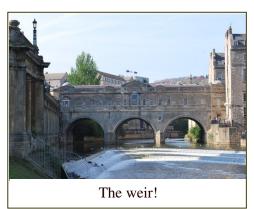


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Bath is a little known, small city in England. For me, it's one of the most if not the most beautiful cities in my home country. I was lucky to have lived there for a couple of years when I lived with my Aunt, who's since passed away, unfortunately.

Bath is set in a valley, surrounded by hills. It has a historic feel, having mainly been built in the Georgian era. (1714–1830). The stone for the building, known locally as "Bathstone," was quarried close to the city and has a very distinctive yellow colour.



The layout of the city is also interesting with a large weir (a water feature) in the centre of town.

There are also two rather splendid crescents – rows of grand terraced houses arranged in a curved shape, called the Royal Crescent and Landsdown Crescent. The Royal Crescent overlooks a park.



Tourists are especially drawn to the Roman Baths which give Bath its name. The presence of a hot spring gave rise to a public bath-house, much like Dogo Onsen.



And finally, the Roman Baths!

To the west is a canal, a waterway, which is part of a network of canals to carry goods relatively quickly, built in England at the time of the industrial revolution. There are several pubs along the canal which are great to visit in the summer.

Bath's most famous resident was Jane Austen, writer of 'Pride and Prejudice' and other novels. In English literature, she was the first recognised female writer and could give a woman's perspective on the world before the other famous female writers, the Bronte sisters.

I've included some photos of the city. I hope you like them and can get a sense of the place. Try to visit one day!!



Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: How was your Golden Week? It is said that "a change is as good as a holiday." I wonder if the reverse is true, that a holiday can bring on a change? Many of our students seem to be just a little more relaxed after the GW break, even somewhat refreshed, and keen to work harder on their English.... OK, perhaps this is just my hope, but, I at least, feel "refresher" and keen to work on improving your English. So let's get going!!

Junko Says: The "Dalemain World Marmalade Award Festival" was held in Japan for the first time, in Yawatahmama. This competition continued until the 19th of May. Over 1600 jars of marmalade were exhibited from 6 countries, including Japan. Past competitions have been held in England and Australia. I heard that at one of these someone from Yawatahama had won the gold meddle. This led to the competition being held Yawatahama this year. A minor event, to be sure, but one small step into the international community for Yawatahama!





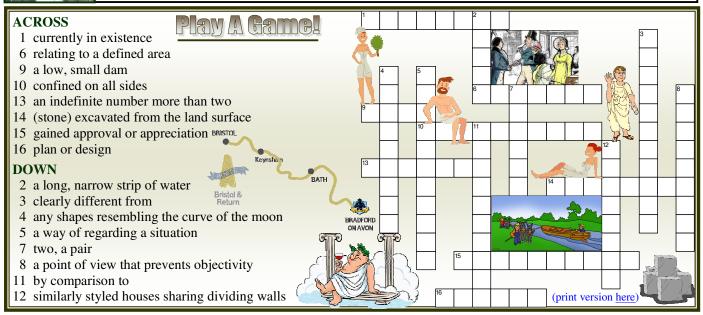
Kevin Says: I've experienced the Cherry Blossoms! I have to say that it was a great experience. Everybody should see the beautiful bloom at least once in a lifetime. Somebody asked me if the UK have Cherry blossoms. I don't think the tree is a native species so no is the answer to that. Japan is blessed with this seasonal phenomena. Enjoy.

Darrin Says: The origin of rugby football is reputed to stem from an incident during a game of English school football at Rugby School in 1823, when William Webb Ellis is said to have picked up the ball and run with it. Although there is no actual proof this event took place, it was immortalized at the school with a plaque unveiled in 1895. Despite the doubtful evidence, the Rugby World Cup trophy is named after Webb Ellis.





<u>Mandcy dit</u>: Ce mois-ci, c'est avec tristesse que les parisiens ont assisté à l'incendie de Notre-Dame. J'ai été très émue de voir les vidéos à la télévision. Victor Hugo disait qu'elle était le cœur de Paris. Toutefois, je sais que nous pouvons la reconstruire et je suis confiante en l'avenir. En parallèle, au Japon, nous avons accueilli un nouvel empereur et nous sommes entrés dans une nouvelle ère. Je me réjouis d'être à vos côtés pour cette nouvelle periode de l'histoire. Espérons que l'avenir sera radieux et en paix!



S(A)3's Kanako went to Guam during GW as a tour guide. Here's her report:

Hafa adai Guam!

Have you ever been to Guam? I visited there as a tour conductor during GW holidays. Guam has plenty of resort hotels, beaches, magnificent views and other tourist attractions. So, if you want to enjoy a tropical resort to the fullest, you should take a trip to Guam. Here's why:

1. Access is quite easy - The flight time is only about 4 hours from Japan. In addition, the time difference is just 1 hour so you can enjoy your holiday without suffering from jetlag.

2. Beautiful nature – Guam is synonymous with the blue sea. Tumon Bay is located in the center of Guam. The sea is relatively calm and crystal clear, so you can enjoy swimming safely. You can also enjoy other marine activities to the full.

"Two Lovers' Point" is a spot with magnificent views you won't want to miss while there. You can get a great view of Tumon Bay and the beautiful coastline with a telescope. The name comes from an old tale of tragic love in Guam. Now, it's an especially popular spot among couples.

3. Delicious food – There are many kinds of good restaurants around Guam. I especially recommend the restaurant "Proa." You can enjoy some barbecues and "Chamorro" food (Guam's traditional cuisine) there. I tried the spare ribs and chicken with red rice. They're very delicious. The service was good too. I'd like you to try these foods.



Main Street Downtown



Tumon Bay Beach



View from Two Lovers' Point



Chamorro

Guam is full of exciting attractions: Marine leisure, driving, spots with magnificent views, ocean-view restaurants, cafes that are popular with the locals. Guam is a land of perpetual summer. Let's enjoy the natural charms of a tropical isle!

