

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

## 1. Teacher Training Workshops Schedule



Please sign up in advance to attend a particular event at **ETRC** at the circulation desk, by phone (044) 425-77-75, by e-mail: [etrc\\_kyiv@yahoo.com](mailto:etrc_kyiv@yahoo.com), or send a text message to 067 230-7619. Please visit our website at [www.etrckyiv.com](http://www.etrckyiv.com) and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/etrc.kyiv>

- \* English Language Fellow **Seneca Ryan** conducts **teacher training workshops at the America House Kyiv on Tuesdays**, with their repeats **at the ETRC on Fridays** (*Please read the detailed schedule below*).



***Please note that if you attend eight sessions by the end of June 2017, you will receive a certificate recognizing your commitment!***

- \* **The American English Webinar Series Course 5 starts in January**

The course of webinars covers a variety of topics for teachers of English or future teachers of English around the world.

As the number of work stations that can access the webinars is limited in Ukraine, we invite all those who are interested in participating in these ELT webinars **to register as members of a viewing group at ETRC**. We will join the webinars on one of our computers and project the video on a screen so that the participants could get a better view and an opportunity to fully engage with the webinars.

- \* Series of teacher training workshops “**Effective Methods of Teaching English**” by **Maryna Tsehelska** will take place **once a month during the academic year 2016-2017**.

**NB!!!** Workshop 1.5 “**From Theory to Practice**” will take place on **Monday, January 16 at 4:00PM**.

***At the end of the course, certificates will be given to those, who will attend at least four workshops and will share their own ideas about the techniques.***



About Presenter: **Maryna Tsehelska** works as associate professor at Kryvyi Rih Pedagogical University and she also is the director of the “Educational Centre “Interclass” – a language school, where English is taught through concept mapping. She is a Fulbright alumna, TESOL-Ukraine vice-president and has presented at numerous scientific and practical conferences.

***Please read Maryna’s invitation:*** “In this series of workshops I would like to share some techniques and strategies of teaching English, which could be called “cognitive” or “brain-friendly”, but in order to avoid the discussion around the terms, I would call them just “effective.” These techniques are a combination of modern cognitive pedagogy ideas and my and my colleague’s observations and reflections of English teaching and learning. We use them to teach English at the “Educational Centre “Interclass” (Kryvyi Rih) and they are used by our partners in Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kyiv and Sarajevo. As we go through the main points, I hope that participants of the workshops will try some of the ideas and share the results.”

- \* **Clubs in January:**

- **ETRC Joined «Україна Speaking» Campaign: Youth Film Club** welcomes y on Thursday afternoons, **January 19 and 26 from 3:00-5:30 PM** to watch and discuss popular American movies. Post-viewing discussions will be moderated by psychologist and lecturer **Jimmy Hill** from the United States.
- **ETRC Joined «Україна Speaking» Campaign:** psychologist and lecturer **Jimmy Hill** will also moderate **Discussions Clubs** on life skills on **Wednesdays, January 18, and 25 at 4:00PM**.



## DETAILED SCHEDULE OF ETRC EVENTS

### a) Teacher Training Workshops



- ✓ English Language Fellow **Seneca Ryan** conducts teacher training workshops at the **America House Kyiv on Tuesdays** at **4:00PM**, with their repeats at the **ETRC on Fridays** at **4:00PM**.

**Monday, January 16 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM [Teacher Training Workshop 1.5 “From Theory to Practice”](#)**



Presenter: **Maryna Tsehelska** works as associate professor at Kryvyi Rih Pedagogical University and she also is the director of the “Educational Centre “Interclass” – a language school, where English is taught through concept mapping. She is a Fulbright alumna, TESOL-Ukraine vice-president and has presented at numerous scientific and practical conferences.

*Workshop 1.5 Description:* This workshop will be of transitional nature – we’ll be moving from theory to practice using the topics that have already been discussed. On the basis of topics “Food and Meals” and “Healthy Lifestyle” we will go through the already discussed techniques of effective teaching and develop our own ideas of how to deal with the topic.

