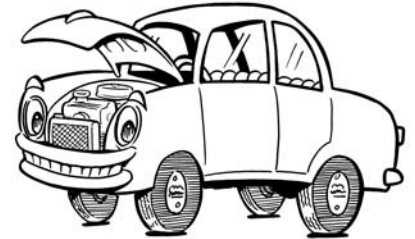


**“The Family Car”
ESL Lesson on Used Oil Recycling
Report FY 2010-2011
Marin County**



Eleven class record forms were received and invoiced during FY 2010-2011 in Marin County. All of the students in the classes were adult ESL learners and the classes were taught through the College of Marin non-credit ESL program. The classes are taught on the two campuses (Kentfield and Indian Valley) and at various community venues, and draw students from throughout Marin County. A total of 176 students participated in the classes. The classes were taught to beginning and intermediate level students.

Twelve languages were spoken by students in the classes, including Spanish, Russian, Portuguese, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai, Pashto, French, Haitian, Amharic, Italian and Hindi.

78% of the students had cars, and 53% of all students reported that they or someone in their household changed their own oil. This is more than three times the state average for DIYer households.

The feedback from teachers and students was very positive. Here are some excerpts from class record forms filled in this year by the teachers in Marin County:

- *“Most students participated in the reading and discussion. When asked if this lesson was useful, 100% said “yes.”*
- *“Positive! This lesson opened up a conversation on the importance of recycling of oil and other products. They could compare procedures followed in U.S. with those in their native countries.”*
- *“The students always love this lesson, especially the vocabulary. They are surprisingly ecologically aware and appreciate knowing where to recycle oil.”*
- *“They liked to learn all these relevant words about the environment and to practice them in context. A lot of them already recycle cans, bottles and paper, so they were happy to know they could recycle used oil, too.”*
- *“This unit is an important one to be included in our study. It affects their participation in the U.S. and makes them a part of the environment movement. Knowledge is power”*
- *“They enjoyed learning new words about recycling and about the environment. Some of them said they would tell their friends about how easy it is to recycle used oil.”*
- *“The lesson is well organized, with a lot of visuals and they loved the BINGO game.”*
- *“This is the best first day lesson plan ever. The students are happily surprised that it's not a “Hello, where are you from? lesson for two hours.”*
- *This lesson is excellent to teach the students to recycle used car oil and not to put it on the sidewalk or in a drain. It also has vocabulary that the students can use in talking about the environment, which is a timely topic.”*

More information on the program is available at www.thefamilycar.info.

Classes Invoice 2011

Instructor First Name	Instructor Last Name	Date	Location	Number in class	How many have a car	How many change oil
Elizabeth	Brousse	12/8/2009	College of Marin	15	9	2
Elizabeth	Brousse	4/10/2010	College of Marin	21	9	4
Elizabeth	Brousse	4/8/2010	College of Marin	15	10	3
Sheila	Reilly	6/16/2010	Indian Valley College-Novato	19	19	19
Sheila	Reilly	6/16/2010	Indian Valley College-Novato	15	15	15
Sheila	Reilly	8/18/2010	College of Marin-Indian Valley College	20	20	20
Cynthia	Schiff	9/2/2010	College of Marin (Kentfield Campus)	14	10	5
Cynthia	Schiff	9/13/2010	College of Marin (Kentfield Campus)	15	12	5
				134	104	73
					78%	54%