

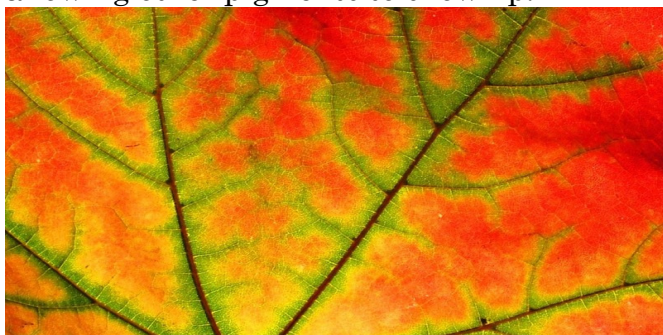
# CrossTalk

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter December, 2021

## AUTUMN COLOURS

The end of the year in many countries of the northern hemisphere is the favourite season for nature lovers, as the landscape undergoes a dramatic shift in its colour palette, from all hues of green, yellow and red into a subdued colours of grey, bronze and snowy white. Especially deciduous trees can totally transform the countryside, before changing into their winter attire.

You may have wondered where these colours come from, if the leaves are mostly all green. They, in fact already have all the colours in them, it's just that the green pigment, chlorophyll is the most prominent for the most part of the year. And as the temperatures start to fall and nights get longer, the veins in the leaves begin to shrink and limit circulation of nutrients, and that causes chlorophyll to disappear, allowing other pigments to show up.



What we enjoy watching so much is essentially a process of a whole tree shutting down its photosynthesis, getting ready to survive long, dark and cold winter nights. Winter is a testing time for trees so, to conserve energy and water, they shed all their leaves. This may also happen during particularly hot summers when trees lose too much moisture, so dropping leaves is a form of self-preservation. However, not all trees respond to the change in the climate equally.

Each tree is actually an individual organism, so reacts in its own way. That's why one tree can still retain its green colour well into the autumn season, while others, growing immediately next to it, may be crimson red or even already defoliated.



Observing autumn colours generates huge business for many countries as a tourist attraction, enticing hikers, photographers, painters and anyone in between, to admire breath-taking spectacles of nature. An imminent climate change phenomenon rears its ugly head even here, shifting the timing and length of the process, having a knock-off effect not only for us, but also wildlife that shares a living space with the forests.

And speaking of the English word "Autumn", we are commonly led to think that it is a British equivalent of "Fall" in American English, but "Fall" has always been the go-to word for describing the season in the UK. It only changed to "Autumn" relatively recently – in the grand scheme of things – when, in 18<sup>th</sup> century, the French word *automne* became a more popular choice.

*Article by Marek*

## Net News

**NET LESSONS:** Too busy to come to CROSSROADS?

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Please visit this link for extra reading:

<http://justfunfacts.com/interesting-facts-about-autumn/>

# Some Thoughts for the Month



**Joshua Says:** Well, this is it, our last month in ISSEI building. As everyone should know by now, we're about to move to our new location, just around the corner above the Family Mart outlet (see the maps on P3), We'll be opening classes in our new school after the New Year break on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January. We'll be on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor and the view is fantastic! It was going to be hard to improve on our present situation, but I think we have done it! I hope everyone agrees!!

**Junko Says:** Everything that exists always naturally changes, but sometimes we need to have courage to face changes. Crossroads is now in the middle of a change and a new start. I would like to say thank you very much to all of you who are accepting this process of change easily, and even expressing feelings of excitement about it. One thing this change will not affect is our commitment to do our best to support your (foreign languages) study, as always!



**Marek Says:** I'm sure we've all heard of the new virus variant, Omicron. But why was it named Omicron? WHO decided to assign Greek numbers to Covid variants, in order, as they are discovered. There are more variants than the general public knows about, but so far, only certain ones became prominent, hence the seemingly random naming pattern. Greek number nomenclature is a lot easier to use than the scientific name used for the latest variant, B.1.1.529, which is really hard to remember!

**Mandey dit:** Saviez-vous que le Père Noël est américain? En effet, c'est Coca Cola qui a inventé le personnage en 1822. Un gros bonhomme tout rouge et tout mignon qui fait rêver des milliers d'enfants. Le père Noël n'est donc pas religieux et on peut le célébrer dans le monde entier. J'espère que vous avez tous été bien sage cette année!! Sinon, pas de cadeaux!! Joyeux Noël et bonne année à tous. Je vous présente mes meilleurs vœux. 2021 a été riche en émotion avec le coronavirus et les jeux olympiques. Espérons que 2022 sera plus joyeux.



