

CrossTalk

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter, January 2010

The Year of the Tiger

*Tyger, tyger burning bright,
In the forests of the night,...*

These are the first two lines of a famous poem by William Blake (1757-1827). In the fifth stanza of his poem, Blake asks...

*Did He who made the
lamb make thee?*

Blake, and many other artists, poets, musicians and writers throughout the ages have been fascinated with, and inspired by, these magnificent creatures. *Awesome, terrifying, regale and majestic* – as befitting a king or an emperor; as well as, *sleek and graceful*. These are some of the adjectives that are commonly used to describe the tiger. But, how about “cute”, “funny”, “charming”, even “cuddly”!

In the hands of Disney, Shere Khan, the fearsome tiger from Rudyard Kipling's “The Jungle Book”, although ferocious and cunning, is also depicted as somewhat goofy! Tigger the tiger from the Winnie the Pooh stories, is always happy, never frightening.

We can even see images of tigers used to promote commercial products. Kellogg's Frosted Flakes has Tony the Tiger as its mascot – no doubt the only vegetarian feline that has ever existed! ESSO, now EXXON, entices motorists to “put a tiger in your tank”, and you can see a large image the Exxon Tiger standing outside most of their gas stations beckoning patrons to fill-up with their petrol, plus tiger!



In the world of sport, tigers are used everywhere as mascots. From the 1988 Seoul Olympics' tiger cub mascot, “Hodori”, to professional football and baseball teams all over the world, the tiger is probably the most commonly used mascot in all of sport. Here in Japan we have the Hanshin Tigers baseball team, and in America, their cousin cats, the Detroit Tigers. Sydney has the Balmain Tigers ruby league football team and in England, there is the Leicester Tigers rugby club.

The fact is, tigers are everywhere around us; everywhere, that is, except where they are supposed to be – in the jungle. The sad truth is that these days, tigers are almost extinct in the wild. Soon, if we do not do something to protect them, they will *only* exist in our imaginations!

In this Year of the Tiger, let's resolve to keep this magnificent creature free and alive, both in our imaginations, *and* in the jungle.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!



Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson

Net News

NET LESSONS: Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS?... Try our *lessons on the Internet!* It's CROSSROADS in your home or office! You get CROSSROADS' great teachers, teaching programs, even classmates, *on-line!* Call for details: **089 9217595**

NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

See some striking portraits of tigers here: www.guardian.co.uk/environment/gallery/2009/apr/15/bengal-tigers-faces-photography

NET NOTEBOOK: Don't forget to take a look at the Internet activity notebook in our open-house. You'll find games, news and English learning sites.

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: Here we are again at the start of another new year. But this year I am expecting some big changes for our school that will make it “a year to remember”! Watch for our new members system to finally get off the ground and running; also we have plans for a “new” Open House format with a new décor and new services for all our students. All of this, I hope, will make our school even more unique than we already are!!

Junko Says: From the middle of January we have been having very cold weather. Did you know that the coldest day ever recorded in Japan was -41°C. This was in 1902 in Asahikawa City on Hokkaido. At this temperature, boiling water can turn into smoky ice-dust in a second! The lowest temperature ever recorded in Matsuyama was -5°C. That was towards the end of February, 1981. Often, the coldest days are recorded in February, but signs of a new spring start in February also. These days I’m looking forward to the end of winter!



Alessio Says: Here in Japan Christmas is not as important as it is in Europe. I miss its atmosphere a bit! And above all, I miss the amazing everlasting Christmas dinner with my family! arghhhh... In particular in Latin countries such as Spain, France or Italy, Christmas meals last ages!!! You can start eating appetizers at 12am and at 6pm you are still there!!! and even if your belly is completely full, there will be a grandma serving you (but I should say “forcing you to eat”) the next course! Anyway, HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYBODY!!! :)

Greg Says: Happy new year everyone! I hope 2010 is full of happiness and good health. Last month I took my daughter to Kobe to have some fun at Kidzania. What an amazing place it is!! It’s a little village inside a large building where kids can experience different types of jobs and get paid (play money of course). My daughter was a Radio Announcer, a nurse and a fire fighter. Every job you can imagine is there; doctors, police, judges, lawyers and even couriers.



Kevin Dit: Une année est passée, une nouvelle commence ! De la même façon, Emilie est partie vers de nouveaux horizons, et je suis arrivé pour la remplacer. Je suis ravi de pouvoir prendre le relais pour vous enseigner le français et partager ma culture avec vous ! Entamons donc ensemble cette nouvelle année en espérant qu'elle soit belle ! Bonne année à tous!

NOTICE BOARD



"Happy New Year"
to all Our Students,
your friends and families!

From your teachers and staff

Some Useful New Year Resolutions:

1. I will do "10 minutes every day!"
2. I will contribute my "news" to P3 of our newsletter whenever I have something interesting to talk about.
3. I will come to Crossroads more often, once the new Open House is ready.
4. I will read more foreign language articles in my spare time at home.
5. I will watch more English (and other language) movies.
6. I will encourage all my friends to study a foreign language.
7. I will always put out the trash on collection day for my mother.
8. I will start to think of my boss as a "good guy", instead of a ba-----!
9. I really, really, will study harder.
10. I will stop eating too many cakes.



AND... Don't forget about the 1+1
Campaign!!! Introduce your friends and get
great discounts on their tuition fees and on
your own fees, too! - A great idea to start the
New Year with, don't you think?!

クロスローズの好きなコースで英語を学ぶ。

"GENERAL" (ジェネラル) コース

英語+実践練習

60分 x 2回/週:

1学期-4ヶ月毎にレベルが上がる
クロスローズのメインプログラム

90分 x 1回/週:

忙しい方のための週1レッスン

プライベート(個人)

月2回からレッスン回数自由選択

セミプライベート(セミ個人):

月3回からレッスン回数自由選択

クロスローズで学べるその他の外国語

フランス語 - スペイン語 - ドイツ語 - イタリア語 - ロシア語 - 中国語 - 韓国語

COSMOPOLITAN (コスモポリタン) コース

英語+実技を通した実用練習、だから誰でも分かる、自然に上達する。

英語でギターを習う

英語で歌う

英語で料理

英語でマジック

ピアノ

英語劇

ヨガ

NET(ネット) レッスン

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レッスン料 ¥4,725/月~
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KIDS' (キッズ) クラス

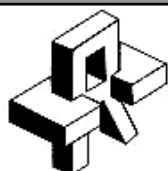
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MOTHER & CHILD

(マザー&チャイルド)

グループOR プライベート



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