

# CrossTalk

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## Scream'n for Ice Cream'n

Summer is hopping along quickly and soon we will all be screaming for ice cream! But really, where was ice cream **invented**?

In the beginning, ice cream was a **treat** for the rich and the royal. Before refrigeration, it was **rare** and expensive.

Nothing was impossible, however, for the Emperor of Rome, Nero, who would send his slaves up into the mountains to gather ice and have them run back to his kitchen so that his guests could enjoy ice flavored with fruits, wine, or honey. And that was in A.D. 54!

But others like to think that Marco Polo, in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, brought back recipes from the Far East, said to have been in use for thousands of years in Asia. Indeed, they were! Iced **beverages** were known during Solomon's **reign** in Judea. The earliest records of an iced dairy product come from the **era** of China's Emperor Tang of the Shang **Dynasty** (618-97). The recipe included buffalo milk, flour and **camphor**.

The King of England in the 1600's, Charles I, offered a chef a job for life if he could make ice cream for him and keep the recipe a secret. The first ice cream recipe written in English did not appear until 1718.

**Nowadays**, everyone can enjoy a nice ice cream whenever they wish. But ice cream does indeed have a pretty interesting history, don't you think?

**And now...**

**The Top ten flavors in North America**



1. Vanilla
2. Chocolate
3. Butter pecan
4. Strawberry
5. Neapolitan
6. Chocolate chip
7. French vanilla
8. Cookies and cream
9. Vanilla fudge ripple
10. Praline pecan

## Glossary

(These words are in color in the story)

**invented** 発明される

**treat** ごちそう

**rare** めずらしい

**beverages** 飲み物

**reign** 王国

**era** 時代

**Dynasty** 王朝

**camphor** 樟腦(カンフル)

**Nowadays** 今では

# A Word From Us



**Joshua Says:** It's May and this year marks our first anniversary in Okaido. As they say, "time flies when you're having fun!" So much has changed, and so much has been revived. Clearly, the new courses are popular, and, who knows, we may even see some English drama performances this year,...? Anyway, congratulations to all students and staff. Let's look forward to even more of the same success this year.

**Junko Says:** I've been thinking about China recently, as, I'm sure, many of you have been also. One interesting piece of information I read about China the other day concerned English study. Did you know that there are more people studying English in China than there are in the total population of the United States?! Now, that's something to think about, don't you agree?



**Adam Says:** For Golden Week, I traveled to Canada for a short, eventful visit. During my time in Niagara Falls, I was able to catch-up with many of my immediate family members as well as close friends. Also, I traveled to Toronto and down to western New York for some personal shopping. It's been about one and a half years since my last visit to Canada and I was amazed with the progression of construction. So many new hotels, restaurants and community facilities have been constructed making Niagara Falls an even more desirable location to take a vacation.

**Greg Says:** Last month I ventured along to Spice Kingdom and enjoyed delicious food and sensational company. Actually I think my little daughter has met her first little boyfriend. Perhaps you have seen him around. His name is Wynter and he is Steven and Magnolia's son. After our Spice Kingdom feast together, all Joy wants to do is meet Wynter. She even pretends to call him on the phone. Pretty cute to see! They are both 3 years old.



**Natacha Says:** Spring is here! And I am so happy! Spring and fall are for many of us, bike season! It is the best time to ride a motorcycle. It is so nice to put away the winter clothes and make space for the summer ones. I can't wait to be heading to Futami and Hojo for a traditional ice cream at sunset!

**Steven Says:** Isn't the weather just perfect for all those outdoor activities we have been waiting to do? But, wait a minute! What's that familiar sound I hear buzzing around my head? Ahh, the dreaded Matsuyama mosquito... Well, you may be pleased to know that one of the best ways to keep those little guys away is with Citronella oil. You can also burn Citronella candles outdoors which will allow you to enjoy a "mossie"-free barbeque.



**Magnolia Says:** I have been busy at home; cleaning, redecorating and basically simplifying things. It is amazing how a simple change can make a big impact on our emotions and environment. It is important for our health, happiness and wellbeing to make our living environment a creative, inspiring and pleasant place to be in. Your body is a temple, so why not make your living space like a temple too? Your character is the product of your premises.

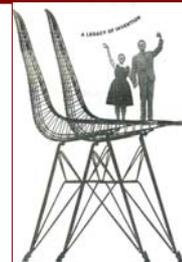
**Natasha Says:** Last month was Easter. It is the most joyful celebration of the Orthodox faith in Russia. After devout church services, families gather to exchange gifts of decorated eggs, which symbolize the renewal of life and hopes. The most expensive Easter Eggs in history are "Faberge Imperial Eggs" created by Peter Carl Faberge (1846-1920) in the Romanov Dynasty. Have you ever seen any of these?



**Yuka Says:** The other day I had a medical check-up and the doctor advised me to take a lot more calcium and other minerals, and cut back on sweets, which is impossible for me to do. So, I made my mind up to start eating healthy natto. Hopefully, by doing so, I will be able to avoid osteoporosis in the future.

# A Word From You

**Shinobu Says:** I'm looking forward to seeing the exhibition "The works of Charles & Ray Eames" which will be held at Ehime Prefectural Museum from May 3rd to June 12th. These works are well designed, stylish in appearance and have caught the attention of a lot of people worldwide during the 20 century, and are still doing so to this day. This furniture is usually exhibited in the Vitra Design Museum in Germany. I hope you enjoy seeing it.



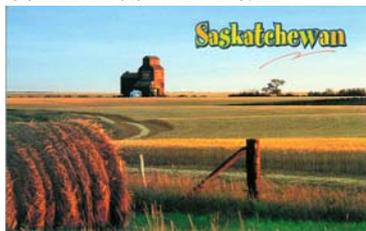
## Notice Board



### Special from Tamara in Canada:

Hello everyone! Can you believe it's been one year since I left Japan?!? Sometimes it feels like yesterday that I was drinking my CC Lemon and riding my bicycle around Matsuyama. Since I left, I've traveled to many countries but I am

always looking forward to the day that I can return to Japan. I miss all of the students at Crossroads very much and will always remember my time in Japan fondly. Take care everyone!



Don't forget...

You can still have lessons with Tamara even though she's in Canada! You and your friends can sign up in our net-lessons program. Just think, you could be having lessons with your teacher even though she is on the other side of the world!!! If you are interested, talk with Junko in the office.



## 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, *all on-line!* Call for details.

### NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

Get all the low-down, history, recipes, cool ideas, etc. on and about ice cream at:  
[www.home-ice-makers.com/ice\\_in\\_ice\\_cream.htm](http://www.home-ice-makers.com/ice_in_ice_cream.htm)

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

## Easy English Lesson

### IF, the ZERO CONDITIONAL!

When we want to talk about the result of something (an action, a condition, etc.) that is 100% certain, we use the co-called ZERO conditional.

**IF** you put your hands into a fire, you will burn them.

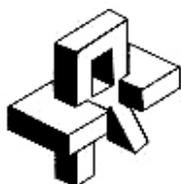
My boss gets angry **IF** I am late for work.

**IF** you leave ice cream out of the refrigerator it will melt.

NOTE: Sometimes **WHEN** can be used as a ZERO conditional:

**WHEN** I sleep, I dream.

I get tied **WHEN** I run.



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