Key points:

- 1) Quick revision of the techniques for effective teaching.
- 2) Teaching “Food” at elementary levels:
  - groups of food and nutrients;
  - cooking food;
  - food staples – geographical reasons.
- 3) Teaching “Food” at intermediate levels:
  - food as a part of healthy lifestyle;
  - types of eaters and keys to success.
- 4) Thinking skills as a basis for lesson planning.

**Wednesday, January 18 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM [Webinar 5.1 “Fun with Grammar - Bringing Language Learning to Life through Games”](#)**

*Webinar Description:*

In this webinar, we will examine games that motivate students to learn from and engage in grammar activities. The games demonstrated in this webinar will help your students learn, review, and internalize grammar structures by making personal connections and having fun!

*Presenter Bios:*

**Kate Bain** works in the U.S. Department of State's Office of English Language Programs on projects related to social media, domestic outreach, and the American English Webinar Series. From 2012-2014, she was an English Language Fellow in Barranquilla, Colombia.

**Lauren Whitaker** received her BA in English with a minor in Political Science from the University of Tennessee, followed by her MA in Linguistic Studies with a TESOL certification from Syracuse University. During that time, she taught ESL in community-based refugee resettlement programs in Syracuse and in the Syracuse University Intensive English Program. In 2015, she served as an English Language Fellow in Astana, Kazakhstan. Currently, she is working as the Online Projects Coordinator for EL Programs.

**Friday, January 20 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM [Workshop “8 Great Ice Breakers for the EFL Classroom”](#)**

Presenter: **Seneca Ryan**, English Language Fellow, U.S. Department of State

Has English got your students feeling nervous? Creating a relaxed atmosphere can help students overcome shyness and the fear of making mistakes - two common barriers to learning a foreign language. To encourage students to overcome these obstacles, we’ll be introducing some ‘short and sweet’ ice breakers to help students get to know their teacher and classmates and get them feeling comfortable in their new classrooms.

**Monday, January 23 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM [Workshop “Visual tool “Grammar House” – presentation and practical advice on how to use it for teaching grammar”](#)**



Presenter: **Maryna Chernyavska**, Teacher of English with more than 30 years of working in education; Fulbright Alumna; Author of a visual tool “Grammar House” and stories “Magic ABC.”

During the workshop, there will be a presentation of the Grammar House (GH) - a visual tool that reflects how people who speak English see the world around. All 16 Verb Tenses structures are found on the GH in three time spaces – present, past, and future. The GH enables mastering Verb Tenses one by one or all of them at a time in real situations that require the usage of various grammatical structures.

The participants of the workshop will be able to use the model of the GH in practice. GH can be used for students of different ages for both individual and group practices. Using GH in teaching English can help students make purposeful choice of Tense structures and master them in a shorter period of time.

**Friday, January 27 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM [Presentation “Guided reading with LanguaBooks™ UA”](#)**



Presenter: **Eva Pavlenko**, Project Manager at LanguaMetrics, English Language Instructor

*Event Description:* “Guided Reading” is a technique widely used in the Western education to improve reading proficiency ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guided\\_reading](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guided_reading)). In this workshop for English

language teachers, you will learn how to implement Guided Reading for your students with the aid of LanguaBooks™, the digital books that speak, listen and teach!

LanguaBooks™ UA (<https://ua.languabooks.com/>) contains a wide selection of free interactive books and provides teachers with an easy way to manage reading tasks for students. Moreover, the system allows monitoring students' reading activities, reading comprehension results and oral proficiency levels using detailed reports. All this can be tailored to your specific curriculum and students' needs.

### b) ETRC Joined «Україна Speaking» Campaign: Youth Discussion Club



In January, **Jimmy Hill**, M.ED., Counselling Psychology, and a Teacher at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Warsaw, Poland, will moderate discussion clubs on Wednesdays, January 18 and 25, at 4:00 PM.



**All interested are welcome!!!**

#### **Wednesday, January 18 from 4:00 – 5:30PM Discussion Club “How animals help us”**

We will discuss how animals help us, improve our emotional and physical health, provide us with unconditional friendship, and more. We will also watch interesting videos about animals and look into some idioms based on animals.

