

CrossTalk

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Do you **associate** different months with different colors?

For example, many people associate the spring months with green, or the summer months with yellow or orange.

Colors are much more to us than just **shades** of light. They also **represent moods** and feelings, and for hundreds of years people have been trying to understand their **influence** and meaning. Some people are very careful about what color they paint their rooms, or what colors they wear, because they believe their mood will be **affected** by the color they choose.



Some people dance with colored scarves, to make themselves happier. Also, dreaming of colors is thought to mean that you will be **secure** and successful in the future. People are especially interested in the meaning of colors when it comes to special **occasions**.

For example, the color white is associated with **purity** and **union** so many brides choose to wear a white dress for their wedding.

Green **symbolizes** freshness and innocence, so new employees or young adults may be called 'green'. It also represents nature, so people who are good at gardening are described as having 'green-fingers'.



Black is associated with **elegance**, as in 'black tie' parties, where people are expected to dress smartly. However, it is also associated with fear, which is why black cats are sometimes seen as unlucky.



Blue is seen as a relaxing, peaceful color, but is sometimes associated with sadness, such as when people say they're 'feeling blue'.

How about September? September's color is thought by many people to be brown – the color of the earth and **contentment**.

Have a look around at what your classmates or friends are wearing! Are their clothes **reflecting** their mood today?

Glossary

(These words are in **color** in the story)

Associate 連想する	shade 暗度	represent 表現する	moods 気分
Influence 影響	affected 影響を受ける	secure 安全	occasions 機会
Purity 純潔	union 和合	symbolizes 象徴する	elegance 優雅さ
Contentment 充足感	reflecting 映し出す		

A Word From Us



Joshua Says: This month on the 27th and 28th, the Japan Cricket Association, supported by the Matsuyama Cricket Club, will hold the West Japan Cricket Cup. Six teams from various parts of Western Japan will meet at Tobe Sogo-undo Koen for the big battle! Team members will be from various countries. So, if you are free come along, join the picnic and give us your support. It's free!

Junko Says: The summer season got off to a late start this year, but towards the end of last month, it turned very hot. I thought of the millions of English speaking people in the world who live with this kind of weather for most of the year; in India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, parts of Africa and much of the Southern United States.... IT'S HOT!



Joanna Says: I hope all of you had a nice *O-Bon* holiday! I had a great time travelling around Kyushu with some friends. We went to Beppu, and enjoyed bathing in the hot springs and seeing the pools of 'hell'. Then we went to Aso, and climbed the mountain to see the volcano. The volcano was very beautiful, and very smoky—which made me worry about the townspeople living below!

Tamara Says: This month marks the one year anniversary of my stay in Japan. I have seen so many wonderful things and met so many great new friends that it seems like I've been here for much longer than a year. I'm looking forward to seeing what the next few months have in store for me before I return home to Canada in the winter.



Duncan Says: I've been pretty busy this past month learning all about the school, my classes and my students – so busy, in fact, that I've not really had the time or energy to explore Matsuyama. Then again, it's often been too hot to go out! (I'm starting to miss the Hokkaido winters already ;o). Anyway, roll on next month!

Greg Says: Last month I was planning to get away from Sikoku and head for other parts of Japan, but sadly all flights were full. Instead, I went to Anpanman Museum in Kochi with my daughter. I have never seen so many “ankle biters” (small children), running around screaming the same thing over and over! All I could hear were a zillion kids screaming ANPANMAN, ANPANMAN!!!



Yuka Says: I went to Kurashiki to visit The Ohara Museum of Art, with my family. I really enjoyed my stay there, looking at the works of great artists. Among them, El Greco's 'Annunciation' and Monet's 'Waterlillies' were my favourites.

A Word From You

Yoko Hoshijima says: Last month I went to Khabarovsk, Russia. My host's name was Yana. We ate perogies and boloshiche. I saw a waterfountain park, museums, lots of shops, and a zoo. I can't wait to meet Yana again, either here in Japan or back in Russia!!



Satsuki says: Recently I took a trip to Canada, where I traveled for 18 days with my sister. We went to many cities, such as Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal and many more! My favourite place was Lake Louise, where the mountains and lake were beautiful. I also went white water rafting, which was really exciting and great fun! The water was really cold so we had to wear wetsuits, but nobody fell in, so we were lucky!



Tomoko Akamatsu says: Last month I visited my friend in Nepal. Katmandu is such an exciting city with many temples. I also saw the Himalayas. They are beautiful. I hope to return there again someday.



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Notice Board

Congratulations to:

Kenji – Who is getting married this month!
Ayano – Who has now completely recovered after walking into a peach tree!

Welcome back!

To all those students who had their holidays in August – you all seem to have had a great time!

Easy English Lesson

'For' and 'Since'

These two expressions of time can sometimes be confusing for English students.

'For' is used for periods of time with a beginning and end:

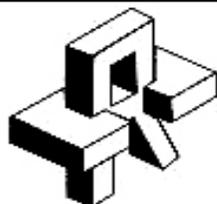
I slept **for** 10 hours.

I walked **for** 10 minutes

'Since' means from a point in the past until now.

I haven't seen him **since** the party

She hasn't played tennis **since** February.



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