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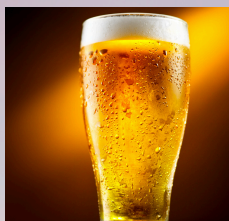
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Beer Garden Party

THE BEER GARDEN PARTY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY THE 18TH OF JULY THIS YEAR, STARTING AT 18:30. THE LOCATION IS THE MIYAKO HOTEL AGAIN. AS USUAL, MOST OF THE TEACHERS WILL BE THERE, PLUS SOME STAFF. WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING. IT'S A GREAT CHANCE TO LET YOUR HAIR DOWN AND HAVE A GOOD TIME! LET'S GO! SEE YOU THERE!

Summer Classes

We have a selection of classes for you this summer. Come and escape the heat for a few hours and enjoy studying English!

Robert先生

その英語、実は和製英語！？

8/3・10・17 (月) 10:00-12:00
初級～中級 10,500円

英語で伝える 日本のFood & Drink

8/3・10・17 (月) 13:30-15:30
中級前～中級上 10,500円

じっくり復習 英文法クラス

8/4・18 (火) 10:00-12:00
初級～中級前 7,000円

Yuko先生

やさしく学ぶ 関係代名詞 (主格)

8/3・10 (月) 10:00-12:00
初心者～初級 7,000円

やさしく学ぶ 関係代名詞 (目的格)

8/24・31 (月) 10:00-12:00
初心者～初級 7,000円

身近なニュースでスピーキング

8/3・10・24・31 (月) 13:30-15:30
初心者～初級 14,000円 / 単発講座 1回 3,500円

Setsuko先生

とっさの サバイバル英語

8/7 (金) 18:30-20:30
入門～初心者 3,500円

旅トーク& やさしい旅行英語

8/21 (金) 10:00-12:00
入門～初心者 3,500円

Karim先生

Think & Talk 英会話

8/17 (月)・18 (火) 10:00-12:00
中級～ 7,000円

Justin's Singapore story. Have you been there? The last time I went was over 30 years ago. I stayed in a hostel which was actually a big empty office with 50 futons on the floor. There were only 4 toilets and the showers (cold water only) were in the toilets. But it included free breakfast in the Indian restaurant downstairs so I was happy. My other main memory was eating pizza every day. If I bought 2 Kodak films I could get a coupon for one small free pizza at Pizza Hut. I bought 12 films and ate 6 pizzas in 3 days!

Anyway, I'm going again this year on my way to England. Only one night. This time in a capsule hotel. Of course I'm not staying in the Marina Bay Sands Hotel so no infinity pool for me.

So, do you have any recommendations for things to see or do, or things to eat (except chili crab - I don't like crab much)? I'll probably go to the night zoo but I don't have any other plans yet.



Kris: Summer in the UK and Japan

When I first came to Japan, I was surprised to learn that people have fireworks displays in the summer.

In Britain, fireworks displays are mainly held on November 5th and New Year's Eve.

Another big surprise was how noisy the Japanese summer can be. I used to go hiking a lot around Kobe, and I couldn't get over how loud cicadas are.

There are no cicadas in the U.K., and the local insects are very quiet in comparison.

People in England generally start wearing shorts and T-shirts as soon as the temperature rises above 20°C. In Japan, however, people, especially women, tend to wear long sleeves, gloves, hats, and masks to protect themselves from the sun. In

Britain, when the weather is warm and sunny, people often go outside to enjoy it and may even try to get a tan.

Another major difference is the humidity. Although temperatures in Japan and the U.K. can sometimes be similar, Japanese summers often feel much hotter because of the high humidity. The rainy season was also something I had never experienced before coming to Japan.

But one aspect of Japanese summer that I really enjoyed was the food, especially chilled noodle dishes such as *reimen* and *zaru soba*. Before coming to Japan, I had only been familiar with hot noodle dishes, so these cold varieties were a pleasant discovery.

Overall, summer in Japan was very different from what I was used to in Britain. The fireworks, cicadas, humidity, and seasonal foods were all new experiences that helped me appreciate Japanese culture and the different ways people adapt to the summer heat.

Mark: So why do so many foreigners visit Japan?

Summer is here! It's the season of fun, of holidays and travel. People will be travelling all over the world and millions will be heading to Japan. Have you ever wondered just why it is that so many foreigners love coming to Japan?