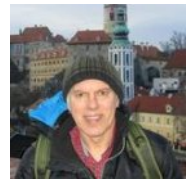
#### **Wednesday, January 25 from 4:00 – 5:30PM Discussion Club “Prosocial behavior and altruism...why we help others”**

We will discuss the importance of prosocial behavior, what range of activities it includes, and why we should help others. You will have an opportunity to ask moderator Jimmy Hill any questions related to the topic.

### c) ETRC Joined «Україна Speaking» Campaign»: Youth Film Club



In January, **Jimmy Hill**, M.ED., Counselling Psychology, and a Teacher at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Warsaw, Poland, will moderate film club sessions on Thursdays, January 19 and 26 at 3:00 PM.



**Jimmy Hill is a passionate movie enthusiast and experienced film club moderator who will introduce you to the most significant films in the history of the American cinema and lead post-viewing film discussions.**

**Thursday, January 19 from 3:00 – 6:00 PM “It’s a Wonderful Life”** (1946) (Runtime 130 min.) *with English subtitles.* Motion Picture Rating (MPAA): Rated PG for thematic elements, smoking and some violence. See all certifications at [http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0038650/parentalguide?ref =tt\\_str\\_y\\_pg#certification](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0038650/parentalguide?ref =tt_str_y_pg#certification)

**Starring James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore**

This heartwarming holiday classic tells a story of a kind man, overwhelmed by life's trials, who is visited by a guardian angel on Christmas Eve and gains a new lease on life.

**Thursday, January 26 from 3:00 – 6:00 PM “The Wizard of Oz”** (1939) (Runtime 102 min.) *with English subtitles* Certificate: Passed. See all certifications at

[http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0032138/parentalguide?ref =tt\\_str\\_y\\_pg#certification](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0032138/parentalguide?ref =tt_str_y_pg#certification)

**Starring Judy Garland, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger**

Dorothy Gale is swept away to a magical land in a tornado and embarks on a quest to see the Wizard who can help her return home.

Notable for its use of Technicolor, fantasy storytelling, musical score, and unusual characters, over the years, The Wizard of Oz has become an icon of American popular culture.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## a) Practical Seminar “Establishing English Writing Centers in Ukrainian Universities: Frameworks and Practices” at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy



Interested representatives from Ukrainian universities are invited to participate in a practical seminar organized by the English Writing Center at the English Language Department, the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, and the Regional English Language Office at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv

**Date:** February 3, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Venue:** English Language Department, the NaUKMA  
(Room 408, 4th Floor, Building 3, 2 Skovorody St., Kyiv)

The seminar aims to summarize, share and discuss the experience of developing an English writing center, the first educational center of writing assistance in Ukraine to be based on the peer-to-peer support model, at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy with the focus on practical aspects of initiating, building, and maintaining the activities of such a center in the university framework.

Registration online-form <https://goo.gl/forms/6rAclorM1L2U7IBI2> should be completed by prospective participants wishing to take part in the English Writing Center seminar. Please complete the registration **by January 27, 2017**. Participants coming to Kyiv from other cities of Ukraine can be reimbursed their inter-city return tickets (bus or train costs) at the seminar upon submission of original travel documents.

For additional information please contact the English Writing Center at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy via e-mail: [ewckma@gmail.com](mailto:ewckma@gmail.com)

**We look forward to seeing you at the English Writing Center seminar at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy!**

## b) Call for Participation for EVO2017 (Jan. 8 - Feb. 12, 2017)

*The Call for Proposals for EVO 2018 will be available in June, 2017.*



### *What is EVO?*

Since 2000, the Electronic Village Online (EVO), has been offering free professional development workshops for English language educators around the world. Organized by volunteer coordinators, with five-week sessions conceived and facilitated by teams of volunteer moderators, the EVO is open to anyone (TESOL members and non-members alike) with a computer or smart phone and an internet connection. No academic credit is offered for either moderating or participating in an EVO session; it is a labor of love--the love of learning, and the love of sharing what we have learned.

The EVO was originally conceived as a project of TESOL's Computer-Assisted Language Learning Interest Section (CALL-IS). Almost since the beginning, IATEFL members and SIGs have also been involved in the EVO, as participants, moderators, and coordinators.

