

ROUGH DRAFT

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Words of Wisdom

by Juliebeth Lopez

"If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you."

Oftentimes we tend to avoid the difficult situations in life because we fear that they might be merely impossible to complete. For instance, many of us, when we are newbie drivers, will refrain from taking the freeway because we are intimidated by the rapid velocity of the cars. However, we fail to realize that it is through these obstacles that we learn and master new concepts that once seemed unfamiliar to us. Most importantly, when we are able to overcome a challenge, we feel extremely accomplished afterwards which gives us the confidence to conquer many more challenging tasks.

Perspective Piece

By Jonah Schneider

With the start of a new school year, all of us students have a fresh start to our classes. We have the opportunity to get into the mentality of working hard and smart. We need to be prepared to put our best effort into our assignments for all of our classes. Additionally, we need to properly manage our time and not wait to do our work until the night before or the morning of. It is always a good idea to ask classmates for help or visit the school's tutorial center. I know that when I am struggling with a subject in school, I usually ask my classmates to see if they know. We are all here in order to do the best we can, and we are all able to help each other with that. Also, remember that there is always a solution to problems you are having in school. If you are having trouble getting a textbook, see if you can find one somewhere else or work with a classmate and use theirs. If a concept from your class is difficult, and you do not want to ask the professor, a classmate, or a tutor, look it up on the internet. You have numerous tools for you to use so always keep in mind that you are able to succeed in your classes. Have a fantastic school year!



WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE

BY LUIS RAMIREZ

Magnanimous *adjective* [mag-nan-uh-mu-s]

Generous in forgiving an insult or injury; free from petty resentfulness or vindictiveness:

Ex. To be magnanimous in one's enemies

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<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/magnanimous>>.

Discombobulate *verb* [dis-ku m-bob-yuh-leyt]

To confuse or disconcert; upset; frustrate:

Ex. The speaker was completely discombobulated by the hecklers.

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<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/discombobulate>>

Trepidation *noun* [trep-i-dey-shuh-n]

Tremulous, fear, alarm, agitation, or perturbation

Ex. Less than a month before Election Day, Pressler seems to be feeling some *trepidation* about his movement in the polls.

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<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/trepidation>>.

Impetuous *adjective* [im-pech-oo-uh s]

Of, relating to, or characterized by sudden or rash emotion, etc.; impulsive:

Ex. Referring to his numerous divorces, he writes, "I was young, impetuous, and lonely."

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<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/impetuous>>

Ubiquitous *adjective* [yoo-bik-wi-tuh s]

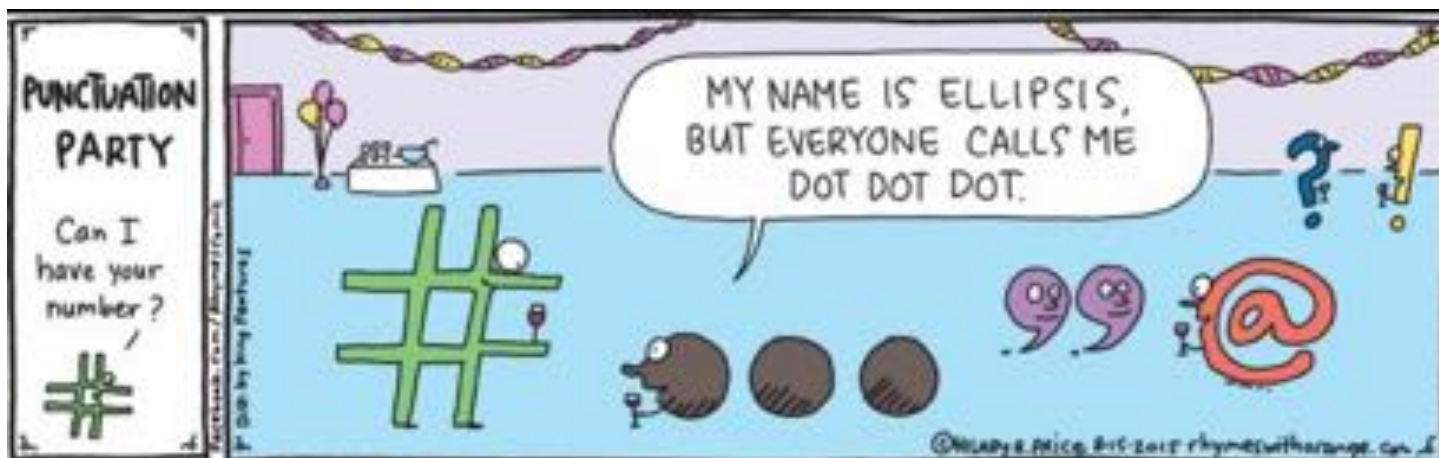
Existing or being everywhere, especially at the same time; omnipresent:

Ex. Ubiquitous fog, ubiquitous little ants.

