

# IN ENGLISH Education

AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Language Day

This year Poznan University of Technology celebrated the Language Day for the tenth time. The anniversary took place on 28 November 2011 in the Polish-German Academic Center conference room.

Those with art talents could design their own matryoshka doll. All the necessary tools for creating dolls were waiting for the students in the Russian language section!

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**A**t 10 a.m. guests and students were welcomed by the Director of Modern Languages Department PhD Liliana Szczuka-Dorna and the Prorector for Education Professor Stefan Trzcieliński.

At the beginning of the event, the students had an opportunity to learn about the "Erasmus" program and the benefits it brings for those who wish to learn languages through traveling. In the first contest of that day the students could learn how to pronounce correctly the names of tools in English. Three contestants decided to compete in mastering these uncommon words for there was a valuable award awaiting the winner. Another contest was "German tongue-twisters" and its popularity exceeded the organizers' expectations.

At 12:00 the Deans of Poznan University of Technology had an opportunity to talk to leaders responsible for the teaching languages at different faculties.

Students could take part in many contests and present their knowledge of specific machinery and equipment parts, or recall the famous scientists and their inventions. All the contests were prepared for PUT students in accordance with their curriculum and thus were a form of education through play. Language crosswords and riddles attracted wide interest and participation also because of the valuable awards awaiting the winners. This day was also an opportunity to brush up on mathematics or demonstrate one's knowledge of popular movies.

By participating in geographical contests students could admire magnificent German and English cities and buildings, guess their names, or match them with their distinctive landmarks and ponder where to go after a successful winter examination session. Another contest which attracted wide interest was called "Mensa – students' canteen", which presented wonderful meals whetting everybody's appetite.

There was also a contest called "Denglisch" which showed how many borrowings from English are present in German and Polish. Does this mean that Europeans will use a common language one day like they use common currency? And does it mean the dusk of language teaching era?

For the time being, however, we are happy about the fact that there are more and more students at Poznan University of Technology who have a good command of one or two foreign languages. On Language Day no language classes were held, instead students were encouraged to come to the Academic Center and use their language knowledge in various contests treating themselves to some sweets provided by the organizers. Students had an opportunity to participate in any number of contests and not only in the language provided on their language course. If in one contest a few students received the same amount of points the prize had to be awarded by a lottery, for there could only be one award for the first place. Contests lasted from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the results were announced in two stages.

As each year, our "paparazzo", Eng. Henryk Szymański, perfectly captured the most beautiful moments of Language Day Anniversary.

The awards were sponsored by PUT's Deans, Department of Modern Languages, "LektorKlett" Publishing House, Langenscheidt Polska, Pearson Longman, and Nowa Era. All the organizers would like to thank for all the awards because without this support it would not be possible to hold this event. The winners

received book awards, pen-drives and cinema tickets. The event was also a host for book sale called Book Cellar.

Contests were held by all language teaching staff. Those who did not have classes on that day spent their free time playing together with students.

It is already a tradition of many universities that "Language Day" is celebrated once a year. The results of the contests showed that Poznan University of Tech-

nology students are aware of the importance of language skills, which confirms the validity of organizing such events.

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# TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER

## ASKING ABOUT THE WEATHER ZAPYTANIE O POGODĘ

**1. What is the weather like? What is it like outside?**  
Jaka jest pogoda ?

**2. Have you seen the weather forecast?**  
Czy widziałeś prognozę pogody?

## STARTING A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE WEATHER ROZPOCZYNANIE ROZMOWY O POGODZIE

**3. Nice day. isn't it?**  
Ładna pogoda , nieprawdaż?

**4. Beautiful day, isn't it?**  
Piękny dzień, nieprawdaż?

**5. Terrible weather, isn't it?**  
Okropna pogoda, nieprawdaż?

**6. It hasn't stopped raining/snowing for days.**  
Deszcz/śnieg pada od kilku dni .

**7. What strange/terrible /nice weather we are having.**  
Jaką nietypową/okropną/ładną pogodę mamy.

**8. I think it is going to rain/be a nice day.**  
Myślę ,że zanosi się na deszcz/ładny dzień.

**9. It looks like it is going to rain /snow.**  
Wydaje się ,że zanosi się na deszcz/śnieg .

**10. It looks like it isn't going to stop raining/snowing .**  
Wydaje się , że nie zanosi się by przestał padac deszcz /śnieg .

