

Crossroads

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter, August 2011

Queen Victoria (Alexandrina Victoria; 24 May 1819 – 22 January 1901) was Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from 20 June 1837 until her death. From May 1876, she was also the Empress of India.

Queen Victoria was the United Kingdom's queen for 63 years and 7 months, the longest of all British monarchs and the longest of any female monarch in history. Her long reign is known as the Victorian era - a period of massive industrial, cultural, political, scientific, and military change within the United Kingdom. The Victorian era also saw huge expansion of the British Empire.

When she became queen at 18, the United Kingdom was already an established constitutional monarchy, in which the Sovereign held relatively few direct political powers. Privately however, she attempted to influence government policy and ministerial appointments. Publicly, she became a national icon, and was identified with strict standards of personal morality.

In 1840, she married her first cousin, Prince Albert. They had 9 children and 26 of their 42 grandchildren married into royal and noble families across the continent, tying them together and earning her the nickname "the grandmother of Europe".

Queen Victoria



Interestingly, she survived several assassination attempts. On 29 May 1842, Victoria was riding in a carriage along The Mall, London, when a gunman named John Francis aimed a pistol at her but did not fire because his hand was shaking so much with nerves. The following day, Victoria drove the same route, though faster and with a greater escort, in a deliberate attempt to provoke Francis to take a second aim and catch him in the act. This time, Francis shot at her and missed. He was immediately caught by the police and, convicted of high treason, sentenced to death (this was later reduced to 'transportation for life' to Australia). Strangely, on 3 July, two days after Francis's death sentence was commuted to transportation for life, John William Bean also fired a pistol at the Queen, but it was loaded only with paper and tobacco! He was sentenced to 18 months in jail. In a similar attack in 1849, unemployed Irishman William Hamilton fired a powder-filled pistol at Victoria's carriage as it passed along Constitution Hill, London.

In 1845, Ireland was hit by a potato blight. In the next four years over a million Irish people died and another million emigrated to America in what became known as the Great Famine. In Ireland, Victoria was labeled "The Famine Queen".

Article by Matthew

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Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: We, again, had a great party for the “end-of-term” performance night last month. The atmosphere was very friendly and very up-beat. I’m sure that all who came had a very enjoyable time. Jonathan played a couple of pieces on the guitar and accompanied Yumiko through a few songs in English, Ludovic “sang” in French and the performances were excellent. Check out the photos on P3.

Junko Says: Congratulations to Greg’s daughter, Joy. Last month she participated in the world Junior Golf Championships in America, representing Japan. And she did very well too! She came 20th in the world in the under-10 age group in the World Juniors, and 8th in the World Master’s tournament in her age group. What an amazing achievement! And, what an amazing experience for Joy!!



Jonathan Says: As Matthew is taking over some of my classes, I’d like to thank all those students I’ll be leaving for making my work at Crossroads so enjoyable; and, of course, to welcome all the new students I will be taking over from Alex, Greg and Sean.

Matthew Says: After two weeks living here in Matsuyama I am over the moon. I have come to a beautiful part of the world and am very happy to be in Japan now with very kind, polite and charming people. I do miss my dog Murphy but I hope he will join me in February to also enjoy Japanese culture! Are Japanese dogs as polite as the people, I wonder?



Greg Says: Last month my daughter and I traveled to San Diego and Las Vegas (it was 45 degrees in Las Vegas). Joy did really well for her first international golf tournament. She was 4th after the first day in the World Championships in San Diego and finished 20th after the 3rd day. In the World Junior Master’s in Vegas she came 8th.

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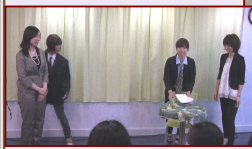
Some shots from last month's Performance Night



In(b)1 with, "It's a Small World"



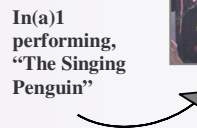
A BIG "thank you" to everyone who participated!!



Yumiko sang a few songs accompanied by Jonathan



Jonathan's solos are always worth waiting for



In(a)1 performing, "The Singing Penguin"



Last month Greg's daughter, Joy, played in the Callaway World Junior Golf Championships and the World Master's Junior Golf Championship – both tournaments were held in America, and Greg went with Joy for these events. Joy amazed everyone (except, perhaps, Greg) by doing amazingly well. In the World Junior's she came 20th – that's in the world, folks! And in the World Junior Masters, she came 8th! What a great experience she (and Greg) must have had. And, what a great ambassador for Japan - and Matsuyama - she is becoming!



Joy at Callaway (far left), and at the Masters in Las Vegas (center)

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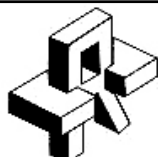
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