

13TH LABOR GAKUEN NEWSLETTER: SEP 2012

Movie Marathon, Common Mistakes, Funny Stories, Favourite Places & More!



Beer Garden July 22nd 2012



THANKS to all the 130 students who came to this year's Beer Garden at Kikusui Restaurant in Gion. The weather was perfect and quite a few ladies wore lovely yukata! We hope that you had a chance to chat with your teacher (Mark, Kris, Justin, Brooke, Graham or Jane) and to meet someone new.

We also hope that you had a lovely summer holiday and now feel refreshed and ready to study again from October!





My Favourite Café by Brooke



My favourite café, just opened in February this year, is called **Sentido**. It's located in the heart of Kyoto, near Karasuma-Oike, just north of Shinjikan.

The staff, who both trained to be baristas in Australia, have also worked in coffee shops overseas and traveled to countries, like Brazil, to learn more about coffee.

That's why the coffee is so delicious! On different days, they feature different kinds of coffee from various countries. You can also buy coffee beans to take home. And in summer, how about a nice, cold smoothie – you can choose from banana, raspberry or café mocha.



←Raspberry Smoothie

You have to try the food too! The Mexican rice is delicious and not too spicy (so it doesn't distract you from the taste of the coffee) and the avocado & shrimp sandwich wraps are especially yummy when toasted. For breakfast or afternoon tea, I recommend the banana bread – just like in Australia!

Only quite small, but very modern and comfortable, **Sentido** is a great place to get away from the hustle and bustle of the crowds when you're out shopping (and only a short walk from Daimaru or Zest parking lots!).

Common mistakes #1

The - - - - of - - - -



I went to the house of Suzuki.

Do you mean Suzuki's house?



I bought these boots of leather.



Do you mean leather boots?



Using “boots of leather” isn't wrong, but “leather boots” sounds more natural. Using “**The - - - - of - - - -**” can make the thing you are talking about sound grand or important e.g. The Statue of Liberty or The Prince of Wales.



Common Mistakes #2

Go + action/ go to + place



I'm going ~~to~~ shopping.



You mean, you're going shopping.



I went ~~to~~ skiing



You mean, you went skiing.



*I'm going to the shops.



Get me something nice, then!



(* This sentence is correct)

Tell us your story

We all have some funny stories about things that have happened to us. We want to hear about yours! Send an email to Justin at justgone2@gmail.com with your funny story. Any funny story is OK! Below is an example...

My Funny American Story

A few years ago I went to San Fransisco. I visited Alcatraz - it's a famous island with an old prison on it. I walked around the prison for an hour and took a lot of photos. When I was walking back to the boat I noticed my camera wasn't in my bag. I had lost it! I went to the Information counter and told them I had lost my camera. The staff member looked at me and laughed. "Your camera? It's round your neck!" It was embarrassing but funny! Justin, Kyoto.



In the next newsletter we will print a few of the best ones, so why not send us your story?

Questions to the teachers

Mark's answers

- 1.) Pretty good.
- 2.) I didn't go anywhere in particular, just around Kansai.
- 3.) I went to Todaiji and to Kameoka, Uji and Arashiyama.
- 4.) Each was fun, but the water ride from Kameoka to Arashiyama was the best!
- 5.) I met my brother who came from England, that was cool.



Brooke's answers

- 1.) Fantastic!
- 2.) I went to Taiwan by myself.
- 3.) I studied Chinese, went to a hot spring & ate at night markets.
- 4.) Studying Chinese was difficult.
- 5.) Yes, a very friendly girl who worked in a museum in Taipei.

Questions

- 1.) How was your summer holiday?
- 2.) Where did you go?
- 3.) What did you do?
- 4.) How was it?
- 5.) Did you meet anyone?



Justin's answers

- 1.) Not too bad at all. A bit busy though.
- 2.) We went to Scandinavia for 3 weeks.
- 3.) Lots of walking and sightseeing. We went to Legoland, saw fjords, ate lots!
- 4.) Great! The weather was fine and the sights were amazing!
- 5.) We met the North Korean Women's Olympic football team!

