

CrossTalk

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THE ZOO AT NIGHT



Have you ever visited the zoo at night? The Tobe Zoo opens at night as a special event for kids, families

and couples during summer. The nighttime zoo can be really exciting, but my first impression actually came from the animal's smell! I think the smell at night is stronger than it is in the daytime. My guess is that our noses work much better at night to compensate for poor night-vision. Or, do animals emit a stronger scent at night to attract members of the opposite sex?

It's a very rare experience for us to observe nocturnal animals. Nocturnal means sleeping during the daytime and being active at night. Examples are raccoons, owls, squirrels and so on. On the other hand, monkeys, giraffes and hippopotamuses are examples of diurnal animals.



However, some species are active both during the day and at



night.

How about human beings?



Nocturnal animals have certain reasons for being active at night. It's very safe for them because their natural enemies are

sleeping, and they can keep out of the heat of the day. In addition, they have very good senses, hearing, smell, and sight, to protect them from night predators.

But, let me give you a tip if you are thinking of paying the zoo a visit at night: you should have dinner before you go, since you might lose your appetite because of the strong smell. I actually lost mine!



- Article by Kenji in AI

Net News

NET LESSONS: Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS?... 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: **089 9217595**

NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

Here's an interesting site for Australia's nocturnal animals: <http://rainforest-australia.com/nocturnal%20animals.htm>

NET NOTEBOOK: Don't forget to take a look at the Internet activity notebook in our open-house. You'll find games, news and English learning sites.

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: Only two more months to go and we will “officially” be 25 years old! That’s a quarter of a century! A long time! I often wonder about the many, perhaps thousands of, students that have passed through our doors in that time. Are they doing well? Are they using the English they learnt with us in a practical way? Do they keep up their studies at all? I certainly hope the answers to all of these questions is, “yes”!

Junko Says: Those of you that have studied English overseas will have probably studied in a mixed class of students from all over the world. It must have been a truly “international” experience and quite different from studying here at home. Well, these days Crossroads is beginning to seem like an overseas school also! We now have students from other Asian countries, Oceania and even Europe. No, we do not teach Japanese to these people. But, we do teach them French, Chinese and other languages. Isn’t it exciting to think that Crossroads is becoming “international” too!?



Michael Says: Obama or McCain? Obama or McCain? This is the question many people are asking me these days. I normally don’t vote, because I rarely see a politician I like, and some people are pressuring me to vote this year. Of course, they only want me to vote if I will vote for whom they want. Why am I writing about this in October? Because this is the month of masks, of facades, of disguises. I ask: underneath, who are these men, really?

Owen Says: Recently, some friends and I had an Imotaki party. What a lovely night it was! Sitting under a bridge, with lanterns all around, there must have been at least a hundred people all doing the same thing. There was a really warm atmosphere. I was told this is a local tradition? Then it's one more thing to like about life in Ehime.



Greg Says: Last month I went to Yamaguchi prefecture to watch my daughter play in a golf tournament. She played in the under 10 year group and was the youngest girl. Coming into the final hole my daughter was winning by 1 shot, but unfortunately she hit into a bunker and lost by 2 shots. She was the only one to get a birdie during the round and she also beat the boys her age by 20 shots!!! WOW!!! Her total was 46 for 9 holes!!

Emilie Dit: J’ai eu ma première expérience de parapente la semaine dernière. Selon la direction des vents, il y a deux pistes de décollage. L’une se trouve à Kochi, l’autre à Futami. J’ai expérimenté celle de Futami. Le parapente est une expérience très confortable. Le corps porté en arrière, on a l’impression de voler au-dessus des paysages dans un lit suspendu. Semi-allongé dans la position du dormeur, il devient facile de rêver...



NOTICE BOARD

Last month, Nozomi, in S(c)1, went on a short trip to Canada, and judging by the photos she brought back, she must have enjoyed her stay there very much. Nozomi is a professional photographer, and these are just a few of the shots she brought back with her. Thanks for sharing your trip, and your memories, with us, Nozomi!



When I went to Yellow Knife, I joined a tour to watch the Aurora. I waited for the Aurora to appear, then I took a shot using a long exposure.



Our driver noticed these rams crossing the road so he slowed down so we could get a better look..



When I reached the top of the mountain, I was greeted by this fantastic view. I felt tired because of the long trip, but this breath-taking view relieved me.



We went to Columbia Glacier in this big tank of a bus. The unusually high seats gave us a magnificent view.



When I climbed the mountain I found a squirrel. I got very close to take a photo and it didn't even run away.

This month's "HAPPY NEWS"

Meet Yuri! Yuri is Natasha's first son and second baby. Natasha, for those who have not met her yet, is our Russian language teacher. And below, doing a great job as "big sister" to Yuri, is Natasha's first child, daughter Sophia.

Congratulations Natasha from everyone



at Crossroads!



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プライベート(個人)

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セミプライベート(セミ個人):

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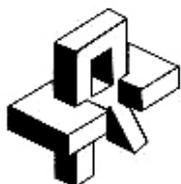
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MOTHER & CHILD

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