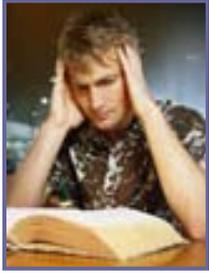


# CrossTalk

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## STUDY!!



The art of study and skill **acquisition** has been an important part of daily life since the **emergence** of man, but why is it that some find it easier than others? Our individual intelligence does

not necessarily **determine** our ability. Indeed, when it comes to speaking English successfully, well, there are many not so bright people in the world who can speak English perfectly! Having a desire to achieve, coupled with **discipline**, provides us with our basic tools for success.

Before you attempt to study, it is important that you **assess** your **priorities** and goals. The **potential** results and benefits of your goals motivate you. Make study a priority and commit yourself! "I'm too busy" really means "I don't think this is a priority".

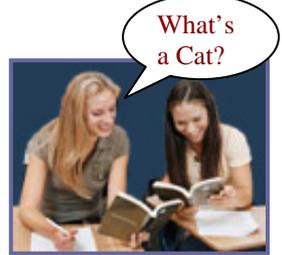
**Here are a few tips to help you prepare for study:**

- \* Ensure that your study environment is free, inspiring and clear of **distractions**;
- \* Eliminate all outside **disturbances** (such as television, radio, etc.);
- \* Set goals and deadlines – if you have none, you lack direction;
- \* Set some time aside for preparing yourself and your study environment before you get started.



**And, during study:**

- \* Don't try to cover too much material at once;
- \* Keep study time interesting and fresh;
- \* Review your work often;
- \* If you don't like to study alone, find a "study-buddy" to help keep you **motivated**.

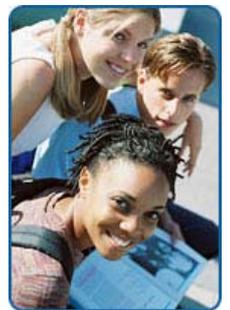


**After study:**

- \* Reward yourself and be pleased with what you have achieved;
- \* Take time to relax and **absorb** – if you rush off as soon as you have finished, it is unlikely you will retain much of the material you have been studying!

**It's also important to incorporate your new skills into your private life:**

- \* Try to attend all your scheduled lessons no matter how busy you are;
- \* Study other subjects you are interested in, in English;
- \* Meet regularly with your classmates or friends and practice speaking in English together;
- \* When you're not actually studying, listen to English music and watch foreign movies and television programs;
- \* Read English newspapers and books;
- \* And, don't forget to do your "10 minutes **every day**"!!!



## Glossary

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

**acquisition** 習得 **emergence** 出現 **determine** 決める **discipline** 訓練 **assess** 査定する  
**priorities** 優先されるもの(こと) **potential** 可能な **distractions** 気を散らすもの  
**disturbances** 妨害 **motivate** 熱意をもつ **absorb** 消化する **incorporate** 取り入れる

# A Word From Us



**Joshua Says:** This month we, regretfully, must say “good-bye” to one of our teachers. Natacha has not only been a great teacher at Crossroads for both French and English, she has been a good friend as well. She is going back home to Canada and we will all miss her very much. Let’s wish her a safe journey home and the best of good fortune for the future.

**Junko Says:** I too wish to express my gratitude to Natacha for doing a great job at Crossroads. I, and all her students, will miss her. But, actually Natacha is not really leaving us! Although she will be in Canada, she will continue to teach with us through our net lessons. Most of her French students will be logging on through our computers here and continuing their lessons with her, with minimal interruption! This is great news and we are all looking forward to seeing how these lessons progress. Ah! The wonders of the technological age!!



**Adam Says:** During the second week of September, I travelled to Kyoto, to meet an old friend who travelled from Canada. This was my first experience since coming to Japan to see many historical temples and castles. Overall, I was really amazed with the Japanese architecture used on these gigantic structures, and to think all of these were man made.....