Your first answer is probably to say it's about money because Japan is cheap, and yes for some people in Europe and America this is true. But there are far more reasons why foreigners enjoy coming here. Here, according to Chat GPT are just some of the reasons tourists love the land of Nippon.

#1. The unique culture and traditions, for example: calligraphy, tea ceremony, samurai, kimonos. Many tourists are attracted to the traditional culture, especially in places like Nara and Kyoto. The mix of old and new is fascinating with ancient temples alongside very modern cities.

#2. The food. The chance to eat authentic Japanese food (ramen, sushi etc.) is a major draw for some tourists.

#3. Safety. Japan is considered one of the safest countries in the world. Tourists travelling by themselves or with young children really appreciate this.

#4. The beautiful scenery, mountains, forests, rivers, beaches and volcanoes.

#5. Cherry blossoms. The peak tourist season. Everyone wants to post their kimono cherry blossom pictures on Instagram.

#6. Pop culture. For foreign fans of anime, manga, old computer games, Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh cards etc. Japan is number one.

#7. Wonderful public transport. Trains and buses are reliable, fast, clean and take tourists to cities and places all over Japan. Which is great for tourists.

#8. Shopping. Great shops, good prices for some tourists.

#9. Hot springs. For many tourists onsens are considered a unique Japanese experience.

#10. Hospitality (*omotenashi*) The high level of customer service and the politeness of people really make a strong positive impression on tourists.

For some tourists it's a combination of these things, the cultural uniqueness, the safety, the convenience, the history, but for other tourists coming to Japan is simply a dream come true! I hope you have a great summer holiday and that your travelling dreams come true.

Summer Wordsearch

V N J T X N O O H P Y T G M W Z
 V F Q Y I H H C A E B S S E Z R
 S W A T E R M E L O N A P G Y W
 K J J V T T E B H N R N L A P E
 K V U Q S T J M F R E D J C N T
 P H A R T W A H M N D A X I R I
 S M O O T H I E E U H L H I V P
 B A R B E C U E P M S S P X Z N
 S C A K S Y R Q A I N Z T M O B
 O Z I U A C U E C U C L B I X R
 F D Q C S K R S S V P N T S H X
 I A F N A C I H V O L A I U K N
 I U U B E D S G O D C B M C E O
 D S T C U U A L O A C I J S W J
 Q D I O I G V S V R D C M M A B
 X G G N I M M I W S I O Q W K O

BARBECUE
 BEACH
 CICADAS
 HUMID
 ICE CREAM
 KAKIGORI
 PICNIC
 POOL
 SANDALS
 SMOOTHIE
SUMMER
 SUNSCREEN
 SUNSHINE
 TRIP
 TYPHOON
 VACATION
 WATERMELON

**THE ANSWERS CAN BE IN ANY DIRECTION: UP, DOWN, LEFT RIGHT, DIAGONAL.
 THERE IS ALSO ONE BONUS 'SUMMER' WORD NOT IN THE LIST. CAN YOU FIND IT?**

The history of ice cream

Ice cream ~~are~~ **is** one of the worlds most popular deserts, but it has a very long history. Long ago, people in china and Persia (now Iran) enjoyed cold desserts made from snow and ice. Rich people collected ice from mountains in winter and kept it underground for summer. In Japan, *kakigori* was first mentioned in the 11th century book *The Pillow Book*.

Later, people began mixing ice with fruit, milk, or honey. In Italy, frozen desserts become very popular around 500 years ago. Some historians say that Marco Polo bringed ideas for ice desserts from China to Europe. Lucky Italians!

Modern ice cream became popular in Europe on the 1700s. At first, only rich people could eating it because ice was expensive and difficult to keep cold. However, in the 1800s, refrigerators and ice factorys changed everything. Ice cream became more cheap and easier to make.

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Today, persons around the world enjoy much different flavours, from vanilla and chocolate to green tea and mango. Ice cream is now a fun and delicious part of summer in many countries. What is your favourite flavour? And what is your favourite brand?



THERE ARE FIFTEEN MISTAKES IN THIS STORY ABOUT ICE CREAM. THE FIRST ONE IS DONE FOR YOU. CAN YOU FIND THE REST?