## ACROSS

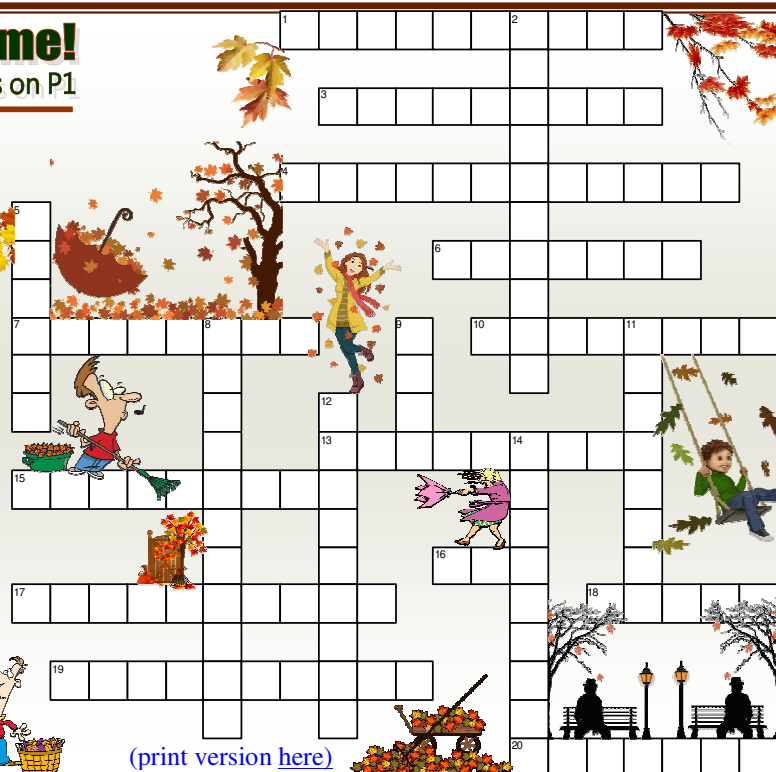
- 1 a remarkable development
- 3 plants that shed foliage
- 4 protection from loss or damage
- 6 something to mix colors on
- 7 close in time
- 10 highly attractive
- 13 having the experience of
- 15 most noticeable
- 16 tone, tinge, tint
- 17 remarkable display
- 18 rises up
- 19 lost its leaves
- 20 soften in tone or sound

## DOWN

- 2 being equal to
- 5 become smaller
- 8 basically, fundamentally
- 9 get rid of
- 11 use cautiously
- 12 foods that supply the body with energy
- 14 create

## Play A Game!

Find the answers on P1



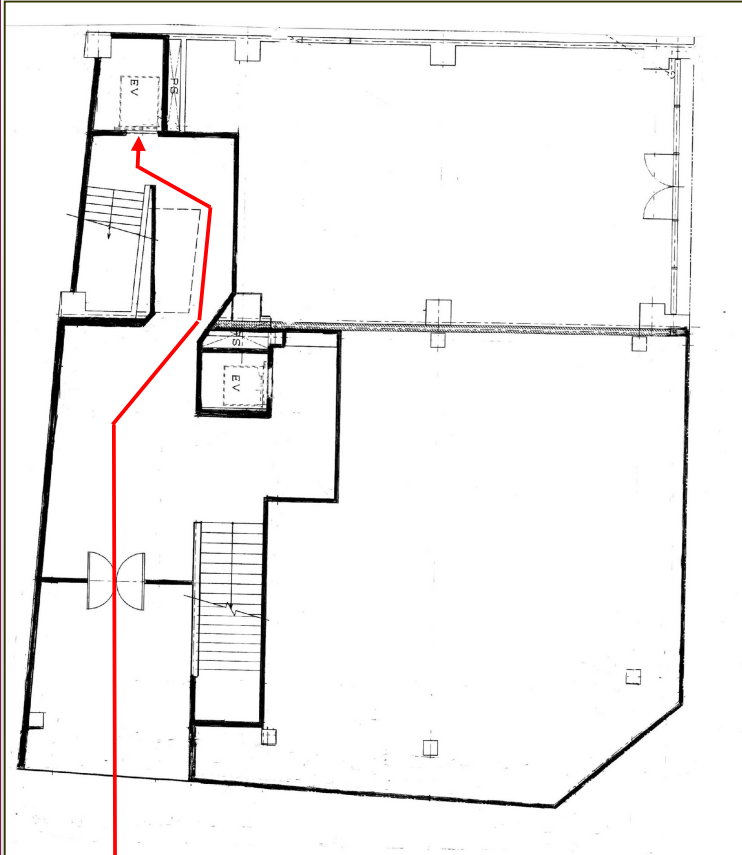
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## We are moving!!

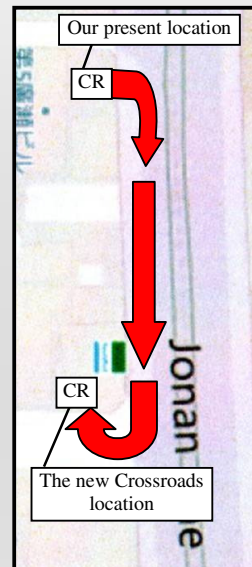
This year, Crossroads will be closed for the New Year holidays from the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2021. And, when we come back on the 11th of January 2022, we'll be in our new building. It's just around the corner

from our present location next to FamilyMart - only a hundred meters or so...

Please take a look at the maps here if you think you'll get lost....



When you enter the building, go to the **back** elevator to get to us on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor.



### Our new address is:

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## Last Month's puzzle Solution



### ACROSS

- 1 extend over or cover part of
- 6 approximate calculations of
- 10 a remarkable happening
- 15 holes made by animals
- 16 very short or little
- 17 happening at the same time
- 19 in an uncontrolled manner
- 20 described as similar

### DOWN

- 2 come to the surface
- 3 get the meaning
- 4 in a weak position, defenseless
- 5 a period of inactivity
- 7 going forward despite of risk
- 8 at risk
- 9 in a relative manner
- 11 what needs to be eaten to maintain life
- 12 grow vigorously
- 13 an epidemic disease
- 14 a brief indulgence of a desire
- 18 natural or instinctive, not conditioned by learning



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