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### Director's Words

Dear language lovers,

Embrace the dawn of 2024 with the language opportunities offered by Success Garten!

I wish all our Gartiens a wonderful year ahead powered with great relationships and career growth.

Welcome to the first quarterly Gartien Tweet of 2024!

It is worth mentioning to audit how Success Garten performed last year in terms of its English language exam brands.

2023 was truly magical at Success Garten with regard to all its three flagship programmes.

Success Garten was really blessed to have exciting numbers in all its exam brands. As we know, only with results, the true training growth of an institution can be measured.





**VISION STATEMENT:** 

Success Garten believes that the

true potential in a human being

can be brought out by focussing

on the communicative aspects

in a language, especially the one

which is accepted globally, and by

creating such an environment, all

Success Gartiens can experience

an unparalleled linguistic journey

which will be transformative re-

gardless of gender, caste, culture,

heritage and the place of origin.

### Christmas idioms:

Since it is the Christmas time, we are going to see some of the idioms associated with Christmas.

- (1) *Light up like a Christmas tree*: To look bright, excited or happy. Eg. Her exam results made me light up like a Christmas tree.
- (2) Skating on thin ice: Doing something that is dangerous and involves a lot of risk.
  - Eg.He was skating on thin ice when he called out his boss in front of everyone.
- (3) Christmas came early this year: Experiencing some good fortune or happy surprise before the holiday seasons.
  - Eg.My boss just agreed to give me a raise. Looks like Christmas came early this year!
- (4) *Good things come in small packages*: The size of something doesn't determine the value of it.
  - Eg.A baby's love is the best feeling. Good things come in small packages
- (5) Christmas comes but once a year: Christmas should be a time of enthusiastic celebration, whether through a spirit of generosity or indulgence.

Eg. I'm buying a lot of toys to donate this Christmas season for the less fortunate. Christmas comes but once a year.

**Result split up of 2023** 

Success Garten is proud to lead the IELTS markets with maximum number of 8.5, 8 and 7.5 results. With 2 Gartiens scoring overall 8.5 bands and 25 Gartiens overall 8 bands with an enviable individual split up of minimum 7, IELTS programme at Success Garten continues its legacy in the market. Equally worth to say that the first session of IELTS at Success Garten starts daily at 8.40 am with 'Endurance'.

OET at Success Garten known as Garten OET has been instrumental in fulfilling the life dreams of 82 Gartiens. 39 Gartiens have achieved the perfect B grades in each module while 27 Gartiens have been present in the Garten OET -UK club, and Garten OET - Ireland club has been embellished with 16 Gartiens.

Garten PTE has been rich with its variety of result clubs. Total 60 Gartiens are distributed in various clubs having +60 scores!

Success Garten is proud to say that 23 Nurses have fulfilled their language credentials through IELTS from Garten IELTS in 2023.

The language service of Success Garten is visible in nearby schools also. Sacred Heart UP school Thiruvambady and St Joseph's school Pullorambara enjoy a regular 'The Hindu newspaper' experience for children through Success Garten.

Dear Gartiens, language acquisition is a blessing. There is no short cut for it. Our duty is to continue our tradition of success in language to its next level in 2024. The very qualities of Gartiens you have shown so far like passion, resilience, hard work, discipline and modesty should be the hallmark of your life. At Success Garten, we are eager to see how well you are performing in your respective work stations also. You must be the best wherever you are.

I wish all the best in your journey of life through the application of English language!

Let 2024 be a dream year for celebrating our cherished milestones!

Linguistically yours,

**Chintu M. Raju** MFSc (CIFT), MBA(UGC-NET), MA (Eng), PGDTRM (IGNOU), PGDTM (XLRi)



### Talk with a scholar

Organised by Department of Language and Literature & Alumini Association of St. Joseph's College, Devagiri on 15.12.2023.

