

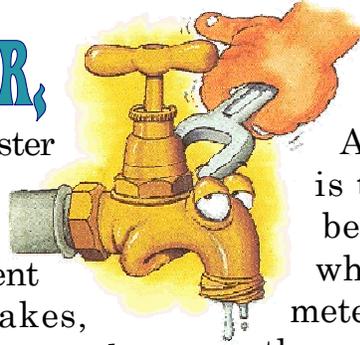
# Crossroads

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter, February 2012

## Waste Not Water,

After last year's nuclear disaster water conservation in Japan has become very important. Water conservation helps prevent water pollution in nearby lakes, rivers and underground water pockets and saves you money on your utility bill. Most water saving methods can be achieved at little cost. For example, 75% of water used indoors is in the bathroom, and 25% of this is for the toilet. The average toilet uses 4 gallons per flush so by simply reducing the number of times you flush the toilet will save water. If you put an inch or two of sand or pebbles inside each of two plastic bottles to weigh them down and fill the bottles with water, screw the lids on, and put them in your toilet tank, safely away from the operating mechanisms you could also save ten or more gallons of water per day.

To save water in other ways, check taps and pipes for leaks because a small drip can waste up to 20 gallons of water per day. To check your toilets for leaks, put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately.



## Want Not Water!

Another way of checking for leaks is to read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, then you have a leak.

Also, in the bathroom, take shorter showers and turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water. Also ask yourself if it is necessary to keep the water running while brushing your teeth or cleaning vegetables. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing and rinse your vegetables in a pan of clean water.

Finally, keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge because running tap water until it becomes cold for drinking is also very wasteful.

*Article by Matthew*

## Net News

**NET LESSONS:** Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS?....Try our *lessons on the Internet!*

\* Call for details: **089 9217595**

**SITE OF THE MONTH:**

Learn about the water cycle with this fun game:  
[http://apps.southeastwater.com.au/games/education\\_kidsroom\\_wcactivity.asp](http://apps.southeastwater.com.au/games/education_kidsroom_wcactivity.asp)

# *Some Thoughts for the Month*



**Joshua Says:** I often wonder what you, our students, think about our school; are there things you'd like us to do differently? Are you satisfied with the way we are teaching you? Judging by the very few students who have left us over the last few years, I guess we are doing something right! But, can we do better? Soon, we will hand out a questioner for you to fill out. Of course, you don't have to complete it if you don't want to, but it would be nice to hear your thoughts!

**Junko Says:** I'm very keen to encourage you to take a serious look at our overseas study programs. A journey, no matter how short, will always open our minds to something new, and this has never been as important for Japan as it is now. The more that people embrace internationalism and make the effort to study a foreign language, travel to other countries, etc, the greater the benefits will be for Japan as a whole. Please keep your dreams alive!



**Jonathan Says:** The Queen of England will soon celebrate 60 years on the throne. There are lots of articles in the British press about what it means to be British. Of course, opinions vary but the words 'freedom of speech', 'openness' and 'tolerance' crop up again and again. The British are pessimists and like complaining about their country. However, deep down, most of them think it's the best place to live in the world.

**Matthew Says:** There are so many words in English to describe the weather; crisp, fresh, nippy, bitter for 'cold'. Roasting, baking, boiling for 'very hot' and blowy, breezy, blowing a gale for 'windy' and spitting, drizzling, and bucketing for 'raining'. Also fascinating is that after 500 years of recording and predicting the weather, meteorologists still get it wrong – my method is to just look out the window and check.



**Arno Dit:** Une grande vague de froid touche l'Europe, mais Février est là pour réchauffer nos coeurs ! Le mardi gras, cette année le 21 février, où l'on se déguise et où l'on mange des crêpes ! Les enfants adorent, moi aussi. Et pour les plus grands, c'est bientôt la St Valentin, rendez-vous romantique ou dégustation de chocolat :)

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## THE TOP 5 PLACES IN EUROPE - ACCORDING TO YUKARI...

After they returned from trips in Europe, Eriko asked Yukari about her favorite places to visit there. Here is Yukari's "Top 5 List":

1. **INNSBRUCK** - I love this city the best! It was once under the Imperial control of the Habsburgs, so many buildings show traces of the Middle-ages. It's so pretty! I enjoyed a visit to a Christmas market there, too.
2. **MUNICH** - This city has many big beer halls. Not only are the halls big, the beer glasses are also! I enjoyed drinking beer there!
3. **VENICE** - I rode on a gondola while drinking champagne there. I had a nice time.
4. **LUCERNE** - I stayed at the *Jail Hotel*. It is a hotel that, from 1862 to 1998, used to be a jail, but was converted into a hotel.
5. **LONDON** - Though I didn't have high expectations of London, I like it now! I stayed only one night, but I liked the atmosphere there.



So... do you agree? Tell us about your favorite places for a vacation.

## ... AND, WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF TRAVELLING...

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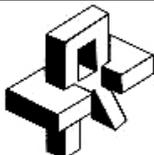
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