

CrossTalk

April CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter 2004

It's Easter! So, here are some Easter Traditions from Around the World:

Easter is a time for Christians to celebrate the **Resurrection** of Christ on the third day after the Crucifixion. It is normally **celebrated** on the first Sunday after the first full moon, anytime between 21 March and 21 April. This year, it is **observed** on 11 April.

Although Easter holds a similar belief for all Christians, it is celebrated in a variety of ways in different parts of the world.

In Canada people attend late morning Easter **mass** where churches are nicely decorated with flowers. After **mass**, they get together with their families for a big Easter lunch **consisting of** vegetable soup, baked ham, salad, and maple syrup sweets. Treasure hunts are also popular for children. Parents hide chocolate Easter eggs either inside or outside the house, and children must search for them.

In Sweden, children dress up as **hags** and visit their neighbors. They leave Easter cards, hoping to receive a sweet or money from them. **Bonfires** are also common, and many villages have competitions to see who can make the biggest one

In Italy, palm and olive branches are taken to church on the Sunday before Easter to be **blessed**. They are later spread over fields for good luck. After attending Easter mass, everyone returns home for dinner. They eat roasted baby lamb, a traditional Easter dish.

In Russia, after midnight mass, people walk around outside the church and sing songs. The priest knocks on the door and everyone goes inside. It is also **customary** to give friends and family alike brightly **decorated** eggs made of gold, silver, diamonds, and other precious stones.

Happy Easter everyone, and I hope the Easter Bunny leaves you an Easter egg this year.



Story by Grace

Glossary

(These words are in color in the story)

Resurrection (キリストの) 復活	celebrated 祭式が行われる	observed 祝われる
mass ミサ(聖祭)	consisting of 献立された	hags 醜い老婆
Bonfires 大かがり火	blessed お清めのために	customary 習慣的(である)
decorated 装飾された		

A Word From Us

Big...

Announcement!

CROSSROADS is moving!!!

That's right! ... We're moving to a new location in Okaido, just above DUKE near the corner of San-bancho:

MORE space, MORE facilities, MODERN classrooms and a BIG new open-house to relax in. Also, GREAT location with plenty of parking and many new teaching programs to help you with your English (and other language) studies.

All this when we come back from Golden Week holidays! We open in our new school on the 6th of May, 2004. Our new address will be:
2nd - 3rd Fl. 2-1-3 Okaido, Matsuyama-shi,
Ehime-ken 790-0004

A Word From You

Miho says: I went to my friend's wedding in New Zealand. It was a happy time and a great experience for me. I saw so many wonderful things and met many nice people. I wanted to stay longer. I hope to return there again someday.



Aya, Kayo, Michie and Yoko say: We all went to a bar that had a psychic who read our future! And, we got some good advice too!! If anyone would like to have some more details about this, meet us in the Open House and ask us about it – in English, of course!!!

Notice Board

Congratulations to Yutaka for passing his university English entrance exam! He will now be able to attend Osaka University of Foreign Studies, where he will major in Cultural Studies.

Net News

NET LESSONS:

Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS to study? Try our *lessons on the internet!*

It's CROSSROADS in your home or office! You get CROSSROADS' great teachers, teaching programs, even classmates, *on-line!* Call for details.

NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

To learn more about classical music, while practising your English, visit this web site:

www.andante.com

Don't forget to take a look at the **NET NOTEBOOK** in our Open-house lounge. You'll find games, news and English study sites.

Easy English Lesson

During this time of year, many people seem to have "spring fever." Here are a few phrasal verbs dealing with spring.

Spring Up: To appear suddenly or begin to exist.

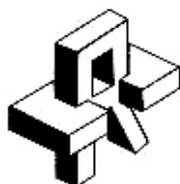
Many condominiums have **sprung up** in the suburbs recently.

Lots of internet cafes have been **springing up** in Asia in the past few years.

Spring Back: When an object goes back to its original position, shape, or size.

If you press on a marshmallow, it will **spring back** in a few seconds.

When Laura brushed her strawberry blond hair, her curls **sprang back** into place.



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