Chief Guest : Chintu M. Raju Devagiri Alumni & Chief trainer, Success Garten, Thiruvambady, Calicut

Birth place : Thiruvambady Birth year : 2010 Foundation day : April 23

**MANIFESTO** 

### Success Garten language programmes - IELTS; OET; PTE; TOEFL; Communicative English; Garten kids.

#### 1. Garten IELTS:

Garten Pearl: Overall 8.5 club - 2 Gartiens Garten Ruby: Overall 8 club - 25 Gartiens Garten Sapphire: Overall 7.5 club: 12 Gartiens Garten Emerald: Overall 7 club: 3 Gartiens Garten IELTS Nurses' club: 23 Gartiens

#### 2. Garten OET:

The programme which is crafted to the needs of 12 health professionals blended in a gen-

uine linguistic manner. It is set in a 6 tier learning system at Success Garten.

**Garten OET - Nursing** has been embellished with 39 Gartiens fulfilling their perfect B grades in all the four modules.

Garten Nursing – UK club and Garten Nursing – Ireland club have got 27 and 16 members respectively.

**3. Garten PTE:** The training pack for PTE is designed in such a way that the real human linguistic faculties are tuned for the technological challenges.

+80 club and +75 club have got total 10 Gartiens together while +70 club has been strengthened with 15 Gartiens. +65 club has got 11 Gartiens while +60 club has been enriched with 14 Gartiens.

#### 4. Anglo Garten

Language purpose reaches its zenith in the form of communicative English through words, sentences and studio. The Anglo Garten community is also growing. Batch-42 is going on.

### FACULTY'S EXPERIENCE SHARING



Neeraj Sathya

Hello there, I'm Neeraj Sathya from Thiruvambady. Taking part in IELTS exam wasn't something that I had in mind until mid 2021, but when the strings of life led me to entering into it, I had little to no doubt about where I would go for coaching.

Growing up in Thiruvambady, like all of my natives, I've also had the privilege of watching Success Garten grow into one of the major language training centres in the state. As someone who used to go there for Communicative English since its inception, watching students from various parts of the nation come to my village filled me with a sense of pride.

As fate would have it, I also got to be one of them, and my experience as a student, since day one, had been nothing less of an informative journey. With Chintu sir at the helm, a very capable faculty pool took us through the dos and don'ts of IELTS examination.

Every session had a purpose and as I sat in those classes, the thought of how I would do as a trainer in Success Garten always used to pop up in my head.

So I didn't have to think twice about taking up the opportunity of being a faculty member when Chintu sir suggested it to me. With talented and knowledgeable colleagues by my side, I found myself in an atmosphere where I became better everyday as a language enthusiast and a trainer. From Chintu sir's ideas and motivation to interaction with students were testaments to how one can get better at English in Success Garten.

Amenities, infrastructure, introduction of new materials to building new friendships, Success Garten is second to none when it comes to preparing you for IELTS/PTE/OET examinations and a providing a sterling campus experience. I can't help but smile ear to ear when I recall my days there and be thankful everything the people there taught me.

A well laid out plan with proper execution can help you crack any test you want. Success Garten offers it. You don't just learn words and tenses, but develop the qualities of perseverance and discipline from there. This is where you experience freedom through language.

### Know the book

THE LAST LEAF





It is a short story by O. Henry published in his 1907 collection The Trimmed Lamp and Other Stories. The story first appeared on October 15, 1905, in the New York World.

The story is set in Greenwich Village during a pneumonia epidemic. It tells the story of an old artist who saves the life of a young neighbouring artist, dying of pneumonia, by giving her the will to live. Through her window she can see an old ivy creeper (growing on a nearby wall), gradually shedding its leaves as autumn turns into winter, and she has taken the thought into her head that she will die when the last leaf falls. The leaves fall day by day, but the last lone leaf stays on for several days. The ill woman's health quickly recovers. At the story's end, we learn that the old artist, who always wanted to produce a masterpiece painting but had never had any success, spent considerable time painting with great realism a leaf on the wall for the whole night. Furthermore, the old artist himself dies of pneumonia contracted while being out in the wet and cold.

The scene of the story of "The Last Leaf" is the Greenwich artist colony in New York City. Over the past century, it has developed from a poor literati settlement to a world-famous art center and tourist attraction.

