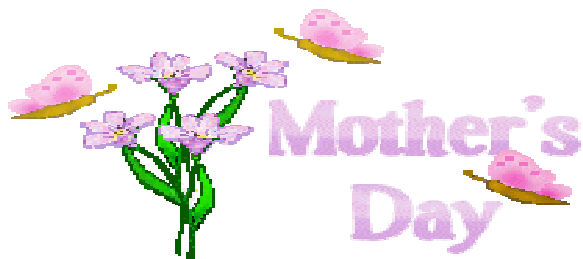


CrossTalk

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"M" is for the million things you gave me
"O" means only that she's growing old
"T" is for the tears she *shed* to save me
"H" is for her heart of purest gold
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining
"R" means right, and right she'll always be
Put them all together they spell mother
A word that means the world to me.

This is a famous poem in **honor** of mothers everywhere. It's **especially** popular in America and Canada on Mother's Day which is Sunday, May 11th this year. (It was March 30th in England).

Mother's Day is a time to show **appreciation** for the work, **sacrifice**, and love that mothers give their children.

Bringing her breakfast in bed, buying her flowers, or **gathering** for a family meal are all **traditional** ways children and husbands show mothers they love them.

It is also the day at so if you out for **reservations**



most **popular** restaurants, want to go dinner, make early!

Are you a dad? Don't **worry!** Father's Day is **celebrated** in June. There is even a Children's Day on May 5th!

There are some **strange** holidays in May such as: No Socks Day – on May 8th, Eat What You Want Day - on May 11th, Dance Like a Chicken Day - on May 14th, and, Body Painting Day - on May 28th!

GLOSSARY (These words are in orange in the story)

shed = 流す

appreciation = 感謝

traditional = 伝統的な

worry = 心配する

honor = 敬意

sacrifice = 犠牲

popular = 人気がある

celebrate = 祝う

especially = 特に

gathering = 集まり

reservations = 予約

strange = 変な

A Word From Us



Joshua Says: The famous writer Henry David Thoreau said that the things we have own *us* as much as we own *them*. I discovered that is true when I moved to a new apartment this month! I had so many things to organize, move, (and throw away) that I began to wonder if I possessed *them*, or they possessed *me*!

Junko Says: I'm very happy to say that five students have taken advantage of the opportunity to receive 80% enrollment fee from the government by signing up at CROSSROADS last month. Remember, the government will still pay 40%, so ask me for details and begin learning English with us!



Joanna Says: Thanks to the coming of summer, I'm now able to do a little gardening on my balcony. I've started growing herbs and strawberries, and also some eggplants because I love eggplant in curry! The only problem is that now I live in constant fear of those little green insects – aphids! Urrrrrghhh!

Drew Says: Hooray! Warm weather is here! I'm especially happy because I like to go to the gym and exercise in the morning. It is always difficult to wake up for exercise, but when it's cold and rainy, it's nearly impossible! The funny thing is, soon we'll all be saying the weather is too hot!



Tamara Says: I went to Tokyo for Golden Week and had a great time! It was definitely worth the 12 hour bus trip! I got to see Sensoji temple, the Tokyo Tower, the Imperial Palace, rode a giant ferris wheel, and best of all...I did **lots** of shopping! If you want to see my pictures let me know!

Greg Says: I enjoyed a relaxing Golden Week this year. But I remember an interesting Golden Week two years ago when I went to Las Vegas. That city is *always* interesting, and I had a lot of fun. But it was the weird crazy man I met that made it very unusual. Ask me about him and I'll tell you an amazing story!



Yuka Says: This year marks the 400th anniversary of Kabuki. Some people think Kaubuki is boring and old-fashioned, but I like Kabuki very much and think it is very interesting. A good place to see Kabuki is at the Kabukiza theatre in Tokyo. I'm sure you will enjoy the male actors' performances!

A Word From You

Kayo Otani Says: Recently, I was a tour guide for special new friends Martin and Kasper. They were part of a group of physically handicapped people visiting from Denmark! "They had a lot of fun here, and we all appeared on NHK T.V.!"



Yukiko Hihara Says: My son gave me his dog in April. Now I have 5 pets!



Setsuko Miyagawa Says: I took a test for ballroom dancing and passed! Now I will learn how to dance Latin dances like the Samba, Salsa, Merengue, and Cha-Cha-Cha. Let's dance!

Student News

Congratulations To:

Ichido Marabe – Ichido got his first job! He will work at NTT. He begins next year after studying Mechanical Engineering at Ehime University.

Easy English Lesson

WILL or GOING TO?

Use **will** and **going to** to talk about the future.

Will: Use **will** for *un-planned* actions. When you decide to do something as you speak.

John: Oh look, we're out of milk.

Noriko: We are? O.K. I'll buy some.

Going to: Use **going to** for *planned* actions.

Susan: What are you doing next weekend?

Yoshi: I'm **going to** see a movie.

Do you have a question? Please ask us!

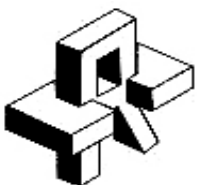
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