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<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/ubiquitous>>.

COMIC OF THE MONTH

SELECTED BY ERNESTO RAMIREZ



Price, Hillary. "Punctuation Party." *Rhymes with Orange*, 15 Aug.

2015, www.rhymeswithorange.com/comics/august-15-2015. Cartoon.

GRAMMAR BYTES

BY TAYLOR MORENO

Homophones are words that often confuse students because they sound alike. They are words that sound alike, but have completely different meanings. For example, plain and plane. Plain is not decorated or elaborate; simple or ordinary in character. On the other hand, plane could mean a flat surface on which a straight line joining any two points on it would wholly lie, or (of a bird or an airborne object) soar without moving the wings; glide. It is important to understand the differences of words that sound alike.

TUTEE OF THE MONTH

BY RENEE PEREZ MORA

Gabriel Kezirian has been selected as this month's Tutee of the Month. Gabriel has continually demonstrated great commitment and successful strides forward here at the Writing & Reading Center. His diligent work ethic and commitment to develop as a writer is celebrated here among peers. In working with him one-on-one, getting to know his expert attention to details, it has been an amazing collaborative experience. Consistently, Gabriel applies his persistent "can do" attitude in his academic studies. With always a warm greeting, Gabriel's presence is an enlightening example of a student committed to lifelong learning. In Gabriel's free time, his hobbies include football, fishing, and working with animals in the great outdoors. His life goals include becoming a college football coach or work for the National Park Service.

Some of his favorite fishing spots include Shaver Lake and Courtright. Gabriel's best advice for FCC students on campus are: "Do your homework. Don't procrastinate. Keep calm and fight on."

Gabriel has excellent wisdom forward for us all. Keep up the great work forward, Gabriel, you are an inspiration to us all.



MEET THE TUTORS

ERNESTO REYES:



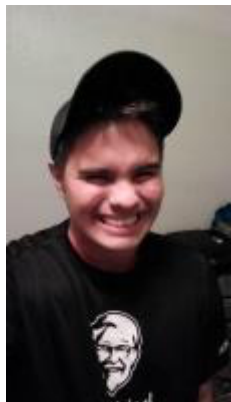
My name is Ernesto Reyes, but most people simply call me "Ernie." I attended Reedley College before transferring to Fresno State in the fall of last year. I am an English major, and this is my senior year in college—if all goes well, I will graduate this coming spring!

My two primary hobbies would have to be reading and writing, but I have a few other interests as well, e.g., I love going to the bay area for the nice weather and peaceful tranquility of the ocean—and for the clam chowder! Unfortunately, I don't have the time to go to Pismo or Monterey Bay whenever I like because, like most college students, I am fairly busy. Work, school, and socializing with others takes up a great deal of my time. When I'm not working or doing homework for a class or hanging out with friends, however, I like to spend time with my family, go for long walks, and watch old movies; I am also a fan of combat sports, and I mostly watch American boxing and Japanese professional wrestling. (The trilogy between Kazuchika Okada and Kenny Omega is really a thing of art.)

I really enjoy working at the WRC for a number of reasons. One main reason is for the proximity and closeness that small writing centers often provide. From my experience working in larger centers, there is definitely an air of singularity and detachment. However, this isn't the case for the WRC—where you're able to

know everyone on a professional and at times personal level, which creates a wonderful and stimulating environment for everyone.

LUIS RAMIREZ:



Hello, my name is Luis Ramirez. I am currently a student attending Fresno City College. My prerogative is to become an English teacher. A reason I love the idea of becoming an English teacher is because I love the challenge English based courses provide for me. Something about a student acquiring new knowledge is beautiful. I love the feeling of knowing I helped someone on an academic level. I am a huge fan of comic books. I believe there should be peace and tranquility between the D.C. and Marvel fans. An interesting fact about me is when I attended C.A.R.T. (Center of Advance Research and Technology) I would always find a way to establish a connection between literature and comic books. I believe education should be about learning something new through the process of reflection and connection. I only hope that I can acquire the necessary skills to one day teach an English class. Oh. Indie-Folk rocks!

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