# GREAT MUSIC ALBUMS & SONG LYRICS



Westlife are an Irish pop group formed in Dublin, Ireland, in 1998. The group consists of members Shane Filan, Mark Feehily, Kian Egan, and Nicky Byrne. Brian Mc-Fadden was a member before leaving in 2004. The group disbanded in 2012 after 14 years and later reunited in 2018. Westlife has received numerous accolades including one World Music Award, two Brit Awards, four MTV Awards, and four Record of the Year Awards. They rose to fame with their debut international self-titled studio album, Westlife (1999). It was followed by Coast to Coast (2000), World of Our Own (2001), and Turnaround (2003).

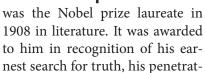
Goodbye to you, my trusted friend But we've known each other since we were nine or ten Together, we've climbed hills and trees Learned of love and ABC's Skinned our hearts and skinned our knees Goodbye, my friend, it's hard to die When all the birds are singing in the sky Now that spring is in the air Pretty girls are everywhere Think of me and I'll be there We had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the sun But the hills that we climbed were just seasons out of time Goodbye, papa, please pray for me I was the black sheep of the family You tried to teach me right from wrong Too much wine and too much song Wonder how I got along Goodbye, papa, it's hard to die When all the birds are singing in the sky

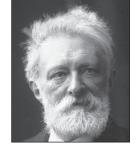
Now that the spring is in the air Little children everywhere When you see them, I'll be there We had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the sun But the wine and the song like the seasons have all gone We had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the sun But the wine and the song like the seasons have all gone Yeah, yeah, yeah Goodbye, Michelle, my little one You gave me love and helped me find the sun And every time that I was down You would always come around And get my feet back on the ground Goodbye, Michelle, it's hard to die When all the birds are singing in the sky Now that the spring is in the air With the flowers everywhere I wish that we could both be there



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### **Rudolf Christoph Eucken**





ing power of thought, his wide range of vision, and the warmth and strength in presentation with which in his numerous works he has vindicated and developed an idealistic philosophy of life.

**Work:** Rudolf Eucken cantered his philosophy on the human experience. He maintained that man is the meeting place of nature and spirit and that it is man's duty to overcome his nonspiritual nature by actively striving after the spiritual life. Some of his major works are Main Currents of Modern Thoughts (1908) and Individual and Society (1923).

courtesy: wikipedia

We had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the sun But the hills that we climbed were just seasons out of time We had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the sun But the wine and the song like the seasons have all gone We had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the sun But the wine and the song like the seasons have all gone We had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the sun But the wine and the song like the seasons have all gone We had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the sun But the wine...





### LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

'Life Is Beautiful' is a 1997 Italian comedy-drama film directed by and starring Roberto Benigni, who co-wrote the film with Vincenzo Cerami. Benigni plays Guido Orefice, a Jewish Italian bookshop owner, who employs his imagination to shield his son from the horrors of internment in a Nazi concentration camp. The film was partially inspired by the book In the End, I Beat Hitler by Rubino Romeo Salmonì and by Benigni's father, who spent two years in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp during World War II.

The film was an overwhelming critical and commercial success. It received widespread acclaim, with critics praising its story, performances and direction, and the union of drama and comedy, despite some criticisms of using the subject matter for comedic purposes.

The movie won the Grand Prix at the 1998 Cannes Film Festival, nine David di Donatello Awards (including Best Film), five Nastrod'Argento Awards in Italy, two European Film Awards, and three Academy Awards, including Best Foreign Language Film and Best Actor for Benigni, the first for a male non-English performance.

### STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE SHARING



**Dr Sminto Augustine** 

ing to score high in international English language tests.

Kudos to Chintu sir and team for their love and enthusiasm towards the language.

Chintu sir! One of the best teachers I have ever come across. The one who sails through the deep ocean of English language, a strong leader for the team, a great mentor for the stu-

dents and a wonderful person to interact with!

Among the numerous IELTS coaching centres mushrooming in the city, Success Garten is one of its unique kind. The place would not just be for exam prep but for one's overall personality development, instilling great values and habits along with top notch English classes. The faculty members are really dedicated, friendly and approachable. Anybody wishing to learn English and preparing for their international English tests should drop by this institute and I'm sure you'll be amazed by the state-of-the-art facilities of this serene campus. The ambience is incredible with English at every nook and cranny, one falls really in love with the world of English! One can't just call it a coaching centre rather it's a great campus in itself.

