

CrossTalk

July **CROSSROADS** Language Studio's Newsletter 2005

NO TREE..., NO ME!!



Why are Koalas special? Because they just are! Anyone who has ever looked into the eyes of a koala and found the koala looking back knows how special they are and how **tragic** it would be if they disappeared forever.

Koalas are what're known as a "**threatened species**". They're threatened by loss of food and homes when the trees they live in are cut down to clear land or build towns. They're in danger of being attacked by dogs or **run over** by cars.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

There is an organization called the AKF (Australian Koala **Foundation**) that believes, no matter where you live, you can help our furry little friends and the planet we all share. Whether you live in the city or the country, we depend on the survival and health of the natural world for our own **continued existence**.



Here are some things you can do to help:
1. **LEARN MORE**: Visit your local library and learn more about koalas. While you're there, look up the animals that live in your area. Are they threatened too?

2. **CLEAN UP LITTER**: Animals, koalas among them, are often hurt or poisoned by human garbage left lying around.

3. **PLANT TREES**: Wherever you live on our planet, one of the best things you can do for animals is to plant a tree. All kinds of animals and birds can use these trees as homes and as a **source** of food.

4. **SPEAK UP**: If you hear about a wildlife **habitat** being destroyed, tell someone. Many **species** of plants and animals are threatened when their habitat is being destroyed to build houses, malls and roads, or for forestry projects and agriculture.

Last, but not least, if you ever get the chance to visit Australia, make sure you **hug** a koala. It will certainly change the way you view the animal kingdom forever.



Glossary

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

tragic いたましい

threatened species 絶滅の危機に直面する種族

run over ひかれる

Foundation 財団

continued existence 存続

source 資源

habitat 生息地

species 種族

hug (愛情を持って)抱く

A Word From Us



Joshua Says: Well, this is it! On the 30th and 31st of this month, Matsuyama Cricket Club will play in the West Japan Cricket Cup. This will be held at Tobe Athletic Field (near the Zoo). I am expecting to have a great time as there will be teams from Hiroshima, Takamatsu, Oita, Fukuoka and Kochi in the competition as well as us. As always, I'd like to invite you to come and watch if you have some free time. It really is an interesting game and you can meet people from many countries in the world.

Junko Says: With all the new programs at Crossroads, you may have thought that we could not come up with anything more. Wrong! We can now introduce you to some very interesting “study and work” ideas with our partner schools in Australia and (soon to be) other countries. These include Internships, Work & Study programs, Volunteer work, Au-pair jobs and many more. If you are interested, come to the office and I will tell you all about these new programs.



Adam Says: Well, about two weeks ago a friend and I headed to Central Circuit in Hyogo-ken for an interesting Sunday event. Central Circuit was holding a special Mazda reunion party that showcased the ever popular RX-7. Some of the events scheduled were a car show, time trials and a final race. I met many foreigners from Tokyo, Nagoya and Kobe, and we all had a wonderful time together. I have over 80 photos from this event and I'd like to share them with all of you, so please don't hesitate to ask when you see me.

Greg Says: Well, it is that time of the year again when Matsuyama comes alive with a hive of activity (especially Saturday nights) in the arcades. Earlier this month my house also became a hive of activity as we celebrated my daughters 4th birthday on the fourth which was followed by my wife's birthday on the tenth. Everyone had had enough of eating birthday cake and celebrations by the time mine rolled around on the eleventh. Yes, July certainly is a busy month!!!!



Natacha Says: This is the time for festivals in Japan and Ehime has many during this month. I am so looking forward to seeing as many of these as I can in our local region. In particular, I am looking forward to viewing the famous fireworks festival in Mitsuhamma this year. This will be in the evening of the 31st and this time I won't forget to take a camera!

Steven Says The night markets in Okaido have been very busy with shoppers and passers-by alike. I have been conducting “Guitar in English” demonstration lessons each Saturday evening and I would like to send a special “THANK YOU” to all the students who volunteered their time to take part in the classes.



Magnolia Says: Do you remember a favorite teacher? Why did they make such a strong impression? What made them different from all the others? Here's some wisdom from the Dalai Lama: In education, it is my experience that those lessons which we learn from teachers who are not just good, but who also show affection for the student, go deep into our minds. Lessons from other sorts of teachers may not. Although you may be compelled to study and may fear the teacher, the lessons may not sink in. Much depends on the affection from the teacher.

Yuka Says: The other day I had a toothache and I went for a check-up for the first time in 5 years! The dentist told me I had a couple of cavities. I was afraid of the pain but I knew I had to do something about it. So, now dental treatment has begun and I already feel the importance of regular check-ups – mostly because my teeth are really painful and I don't want to look at my foolish face in the mirror while holding my mouth open!



A Word From You

SPECIAL from Elijah in New York: Hi! I have been in NY for about a month. I am enjoying everything, every day! I go to a language school. Now my classmates are 3 Korean, 1 Taiwanese, 2 Brazilian, 6 Italians and myself. Our teacher is a lovely Australian woman and we enjoy studying every day. If you come to NY, you should come during summer because there are many free concerts in June, July and August. I have been to 3 so far and I'll go to more!



Notice Board



It's on again !!

The WEST JAPAN CRICKET CUP for 2005

PLACE: Tobe Athletic Field

DATE: 30 & 31 July, 2005

TIME: all day, both days

**bring a picnic lunch
and enjoy the game!**



A poem by Tomoe:

Why are you waiting for the ideal prince?

Why don't you try to find him?

When will he come?

If you want to get authentic love, don't wait; be an active person.

You might find him right beside you.

He might appear in front of you tomorrow

Don't miss him!

Don't be afraid of starting new love.

It just might be auspicious that you read this poem!

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:

Here is an interesting site on Koalas. Check it out!

<http://www.thekoala.com/koala/>

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

< Interjections!! >

They are not really words! They have no grammatical connection!! What are they?

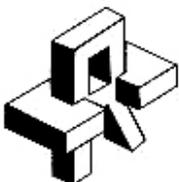
Interjections are little explanations use to punctuate our speech with. In writing, we often follow them at the end of a sentence with "!" There are many, but here are a few simple ones to start you off with:

"hi" → "Hi! What's new?"

"ah" → "Ah, that feels good!"

"hay" → "Hay! Watch out!!

"ouch" → "Ouch! That hurts!"



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