## The Electronic Village Online

For five weeks in January and February, TESOL experts and participants from around the world engage in collaborative online discussions or hands-on virtual workshops of professional and scholarly benefit. These sessions bring together participants for a longer period of time than is permitted by land-based professional development conventions and allow a fuller development of ideas than is otherwise possible. Sessions are **free** and open to anyone around the globe. It is not necessary to be a TESOL or IATEFL member or to attend the TESOL Convention in order to participate. All you need is access to the Internet. We invite you to choose a session from this year's offerings, listed below. And please inform your colleagues about this unparalleled professional development opportunity!

The EVO 2017 Coordination Team

Please find detailed information at <http://evosessions.pbworks.com/w/page/10708567/FrontPage>

### **c) US Embassy-Kyiv: Grants and Programs** **2017 Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) Programs**

The U.S. Embassy in Kyiv is pleased to announce a call for proposals for two competitions of the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) Programs.

#### 1. Small Grant Program: Projects from \$10,000 - \$200,000

The Small Grant program competition will take place in one round. Under this program, AFCP will accept proposals through December 10, 2016. This program supports preservation of cultural sites, cultural objects, museum collections and forms of traditional cultural expression.

#### 2. Large Projects Program: Projects from \$200,000 - \$500,000

The Large Project Program will take place in two rounds. AFCP will accept proposals for Round 1 through December 10, 2016. The winners of Round 1 will be invited to take part in Round 2 at the end of February 2017. This program supports the preservation of major ancient archaeological sites, historic buildings and monuments, and museum collections which possess exceptional value in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the host country or the surrounding region.

To apply, please use the templates from the "Related Links" below for your application, forms and budget. Please submit your proposal with supporting documents no later than December 10, 2016 by e-mail to: [Kyivafcp@state.gov](mailto:Kyivafcp@state.gov)  
 A list of earlier projects supported by the Ambassadors Fund in Ukraine can be found in the links below.

### **Democracy Small Grants Program General Competition**

The U.S. Embassy invites Ukrainian non-profit and non-governmental organizations to submit project proposals to the Democracy Small Grants Program. There is no fixed application deadline – this is an open-ended competition.

[Program Description \(PDF\)](#)

### **Media Development Fund General Competition**

The U.S. Embassy invites independent media outlets – including print, radio, TV, or electronic media to submit project proposals to the Media Development Fund. There is no fixed deadline – this is an open-ended competition.

[Program Description \(PDF\)](#)

<https://ukraine.usembassy.gov/programs-grants/current-programs-and-grants.html>

### **d) Грантові програми на ГУПТІ (GURT.org)**

Please go to <http://gurt.org.ua/news/grants/>

<http://gurt.org.ua/news/trainings/35101/>

and find description of numerous grants and programs such as 2017-2018 Global UGRAD Exchange Program, Gleitsman Leadership Fellowships that allow students to study at Harvard Kennedy School, Amsterdam Excellence Scholarships (AES), the ISS scholarship at the University of Oslo and others.

# HIGHLIGHTS of RECENT EVENTS



In December, English Language Fellow Seneca Ryan conducted two teacher training workshops at ETRC. On December 2, Seneca conducted workshop from “8 Great” series and explored with participants a variety of activities for teaching vocabulary. On December 9, Seneca provided insight into the role and functions of writing centers in the American universities and introduced the first working writing center in Kyiv – the English Writing Center at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.



On December 13, participants of teacher training workshops by Seneca Ryan gathered at the America House for the Certificate Awarding Ceremony. 107 participants earned the certificates, of which 40 attended the event. Due to Seneca’s impeccable planning, the event was a great success; attendees enjoyed delicious snacks and drinks upon arrival and socialized in a friendly and festive atmosphere, and afterwards proceeded to the official part where Seneca presented them with certificates, and the most active participants - with prizes. A special guest Liliia Shylo, Cultural Affairs Assistant from the U.S.Embassy, encouraged participants to apply for free academic programs for English teachers and students sponsored by the Embassy.