The best place for your English language train- I am lucky that I could get a chance to spend over 3 months with them for my IELTS preparation and it was an amazing experience that I am very grateful for. I'm overwhelmed to share that I could score an overall 8.5 band with individual scores above 7.5.

A normal day at Success Garten kicks off with leading English dailies where Chintu sir analyses the headlines to grab vocabs and usages. This not only helps to hone your language skills but also to stay updated with the current affairs. The regular classes from 10am to 4pm make the students be in an atmosphere of English all day long. The special care they give to make us better English writers is commendable. The advanced writing sessions helped a lot to fine tune my essay writing styles. Also the one-on-one speaking sessions are pivotal in overcoming the intricacies in expressing ourselves and boosting our confidence to speak in English. The faculty members show adorable level of dedication to constantly train and evaluate the students. Along with the non-teaching staff who are very caring and supportive, the campus makes one feel at home! Thanking Chintu sir and team once again.

Dr Sminto Augustine is our Garten Pearl club member: Overall 8.5; L-9, R-9, W-7.5, S-8

ear language lovers, as we know, our language ambassadors Yomol and Backu are engaging in a conversation. The following extract is a piece of communication between them. What you are supposed

to do is to replace them with your family members/ beloved people and speak aloud the respective roles.

#### **CONVERSATIONAL PRACTICE**



*Revealing the characters* Backu & Yomol

Yomol: Hey buddy, how was your 2023?

Backu: It was a year of mixed effects!

Yomol: Naturally! Our life is full of different emotions.

*Backu*: You seem to be philosophical today.

*Yomol*: *There you are!* 

Okay, what's your favourite word of 2023?

Backu: You are really putting me in trouble.

As you know, I love every word in English language!

Yomol: It is really promising!

### Backu: Anyway, 'herald' is my favourite word of 2023. I saw it as part of a news item!

Yomol: Wow, it is really magical! Could you tell

me its meaning?

Backu: With pleasure, it's a verb; by this word,

we can mention that something good is

going to happen.

By the bye, what's your plan in 2024?

Yomol: 20-24 is my favourite year! I have a lot of

plans to be accomplished.

Backu: I wish you all the best in 2024!

Yomol: Thank you, same to you!

### **LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES**

#### Great Expressions using 'OXYMORONS'

When contradictory words come together in a usage, it is called an oxymoron which is a figure of speech. In speech, they can lend a sense of humour, irony, or sarcasm.

See the following example: 'A laconic politician, oh, it is an oxymoron!'

Here, laconic politician is an oxymoron. Politicians are known for their gift of the gab. So, if a politician does not speak much, it is a surprise.

The origin of the word 'oxymoron' tells us that the very word itself is oxymoronic. The word is derived from two ancient Greek words: oxys, which means "sharp," and moronos, which means "dull" or "stupid."

Just feel how the great poet William Shakespeare sprinkled oxymorons in Romeo and Juliet, Act 1, Scene 1. Can you find out some of them?

O brawling love! O loving hate! O anything of nothing first create! O heavy lightness, serious vanity! Misshapen chaos of well-seeming forms! Feather of lead,

bright smoke, cold fire, sick health! Still-waking sleep, that is not what it is! This love feel I, that feel no love in this.



#### 15 popular oxymorons have been listed, enjoy them!

- (1) beggarly riches (2) brisk vacancy (3) clearly misunderstood (4) cruel kindness
- (5) deceptively honest (6) extinct life (7) genuine imitation (8) joyful sadness
- (9) lascivious grace (10) melancholy merriment (11) Open secret (12) Only choice

(13) Original copy (14) student teacher (15) seriously funny

### SOUND FAMILIARISATION

1.glacier: /ˈglæs.i.ər/;/ˈgleɪ.ʃə/ -glay•shee•uhz

2.détente: /deɪˈtɒnt/ - day•tawnt 3. plateau: /ˈplæt.əʊ/ - pla•toh

4. moustache: /məˈstɑːʃ/; /ˈmʌs.tæʃ/ - muh•staash

## Laughing Moments

An MIT linguistics professor was lecturing his class the other day.