Kris' answers

- 1.) It was good. I kept really busy.
- 2.) My family and I went to Wakayama for a few days.
- 3.) We went to Adventure World.
- 4.) It was fun. Rick loved the lions.
- 5.) Yes, we met a very friendly old couple in Susami. Their life in the country seemed so much more relaxed.

Studious Students!!!

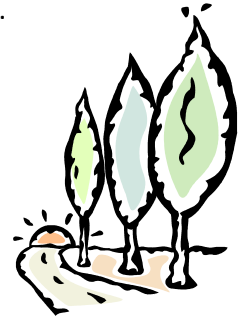
One Labor student, Mariko, loves to make crosswords. Try this English one she made!

[Down]

1. Past → present → _____
2. As soon ___ possible.
3. Crazy, angry etc.
4. _____ is blind.
7. ___ ↔ young.
8. Cutting _____ of technology.
10. Word in a negative sentence.
13. Alternating current - ___ ↔ dc

[Across]

1. A unit of people who live together.
5. United States of America.
6. Like a pigeon. Symbol of peace.
9. United Nations.
11. Light-emitting diode.
12. Street, way, for example.
14. And so forth.
15. ___ - our - us - ours.



Now join the letters in the squares A-G to find the hidden word.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G

*Answers on the notice board from October 15th



Congratulations!



Have you ever seen the NHK program 「ニュースで英会話」? It focuses on useful English phrases and idioms for use in a business-related environment. There's also a website with a 「投稿コーナー」 where students can participate and try out their English skills. One of our Labor Gakuen students, Mika, has been making sentences with the keywords & phrases, and submitting them to the website. Recently her example was selected and shown on TV!

The phrase was 'once in a lifetime' which Mika used to explain the meaning of the Japanese saying 「一期一会」. Let's take a look at her example:

"In the world of tea ceremony, there is a saying, Ichigo-ichie. It means that you should treasure every encounter as it will never happen again. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Great, isn't it! Well done, Mika for your continued effort!



Writing a movie review

Here are some tips to help you write a clear and easy to understand review.
Follow these simple styles and your film review will be much easier to understand.

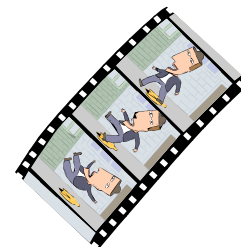
Genre

What kind of movie is it? *It's a horror film. It is a love comedy. It is a drama.*

Actors/characters

Who is in it?

What is his/her character? *It stars Keanu Reeves as Neo.*



Setting/background

When/where does it take place? *It is set in It takes place in.....*
It takes place in New York in the 70's. It is set in the future.

Plot/story

What happens?

It is about who.....
It is about two people who fall in love on a sinking ship.

Ending

How does it end?

In the end

Your opinion

What did you think?

I thought it was.....

How did you feel?

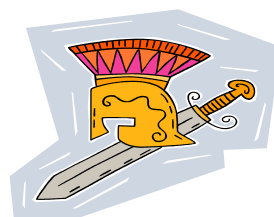
It was great/interesting/ a lot of fun
I really enjoyed it.

Here's an example:

Movie Title: Gladiator

Directed by: Ridley Scott (2000)

Please write about the story:



It's a historical, action film, set in ancient Rome. It stars Russell Crowe as Maximus.

It is about a Roman soldier whose wife and child are killed by the new young Roman Emperor. The Emperor tries to kill Maximus too! But he survives and is rescued by a group of men. He then trains to become a gladiator, soon he becomes the greatest gladiator in Rome and the new Emperor feels threatened by how popular Maximus is with the Roman people. In the end Maximus and the Emperor battle in the arena and both men die.

Your opinion:

I thought that this was a very exciting and realistic film and I really enjoyed it!

Don't forget!

The Reading Marathon is still running. So grab a book or a movie and ENJOY!

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The Labor Gakuen

Movie Marathon



Movie Marathon Rules

1. Watch a movie (in English!)
2. Write a short review about it.
3. Ask your teacher to check your review.
4. Your teacher will put a stamp on this sheet.
5. Watch another movie....and ENJOY!



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Title: 1

Title: 2

Title: 3

Title: 4

Title: 5

Title: 6

Title: 7

Title: 8

Title: 9

Title: 10

Gold Award

Bronze Award

Silver Award