ARE YOU A FAN OF NAGASHI SOMEN? IT'S NOT FOUND IN ENGLAND, BUT IT IS POPULAR WITH TOURISTS IN JAPAN.



STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM IS A QUINTESSENTIAL BRITISH SUMMER DESSERT, ESPECIALLY FAMOUS AT WIMBLEDON.



Summer Foods



Summer foods are different around the world, but many countries have special dishes that help people feel cool and refreshed during hot weather.

In Japan, people often eat cold foods such as sōmen noodles, cold tofu, and kakigōri, a sweet shaved ice dessert. Many people also drink cold mugicha in summer.

In Korea, naengmyeon, a cold noodle dish, is popular during hot days. In India, people enjoy lassi, a cold yogurt drink that is both sweet and refreshing. In Mediterranean countries such as Greece and Italy, fresh vegetables, seafood, olives, and watermelon are common summer foods.

Some countries enjoy surprising summer dishes. In Korea, some people eat hot chicken soup in summer because they believe it gives energy and helps the body stay healthy. In Mexico, spicy foods are popular even during very hot weather.

Summer foods are often simple, light, and easy to prepare. They also reflect local culture, climate, and history. Around the world, people use food not only to stay cool, but also to enjoy the special feeling of summer. What is your favourite summer food or drink?



Summer Songs



Summer and music are closely connected in many English-speaking countries. Every year, some songs become known as “summer songs” because they are heard everywhere in summer. They are often cheerful, relaxing, and easy to sing along with.

In the 1960s, The Beach Boys became famous for their songs about summer, surfing, and beaches, creating the “California summer” image. Songs like “Surfin’ U.S.A.” are still popular today.



More recently, songs such as “Happy” by Pharrell Williams became popular summer hits because of their bright and positive feeling.

Summer songs are often played at festivals, barbecues, beaches, and on road trips. Sometimes, a song becomes connected to personal memories, such as vacations, friends, or school holidays.

But some songs can be annoying if they become “earworms”. These are songs that stick in your head and you can’t stop humming them. When I was travelling in Europe in 2013 the song ‘La la la’ by Naughty Boy was playing all the time. I hated it, but it was an earworm song. It does remind me of that trip in Eastern Europe though.

STUDY TIP: IF YOU LIKE SONGS, WHY NOT GO ONLINE TO FIND THE LYRICS (WORDS) FOR A SONG. YOU CAN OFTEN FIND SOME INTERESTING VOCABULARY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, SONGS OFTEN USE UNUSUAL GRAMMAR TO MAKE THE SONG SOUND GOOD. WE DON'T USUALLY SPEAK THAT WAY, BUT ENGLISH IS ACTUALLY VERY FLEXIBLE FOR WORD ORDER AND GRAMMAR. EVEN BETTER, SONGS ARE GREAT FOR PRONUNCIATION. LISTEN AND REPEAT AND THEN COMPARE WHAT YOU HEAR WITH WHAT YOU READ. IT IS OFTEN VERY DIFFERENT.

WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

V	N	J	T	X	N	O	O	H	P	Y	T	G	M	W	Z
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S	W	A	T	E	R	M	E	L	O	N	A	P	G	Y	W
K	J	J	V	T	T	E	B	H	N	R	N	L	A	P	E
K	V	U	Q	S	T	J	M	F	R	E	D	J	C	N	T
P	H	A	R	T	W	A	H	M	D	A	X	I	R	I	
S	M	O	O	T	H	I	E	U	H	L	H	I	V	P	
B	A	R	B	E	C	U	E	P	M	S	S	E	P	X	Z
S	C	A	K	S	Y	R	O	A	I	N	Z	T	M	O	B
O	Z	I	U	A	C	U	E	C	U	C	L	B	I	X	R
F	D	Q	C	S	K	R	S	S	V	P	N	T	S	H	X
I	A	E	N	A	C	I	H	V	O	L	A	T	U	K	N
I	U	U	B	E	D	S	G	O	D	C	B	M	O	E	O
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Q	D	I	O	I	G	V	S	V	R	O	C	M	M	A	B
X	G	G	N	I	M	M	I	W	S	D	O	Q	W	K	O

BONUS: SWIMMING (BOTTOM LINE)

ICE CREAM MISTAKES SOLUTION

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