

# CrossTalk

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## ARE THEY SO VERY DIFFERENT?

Here's a dog's "tale" for you...., meet Ratty.

Ratty is a 5 year old Jack Russell who lives 15 miles (about 24 kilometers) outside of York in North England. Somehow he got the idea to **hop** on the number 10 bus that stops near his home and travel all the way to York... on his own! He has **worked out** how to get on and off at the same stops every time he goes, and he never makes a mistake!



Top: Ratty. Bottom: Ratty leaves the bus in York.

Why does he do it?

Ratty has a favorite pub he likes to go to in York. No, not for the beer. It seems he is **attracted** to one of the young **bartenders** working there. No, not because she is a beautiful young woman (though this undoubtedly is so). What *does* attract him are the sausages that she feeds him every time he arrives, which is about 2 or 3 times a week. He has found that taking the bus is a very **convenient** way to get to his favorite treat.

The bus drivers and passengers now accept him as one of the **regulars** on the **route** and say he is perfectly well behaved all the way. He waits patiently and doesn't **rush** or push to get off. He stays all day and gets a lift home with the kind barmaid. Pretty **slick**, don't you think?

Not to be outdone by an Englishman's dog, a dog in China can go one better! Lili, according to his owner, likes to go to the local sausage shop to buy his own sausages. Whenever he gets hungry, he barks to let his owner know. "I'll drop him one yuan and he takes the money in his mouth and runs to the neighbourhood shops, which all know him well", says his master, Wu Qianhe. Lili refuses to let go of the money until he sees the sausage! And he knows the difference between a piece of white paper and real money. "You can never cheat him", says Mr. Wu.



I'll take one of your specials, please".

Well, it goes to show, dogs will go to great lengths for a good sausage!

## Glossary

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

**hop** 飛び乗る

**bartenders** バーターンダー

**route** 路線

**worked out** 習得した

**convenient** 便利な

**rush** 突進する

**attracted** ひき付けられる

**regulars** 常連

**slick** カッコいい

# A Word From Us



**Joshua Says:** Boy! Things are jumping at Crossroads recently. Not only are we going to hold the “Chance” concert on the 1st of next month, but the end of term “Performance Night” is coming up on the 28th and we are going to have a second “Turkish Delights” cooking lesson on the 15th. The last Turkish food day was a great success, so we’re going to do it again. Check out the notice board on P3 and signs around the school for information on these events. Also get the details from Junko in the office. See you there!

**Junko Says:** Recently, we hear something about global warming every day, on TV, the Internet and even in the free newspaper distributed by our local NGO, which is especially concerned with global warming issues. TV messages of people saying “it’s too late to start tomorrow”, the image of a person pulling out an electric plug, or turning off the shower after a moment’s thought have made an impression on me. So, now I too have started turning off lights, water and the gas, often!



**Alice Says:** Have you been to any parties recently? Do you enjoy going to parties and meeting new people, or are you a little shy? Believe it or not, I used to be painfully shy! I used to feel excruciatingly awkward if I had to speak to people I didn’t know. I almost always flushed red with embarrassment too! However, nowadays I often meet people at parties. It’s a great opportunity to make new friends! All it takes is a little courage to ask a few questions. We have three parties at Crossroads in July – why not come and see how many new friends you can make!



**Iain Says:** “The Great Appliance Revolt” is when many of your household machines break at the same time. My mother came up with the term after she and my father came back from vacation and the car air conditioner, the refrigerator, the dishwasher, the washing machine, and the television all broke. They couldn’t pay for the damage because they had spent all of their money on vacation. Well I ran into the same bad luck a few weeks ago. My car’s breaks and my computer monitor broke, and my Nintendo DS was stolen just five days after I bought it! This isn’t as bad as my mother’s experience, but it made me realize that, “When it rains, it pours!”



**Adrienne Says:** My small back-up cat, Jack, seems to have become the main cat of the house. This is because his brother, Leo, only comes home once every two or three months for brief visits. Jack’s character has changed greatly. He is more friendly and affectionate with his family, and when his brother returns home, he looks very unhappy.



**Greg Says:** Did you see ELWOOD, the ugliest dog in the world? It reminded me of my neighbors cat many years ago. It was a mangy looking beast with scars and a missing ear. Its front leg was bent and its meow was deafening. BUT everyday it would hobble over to you and rub its ugly head against your leg to say hello, hoping you wouldn’t run away in fright. As soon as you rubbed his head or his back, it would look up at you with the biggest thank you in its eyes, making you want to cry. This ugly cat taught us all that love runs deeper than looks.



**Dean Says:** Well, Summer is here at last after many months of waiting patiently. I’ve been to the beach twice in the last few weeks in Kochi and, was it worth the drive? Yes! It was absolutely fantastic to get back into the sea. So, what are you planning to do this summer? Whatever it is, enjoy yourself!!



# A Word From You

## Notice Board

DON'T MISS.....

*Magic Jain*

*Vocals Alice*

*Guitar Kirin Pan*

*Key Board Masawi*

*Piano Adrienne*

*Shamisen Y. Horio*

**Chance**

THE "CHANCE" CONCERT!  
1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, STARTING AT 13:00 - HERE!

**AND PERFORMANCE NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, JULY 28th:  
AT 8:00PM  
HERE AT CROSSROADS**

**Invite everyone - friends,  
family, everyone - to come  
along to the Party!**

## 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:

For some short, "quirky" stories, go to:  
<http://www.ananova.com/lp.html?keywords=quirkies>

**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.

### Courses you can take at CROSSROADS

#### GENERAL COURSES:

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

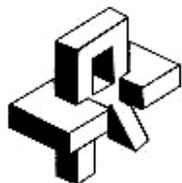
**MOTHER & CHILD:** group or private  
**KIDS:** group or private

#### COSMOPOLITAN COURSES:

"Singing in English" with Alice  
Yoga with Dean  
Guitar with William  
"Cooking in English" with Alice & Dean  
"Magic English" with Iain  
Piano with Adrienne  
Acting with Alice

FRENCH with Natacha  
SPANISH with Patricio  
RUSSIAN with Natasha  
GERMAN with Marita & Matthias  
CHINESE with Noriko  
KOREAN with Kum Fa

**NETLESSONS:**  
group or private



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