless to another employee of the same agency). Should you be interested in learning more about Clubclass and would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact us at marketing@clubclass.com.mt .

EXTRA 50% commission / discount STILL ON!!

An EXTRA commission / discount of 50% is being granted on packages at Clubclass which include accommodation in the apartments, hostel or student house. This incentive is made up of a 35% discount which may be passed on to the client and an increase in commission of 15% on the accommodation fee! This special offer is a win-win proposition for clients and agents and is valid until the end of February 2010. For more information please click here: <http://tiny.cc/clubclassoffer> .

Teacher Training at Clubclass



As everyone enjoys music and it stimulates the imagination, Theresa Azzopardi, a CELTA trained teacher at Clubclass, recently led an interactive workshop on 'Using Music in the EFL Classroom'. In this seminar she explored ways in which song lyrics provide an endless supply of real language. Theresa gave practical ideas of how teachers could take advantage of this ample source of material to stimulate conversation and practice language and language skills. These were demonstrated with several classroom music activities which the teachers could try out with their own students.

Student Testimonials



M. Madi Saad, 51
Libya

"This actually was a very well organized course. The topics covered were very professionally chosen. The instructor was a fully qualified person. The school administration was extremely reliable, cooperative and careful. Indeed the course was completely useful to me and I feel now that my English is completely different than it was before I attended this course."

Ece Erhan, 22
Turkey

"I met a lot of perfect teachers. They are very interesting for every student. I learned a lot of things. It was useful for me. My English is now better than my first English. Thank You!"

Katania Diaz Garcia, 23
Spain

"I have really enjoyed the experience, having met people from other countries. I have really enjoyed the classes, teachers and other staff has been very kind to me and probably repeated next year."

Student Mix – 2009



In December 2009, students from 22 different countries were attending a course in English at Clubclass. The top 10 nationalities were from –Brazil, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Korea, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Turkey. In December we also had our first students from Nepal and Senegal for 2009.

The top ten student nationalities at Clubclass throughout 2009 were as follows:- Austria 20%, Spain 19%, Italy 13%, Germany 10%, Russia 8%, France 5%, Czech Republic 5%, Slovakia 4%, Poland 2% and Turkey 2%.

Word of the Month - chillax



chillax /tʌɪks/ verb (slang) to relax and stop feeling angry, nervous or stressed; to spend time relaxing with friends: Chillax, dude-I'm on your team * Just chillax-you don't have to define yourself by your commercial value * Dance to your favourite tune, chillax, have friends over * I get to chillax with all the new students who've arrived for orientation.

The term **chillax** is a combination of **relax** and **chill** or **chill out**. The first recorded uses of the verbs **chill** and **chill out** in the Oxford English Dictionary come from American rap songs (in 1979, in the sense of 'stop feeling stressed'; in 1985 in the sense of 'relax with friends'). Later examples come from popular journalism and fiction, but these very much reflect the spoken language of young people. The form **chill out** became popular first; the shorter form **chill** became widespread later, in the 1990s. Now it has been combined with **relax** to form a new word, but the meaning is basically the same. **Chillax** is used especially to tell someone (often addressed as 'dude'), to stop feeling so stressed, nervous or angry about something and take a more relaxed attitude: Just consider yourself lucky and chillax, dude.

Citta' Magica - 09 January 2010

The Malta Tourism Authority and the Parliamentary Secretariat for Tourism, together with the Valletta Business Community (GRTU) will be organising the second edition of the CITTA MAGICA on Saturday, 9th January 2010. This event is a must for all those who love shopping, eating out and good music. On the day, Valletta will provide a unique setting as its squares and streets will be transformed into open air theatres offering an eclectic mix of music, talent and entertainment for all the family.



The Palace Armoury - Valletta



The Palace Armoury is found in the Grandmaster's Palace in Valletta, Malta. This museum provides a collection of full suits of armour, arms, and guns dating back the 15th century. A number of important suits of armour have survived in the Armoury, with the most notable ones being those of grandmasters Fra Martin Garzes and Fra Aloff de Wignacourt. A small number of highly decorated bronze cannons have survived in this museum. The museum is managed by Heritage Malta and it is open daily from 9.00 to 17.00. The entrance fee includes the provision of handheld audio guides with 85 stops. These guides are available in six languages (Maltese, English, Italian, French, German and Spanish) revealing the history of the various arms used in different eras beginning from the medieval times.