

Hello! It's Monday, April 5, 2010

I have the week off this week because it's spring break.

How was your weekend?

Did anyone do anything interesting last weekend?

My weekend was quite good.

I went to my in-laws house for Easter brunch, and it was my nephew's 18th birthday.

We cooked fish in the yard.

We grilled fish in the yard.

The weather here was
unseasonably warm.

Where do you live, Francisco?

If you want to ask a question of
your teacher directly, you will need
a microphone on your computer.

- English
- the passive voice

A lot of people who visit these
webinars ask questions about
English usage, expressions,

idioms, phrases, etc.

I have been working a lot lately.

I have worked a lot lately.

Sometimes the past participle is used as part of the passive voice and sometimes it's used like an adjective.

break / broke / broken

The window is broken. (adjective)

The window is old.

The window is cracked.

The window was **broken** by those

boys over there. (passive)

Those boys over there broke the window. (active)

I'm confused.

I'm confused by the lesson.

Who would like to ask me a question live?

....I'd like to express my gratitude.

get one's act together

He's trying to get his act together.

He can't get his act together.

act = behavior

(He has to work on improving his life.)

I was just talking with Jane. Could you hear our conversation?

Were you able to see my screen?

I can see your computer screen when I make you the presenter.

You'll have to check your preferences.

Is there something that really gets under your skin?

get under (one's) skin = something

bothers you; something causes
irritation

Is there a person who gets under
your skin?

Is there a situation that gets under
your skin?

Opponents of immigration reform
get under my skin.

opponent = a person who is
against something

I think she got up on the wrong
side of the bed this morning.

Driving in heavy traffic gets under my skin. (fear, irritation, you don't like it!)

I'm too scared to drive at all.

A lot of my students get into accidents in the winter when there's ice on the roads.

Has anyone ever given you the finger?

That guy just gave me the finger.

(this is a rude expression!)

If feels really bad to be given the finger.

road rage: someone loses control of his temper when driving.

Do you ever feel like you're going to go out of your mind?

go out of (one's) mind: go crazy; feel like you're losing control

_____ makes me feel like I'm going out of my mind.

rage = anger

outrage (noun) = extreme anger
outrageous (adjective)

It's an outrage that my boss is making me work late tonight.

That's outrageous.

These prices are outrageous.

It's an outrage to put up with these high prices.

I like the Beatles. There's a lot of new music that I like.

I like the Godfather series.
Star Wars.

"at all" = absolutely nothing

I don't like this at all.

She doesn't want to do it **at all**.

I don't want to drive at all.

She's not scared to drive at all.

I never want to drive at all.

What's out of fashion right now?

_____ is out of fashion.

_____ is out of style.

Neckties are going out of fashion.

I'm too scared to drive.

get a kick out of (something):
something amuses you; it interests
you

What do you get a kick out of
doing?

I get a kick out of playing with my
kids.

I get a kick out of watching
baseball games.

Long hair is going out of fashion
nowadays.

Does anyone have a question
about the lesson for today?

present passive

(be) + past participle

hold / held / held

My English class is held on
Monday and Wednesday.

meetings

classes

competitions

Games are held once a week.

She is very preoccupied by her mother's illness.

She has been very preoccupied recently because her mother has been very ill.

Have a good day!