On December 7, Eva Pavlenko, an English language instructor and Project Manager at LanguaMetrics, came to ETRC to introduce to Ukrainian teachers LanguaBooks™ - breakthrough interactive online books with speech recognition technology. Participants praised the books’ benefits for enhancing English language learning and helping students to develop authentic American English accent.

On December 12, Maryna Tsehelska, an Associate Professor at Kryvyi Rih Pedagogical University, Director of the “Educational Centre “Interclass”, and TESOL-Ukraine Vice-President, conducted the fourth workshop from her course of monthly workshops “Effective Methods of Teaching English” where she shared her ideas and strategies for teaching grammar in an effective and meaningful way.



On December 16, Viktoriia Shcherbyna, Principal at “Montessori New Age School” and Olesya Nedelcheva, Leading Montessori teacher of the school, conducted a workshop “Montessori Approach in Teaching English to Preschoolers: Practical Tips” at ETRC. Presenters made an overview of the Montessori Method and demonstrated age-appropriate English teaching activities. Participants highly enjoyed the insightful presentation, and were particularly excited to examine Montessori educational equipment kindly brought by the presenters.



On December 20, Victor Bielyshev, English language instructor, Fulbright alumna, and an active participant of ETRC teacher training workshops, conducted the second part of his two-part methodological workshop “Different Techniques and Principles in Language Teaching.” Presenter continued to make an overview of traditional and contemporary language teaching methods and discuss with participants their benefits for particular teaching goals.



On December 21, ETRC staff organized and moderated a subliminal self-improvement session where participants watched several videos that contained subliminal messages and listened to a self-improvement hypnosis audio and discussed the benefits of these techniques for building confidence and improving quality of life.

On December 23, Ihor Reznik returned to ETRC with a brand-new workshop “What are Your Personal Strengths?”, and introduced to participants the MBTI test which is designed to indicate the way in which people perceive the world and is aimed at helping become more self-aware of one’s strengths and weaknesses and choose a suitable career accordingly.



On December 26, handmade enthusiasts gathered at ETRC to cook varenky and felt a rooster – symbol of year 2017. Participants brought dough, stuffings, a steamer and other necessary products and utensils and made varenky in a friendly atmosphere. ELF Seneca Ryan also participated in the event and entertained attendees with insights into American traditions of celebrating Christmas. After treating themselves to cooked varenky, participants proceeded to felting roosters.



In December, ETRC organized five film club sessions, two of which were moderated by guest speakers: on December 22, ELF Seneca Ryan screened her favorite Christmas film “A Christmas Story” and facilitated a discussion about American and Ukrainian traditional and modern ways of celebrating Christmas and New Year; on December 29, psychologist Jimmy Hill returned to ETRC and moderated a film discussion combined with a discussion on family values and the true meaning of Christmas.



## SPECIAL DAYS IN JANUARY

### January 16 – Martin Luther King Day



Each year on the third Monday of January, America honors the birth, life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was an American clergyman and civil-rights leader who fought for the freedom, equality, and dignity of all races and peoples through nonviolence.

<http://thekingcenter.org/>

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/mlkjrd1.html>

### January 19 – Epiphany

Epiphany is a celebration of the manifestation of Christ’s divinity during his baptism by John the Baptist. Epiphany is one of the Great Feasts of the liturgical year, being third in rank, behind only Easter and Pentecost in importance. Orthodox Christians believe water is has healing powers for the day and take ice baths as part of the celebration.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany\\_\(holiday\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_(holiday))



### January 20 – Inauguration Day in the United States



Inauguration Day occurs in the USA once every four years on January 20.

The inauguration of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States will be held on Friday, January 20, 2017, on the West Front of the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. The inauguration will mark the commencement of the four-year term of Donald Trump as President and of Mike Pence as Vice President.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inauguration\\_of\\_Donald\\_Trump](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inauguration_of_Donald_Trump)

<https://washington.org/DC-guide-to/presidential-inauguration-washington-dc>

### January 28 – Chinese New Year



Many people in countries such as the United States celebrate Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival or the Lunar New Year. It marks the first day of the New Year in the Chinese calendar. 2017 is the Year of Fire Rooster. Not all Roosters are equal - there are five different types, each with different characteristics. The year of the Fire Rooster last fell in 1957. Fire Roosters are known for being trustworthy, punctual and responsible (especially at work). The other types are Wood Roosters, Earth Roosters, Gold Roosters and Water Roosters.

