

# CrossTalk

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## HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Hamburgers on the barbeque, parties on the beach, and fireworks in the sky; celebrating the 4th of July holiday is an American tradition. Even so, this holiday **commemorates** ideas that seem important to *everyone*, **particularly** now.

It was on the 4th of July 1776 that the Declaration of Independence was written. It said Americans wanted to be free from English rule, and it **contained** ideas that would one day be the **foundation** for much of the **entire** world's political ideas.

King George III had **imposed** laws on the early Americans they did not like. For example: high taxes, **unfair trade laws**

and rules forcing Americans to let English soldiers stay in American homes.

As a result, America and England fought the revolutionary war from 1776-1783. When it was over, America was an **independent** nation.

Perhaps the most famous part of the Declaration of Independence says:

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*

Do you think these ideas are still important in today's world?

### GLOSSARY (These words are in blue in the story)

**commemorate** = ~の記念となる    **particularly** = 特に    **foundation** = 基盤  
**impose** = 課す    **unfair trade laws** = 不公平な貿易規定    **pursuit** = 追求

**We hold these truths to be self-evident** =

我々はこれらの事を明らかに正当だと信じている。

**Endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights** =

何者も奪い去ることのできない権利を神は人々に与えた。

# A Word From Us



**Joshua Says:** It's hard to believe another year has come and gone, and so will another teacher! Drew is moving to Thailand next month for new experiences in teaching (and life!) We wish him a fond farewell. Now we have to find a new editor for this newsletter!

**Junko Says:** Never miss the newsletter! We have added our monthly newsletter to the CROSSROADS website. You'll find all past issues, and each new issue. In the newsletter you can learn about our teachers and students, play games and improve your English. So, log on to [crossroadsco.com](http://crossroadsco.com)!



**Joanna Says:** Gosh! It's been raining cats and dogs recently. It feels like it's been raining for months. Although the rain doesn't bother me that much, I still can't wait for this season to end, and for the next season to come gliding in! We'll all be smiling in the sun again soon!

**Drew Says:** Goodbye! July 24<sup>th</sup> is my last day at CROSSROADS. One year passed quickly! I am leaving Japan to teach English in Bangkok, Thailand. I'll miss all my students. I will also miss playing drums at the great jazz clubs here, and going to Coconut gym for exercise! My best wishes to everyone. Bye-Bye!



**Tamara Says:** Don't you just love it when things change? My work schedule recently changed and I'm really enjoying all of my new classes and students. I also changed my hairstyle, and I really like it. Of course, I can't wait for the end of this month to come...when the weather changes!!

**Greg Says:** Out with the old, in with the new! Last month I bought all new furniture for my living room because sometimes a change *at* home can be better than a holiday *away* from home! Well, it did the trick - my apartment (and I) are now completely refreshed and ready for the coming change of seasons!



**Yuka Says:** I think that most people don't like rainy days. Also, rain always ruins our plans and hair! But I like to walk in the rain sometimes. Looking at rainy hydrangeas and little snails relaxes me. Just wait a while though! When the first cicada sings, and the rainy season ends, we'll have a hot summer!

# A Word From You

**Kazuko Ode Says:** Last month I went to Kochi. I saw paintings by Tosio Arimoto at the museum of art and I also went to Monet's garden. It was a beautiful trip!



**Tohru Shimizu Says:** I started web sites for my two hobbies! My radio controlled helicopters site is at: [www.dokidoki.ne.jp/home2/tohrus](http://www.dokidoki.ne.jp/home2/tohrus). Model trains is at: [www.dokidoki.ne.jp/home2/tohrus/marklin.html](http://www.dokidoki.ne.jp/home2/tohrus/marklin.html). Both are in English!



**Etsuko Nakashima (CellFree Sciences) Says:** I'm very happy that Hiroshima prefecture chose my slogan to be used in a campaign to keep the Seto Inland Sea clean. The English translation is: "*The one watching you most intensely is the Seto Inland Sea.*"



## Student News

### Congratulations to:

**Yoshi Hisa:** Yoshi recently got his first job! He will design car engines at Ryobe Company in Hiroshima beginning next April

## New Teacher!

Duncan Powrie begins teaching at CROSSROADS From August 1<sup>st</sup>. Duncan is from Dorset, England. He has already taught in China and Obihiro-shi, Japan!



## Easy English Lesson

### U.K or U.S.?

America began as part of England, but now there are confusing language differences!

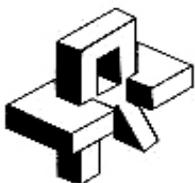
U.K.	U.S.
lift	elevator
flat	apartment
lorry	truck
trousers	pants
biscuits	cookies

Have fun learning all the differences!!

## Net News

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