**11. We couldn't ask for a nicer day, couldn't we?**  
Dzień nie mógłby być ładniejszy, nieprawdaż?

## PREDICTING THE WEATHER PRZEWIDYWANIE POGODY

**12. I think it will clear up later.**  
Myślę , że później się rozpogodzi .

**13. I think it is going to rain.**  
Myślę , że zanosi się na deszcz.

**14. Look at the sky. It is going to rain.**  
Spójrz na niebo .Zanosi się na deszcz.

**15. It might rain later in the evening.**

Możliwe są opady deszczu później wieczorem .

**16. They are expecting heavy snow in the west.**  
Spodziewane są obfite opady śniegu na zachodzie .

## WORDS RELATED TO THE WEATHER SŁOWNICTWO ZWIĄZANE Z POGODĄ

sleet - deszcz ze śniegiem  
slush - błoto ze śniegiem  
blizzard - śnieżycy  
snowdrift - zaspas śnieżna  
humid - wilgotny  
heatwave - fala ciepła  
drizzle - mżawka  
shower - przelotny deszcz

downpour - ulewa  
torrential rain - ulewny deszcz  
hail - grad  
haze - lekka mgiełka  
mist - mgiełka  
fog - mgła  
breeze - bryza  
gale - wichura  
hurricane - huragan  
storm - burza  
thunder - piorun  
thunderstorm - burza z piorunami  
lightning - błyskawica  
to melt - roztopiać się  
to freeze - zamarzać  
to thaw - odmarzać

## ENGLISH - SPEAKING COUNTRIES QUIZ

# IRELAND

IRELAND - an island to the northwest of Europe. It is the third-largest island in Europe. To its east is the island of Great Britain, from which it is separated by the Irish Sea.

The island is divided between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, a part of the United Kingdom, which is located in the northeast of the island. The population of Ireland is approximately 6.4 million.

How much do you know about this beautiful country? Check yourself!

The answers are given at the bottom of the page.

**1. Which is the capital of the Republic of Ireland?**

- a. Belfast
- b. Cork
- c. Limerick
- d. Dublin

**2. The colours of Irish flag are:**

- a. Green, white, orange
- b. Green, white, red
- c. Blue, white, red
- d. Blues, white, green

**3. Which of the following Irish writers didn't receive the Nobel Prize for literature in the last century?**

- a. James Joyce
- b. Samuel Beckett
- c. Seamus Heaney
- d. William Butler Yeats

**4. What is Ireland's Eye?**

- a. A massive emerald
- b. A Dublin observation point
- c. A small island
- d. The prime minister's home

**5. What is Ireland's most popular tourist attraction?**

- a. Dingle Peninsula
- b. Eagle Island lighthouse
- c. Cliffs of Moher
- d. Drombeg Circle

**6. Which of the following bands is not from Ireland**

- a. The Cranberries
- b. U2
- c. Coldplay
- d. Boyzone

**7. Which one of the following is a traditional Irish sport?**

- a. hurling
- b. soccer
- c. tennis
- d. golf

**8. What is the name of the Irish currency?**

- a. The Dollar
- b. The Euro

- c. The Pound
- d. Franc

9. What type of festival is celebrated every Hallowe'en in Wexford?

- a. Fashion festival
- b. Opera festival

- c. Film festival
- d. Music festival

10. Which of the following emblems are associated with Ireland?

- a. The shamrock
- b. The clover

- c. The leaf
- d. The daffodil

Answers:  
1.D 2.A 3.A 4.C 5.C 6.C 7.A 8.B 9.B 10.A