<http://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/festivals/spring-festival/chinese-zodiac-years-of-2011-to-2020.htm>

# Your Emotional and Physical Health

## 1) Reasons to Drink More Water



With the holidays finally behind us and healthy habits on our minds, many are trading alcohol drinks for glasses of water. Indeed, the amount of water you consume everyday plays an important role in maintaining a healthy body. Experts recommend drinking eight to 10 glasses of water each day to maintain good health. Water helps keep the body well hydrated, which is essential because almost every cell in the body needs water to function properly. Find out other reasons to drink more water.

<http://greatist.com/health/reasons-to-drink-water>

## 2) Top 10 Liver-Cleansing Superfoods



The liver, weighing in at about 3 pounds in healthy adults, is one of the body's vital organs. It is responsible for many important functions related to digestion, metabolism, immunity and the storage of nutrients that the body needs to survive. Many foods can help cleanse, rejuvenate and detoxify your liver. This will help keep your liver healthy and functioning the way you need it to.

<http://www.top10homeremedies.com/superfoods/top-10-liver-cleansing-superfoods.html>

## 3) Raptitude



*Raptitude* is a blog about getting better at being human which comes down to how good you are at a set of skills that schools don't teach:

- Managing your moods and reactions;
- Losing your self-consciousness and shyness;
- Getting over the past;
- Setting up a life that makes use of your talents;
- Quitting habits that drain you;

...and dozens more. Everyone wants to be happier, yet relatively few people make a point of learning the skills that really make a difference in their level of happiness.

Quality-of-life-related skills have been the primary focus of David Cain, writer, entrepreneur and author of the blog *Raptitude* for the last fifteen years. Author reads a ton, experiments on himself, and writes about what works on this blog.

<http://www.raptitude.com>

# TIDBITS FROM THE INTERNET

## 1) The Nerdwriter



*The Nerdwriter* is a weekly video essay series that aims to cultivate worldview. *The Nerdwriter* covers a wide variety of issues, including philosophical, political, moral, psychological, financial, artistic, scientific topics, etc. Author of the blog Evan Puschak studied film production at Boston University and has been making videos as *The Nerdwriter* since 2011.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/Nerdwriter1>

## 2) 4 TED-ED Lessons on commas, semicolons and more



Let's face it: Punctuation is hard. Even the most seasoned writers can get tripped up on the rules. Should that comma really be there, or is it just taking up space? Should this apostrophe go before or after the S? Where in the world does the semicolon go? Luckily, TED-Ed has gathered four lessons to help you perfect your punctuation.

<http://blog.ed.ted.com/2015/09/23/perfect-your-punctuation-4-ted-ed-lessons-on-commas-semicolons-and-more/>

## 3) The Most Misused Words in English

The renowned Harvard linguist Steven Pinker reveals the most misused words in English in the article below.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/a-harvard-linguist-reveals-the-most-misused-words-in-english-2015-12>



# USEFUL RESOURCES

## 1) Commonlit

Commonlit offers a free collection of short fiction and nonfiction articles for classrooms. Made by teachers, for teachers.

<https://www.commonlit.org/>



## 2) MySpelling



MySpelling site is for people who have some basic knowledge of the language and who seek to further improve their writing skills, with emphasis on spelling. The site is designed to improve your words and sentences' spelling in a set of languages of your choice.

Available languages are English, Spanish, French, Russian and Hebrew.

<http://www.myspelling.net/index.php>

### **NEW YEAR**

*To leave the old with a burst of song;  
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;  
To forget the things that bind you fast  
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;  
To have the strength to let go your hold  
Of the not worth while of the days grown old;  
To dare go forth with a purpose true,  
To the unknown task of the year that's new;  
To help your brother along the road,  
To do his work and lift his load;  
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,  
Is to have and to give a happy new year.*



***We look forward to seeing you at the ETRC!***

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