"In English," he said, "a double negative forms a positive. However, in some languages, such as Russian, a double negative remains a negative. But there isn't a single language, not one, in which a double positive can express a negative."





### Garten IELTS

#### **Garten Pearl: 8.5 club**

Overall a near impossible 8.5 band with an enviable individual split up of minimum 7!



Ajal Paul Baiju, Nadavayal Overall - 8.5, L-9, R-9, W-7, S-8



Sminto Augustine, Maikave Overall-8.5, L-9, R-9, W-7.5, S-8

### **Garten Ruby: 8 Band General Club (GT)**



Anujith R.B. Balussery



Jithin George, Palaghat Overall-8 L-8.5, R-9, W-7, S-7



Deepika Nambiar, Calicut Overall-8 L-9, R-9, W-7, S-7



L-9, R-9, W-7.5, S-7

#### Garten Ruby: 8 Club (Total 25 Gartiens) Overall a dazzling 8 band with an enviable individual split up of minimum 7! -- Academic Club (AT) -----



Arya Joseph





Jaic Thomas Pullurampara L-9, R-8.5, W-7, S-7



Jefrin Shibu Mananthavady L-8.5, R-8.5, W-7, S-7.5



Sreekandapuram L-8.5, R-9, W-7, S-7



Thiruvambady L-9, R-8.5, W-7, S-7



Abdul Rahiman Mangalore L-8, R-9, W-7, S-8



Manipuram L-7.5, R-8.5, W-7.5, S-7.5



Ann Melisa Davis









Mohammed Sameen



Mumbai L-8.5, R-8.5, W-7.5, S-7.5



Kalpetta L-8.5, R-9, W-7, S-7.5



Kenichira L-9, R-9, W-7, S-7.5



Engapuzha L-8.5, R-9, W-7, S-7.5



Feroke L-9, R-9, W-7.5, S-7



Koduvally L- 8.5, R-9, W-7, S-7

**Garten PTE** 

**Garten PTE: +75 club Gartiens** 



### **Garten OET**

#### Enjoy the level based sessions crafted in a power packed 6 tier learning platform!

#### **Garten OET Perfect B club: 39 Gartiens**



Aiswarya Shaii





Kallurutty L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B



Kodenchery L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B



Thiruvambady L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B



Pulpally L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B





Anagha Joy Mananthavady

Overall-74 L-74, R-71, S-77, W-73









Ashwin Nelson Dona Siby Emiya Catherine
Puduppady, Overall-75 Thiruvambady. Overall-81 Pulpally. Overall-78
L-75, R-79, S-70, W-81 L-76, R-82, S-84, W-83 L-79, R-77, S-87, W-77



 Namitha Anil
 Ninny
 Jijo T. Rajan

 Kalpetta. Overall-76
 Sulthan Bathery. Overall-79
 Nilambur, Overall-81

 L-80, R-69, S-90, W-66
 L-79, R-75, S-90, W-78
 L-81, R-90, S-89, W-75-1





Kooderanji L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B



Kollam L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B



Nilambur L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B

Stephy Joseph Thiruvambady L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B

Anju Varkey Chempukadavu L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B



Nidhin Sebastian Thamarassery L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B

Surya Jose Kakkadampoyil L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B

Anna Poul Sulthan Bathery L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B



Nithya Joseph Koombara L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B

Tinu Jose Ambalavayal L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B

Tabitha Raju



Kripa Mariya George Thiruvambady L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B

L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B



Raimol P.S. Kodenchery L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B



Anu K.S. Engapuzha L-B, R-B, W-B, S-B



1-63. R-84. S-79, W-67



Aniya Jaison

Overall-73 L-71, R-73, S-85, W-71

L-61, R-83, S-70, W-70

Chathamangalam Venappara
Overall-70 Overall-70
L-77, R-62, S-73, W-73 L-77, R-62, W-82, S-74



L-73, R-70, S-74, W-73

**Garten PTE: +70 club Gartiens** 

Perinthalmanna

Overall-74 L-72, R-68, S-74, W-80





L-68, R-73, S-79, W-71 L-66, R-72, S-86, W-69







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