**Greg Says:** Hey, have you seen the price of gasoline lately??? Well before we all start complaining about how expensive it is, let’s have a look at some comparisons.... In America 16oz of Snapple “juice” costs US\$1:29 (which is \$2:73 / Litre), Lipton Ice Tea 16oz is US\$1:19 (\$2:51 / Litre), Gatorade 20oz, US\$1:59 (\$2:69 / Litre), Brake fluid 12oz, US\$3:15 (\$8:87 / Litre), Vick’s Nyquil cough medicine 6oz, US\$8:83 (\$47:05 / Litre), and EVIAN WATER 9oz is US\$1.49 (\$5:59 / Litre).....US\$5:59 for a litre for water!!!!!! Hey, aren’t we lucky cars don’t run on high-grade EVIAN water????



**Natacha Says:** I feel I've been traveling for more than five years and that finally my journey has come to an end. I leave behind a part of my heart and take with me the love of my friends and students. Japan is forever a part of me. I thank you all for your kindness and your friendship. And if you want to visit Anne of Green Gables let me know, we can go together!

**Steven Says:** As most of you are aware, the “Good-bye to Summer” party is on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be many performances on the night including songs from the Guitar in English class. I will be performing with my brother “B” and there will be a debut by the new “Singing in English” class as well as other entertainment which I want to keep as a surprise for you all. See you there!!



**Magnolia Says:** Do you ever feel trapped in your life, like you’ve lost all traces of freedom? Sometimes we forget that we do have choices. Choice is power. You can choose to act, react, change and adapt. And any time you choose you can choose to reinvent yourself. All it takes is time, willpower and self-discipline. Re-invention is a powerful choice. It’s the active, creative and dynamic process of owning your desires and acting in accordance with their ebb and flow. When you act on your desires, you are truly free; free to make choices, free to take change and free to be!

**Iain Says:** Hi!! I came to Japan in 1998 and have enjoyed living here ever since. Over the last seven years I have taught English to people of all ages from the Elementary level up to classes for senior citizens. I will be teaching many classes here at Crossroads and also I will be teaching the new "Magic" Cosmopolitan course. Magic is a big interest of mine because it is an excellent communication tool. I can't wait to meet you!



**Yuka Says:** The other day I went to Tokyo with my family for the first time in 5 years. We enjoyed our stay in Roppongi and called in at several places we use to visit. Big cities like Tokyo are attractive and there are a lot of people and opportunities there. If I were a lot younger and had a little more courage, I think it would be wonderful to live in such a place.

# A Word From You

**Izumi says:** Last July, my parents and I went to Kobe to attend our relatives wedding ceremony. The wedding was held at Kobe Oriental Hotel in Harbourland, Kobe, just by the sea. It was a great wedding and at night we could see beautifully illuminated mosaics. What we enjoyed the most was breakfast at the hotel! There were many kinds of dishes and they were really delicious! If you go there, please try them.



## Notice Board

### It's Autumn Campaign Time!!!

Tell your friends about the great lessons we have at Crossroads and,..... give them a free trial ticket ...

..., if they join up, we have a free gift for you, too!!

T-shirts,  
CD'S & videos,  
Net cameras &  
Headsets,  
Cassette players and more...



Don't forget....

the 

"Good-Bye to Summer" B-B-Q party

Sunday 25th



At 7:00pm....

## 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:

Try this site for some tips on how to study better:

[http://www.askoxford.com/languages/yakeoffin/language\\_tips/?view=uk](http://www.askoxford.com/languages/yakeoffin/language_tips/?view=uk)

**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.

## Courses you can join at Crossroads

### GENERAL COURSES:

2 x's 60mins / week  
1 x's 90mins / week  
Private 1 x / week  
Semi-Private 1 x / week

MOTHER & CHILD, group or private  
KIDS, group or private



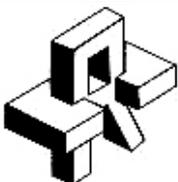
### COSMOPOLITAN COURSES:

"Singing in English" with Steve  
Yoga with Magnolia  
"Cooking in English" with Adam  
Guitar with Steve  
"Magic in English" with Iain  
Piano with Adrienne  
Aromatherapy with Steve  
English home-page design with Adam



FRENCH with Natacha  
RUSSIAN with Natasha  
GERMAN with Marita  
SPANISH with Leo  
CHINESE with Noriko  
KOREAN with Kim

**NET LESSONS:** group or private



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