

# CrossTalk

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter, April 2008

## All About Hookahs... Or, Water Pipes.

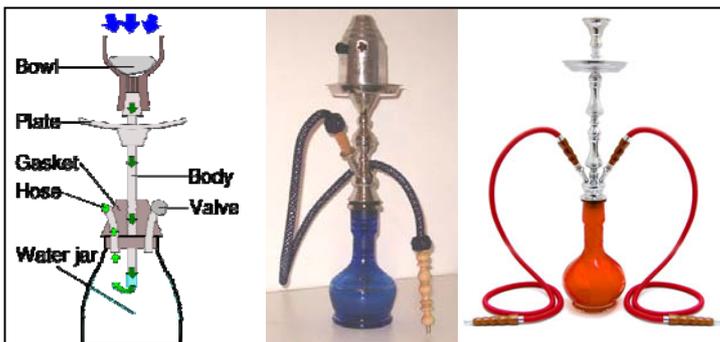
Have you heard of a water pipe? I had never heard of such a thing.

Water pipes are popular in Egypt. They are also popular in the Middle East.

A water pipe uses a special pipe. The tobacco is put in a bowl, and coals are put on it. Then smoke comes out. The smoke is breathed through water. There are many flavors such as fruits, spices and flowers.

Because the process takes one hour to complete, it is not possible to carry a water pipe about while smoking. However they can be enjoyed in coffee shops. People smoke them while talking with their friends and co-workers during the day.

In Japan, it is possible to enjoy them in Middle Eastern restaurants and bars. The number of shops that have water pipes has increased in Tokyo. Young women especially like to smoke them, even if they don't like to smoke cigarettes.



It is said that the water will absorb poisonous substances such as Nicotine, but this is not true. Also, it takes much longer to smoke a water pipe than a cigarette. Altogether, smoking a hookah is not good for our health.

- Article from Shoko in SCB!

Which reminds us of...

## ...Alice in Wonderland... ....and the most famous "Water Pipe" of them all....

And, here it is in the hands of the Caterpillar as he speaks with Alice -



Original illustration (the color has been added latter) by John Tenniel for Lewis Carroll's famous story.

'Who are YOU?' said the Caterpillar.

This was not an encouraging opening for a conversation. Alice replied, rather shyly, 'I--I hardly know, sir, just at present-- at least I know who I WAS when I got up this morning, but I think I must have been changed several times since then.'

However, the most famous animal to meet Alice in Wonderland is the White Rabbit!



Here is a photo of his great-great-great-great-great-great-great, great grandson, Barney. Barney has a very important job at this time of year. He goes around delivering Easter eggs to children and wishing everyone "happy Easter!" So,....

HAPPY EASTER, EVERYONE!!



## 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:**

You can find out all about hookahs here:  
<http://www.snarkdreams.com/hookah/>

**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:** Last month we had another great end-of-term “Performance Night”, and the party wasn’t bad either! It was a smaller event compared to the usual as many students had obligations that prevented them from coming along; but those who participated were no less enthusiastic, which, of course, made for a great night. Thanks to all those who did participate. You were great!! You can see some photos of the action on P3.

**Junko Says:** Finally, a vacuum cleaner that cleans by itself while you are busy with other chores! The one I saw looks like a flying saucer as it moves from corner to corner cleaning the whole floor. But that’s not all! Believe it or not, it also goes to the power outlet to re-charge itself and then it starts cleaning again!! While watching it move here and there, I wondered to myself if I was the only one to forget that what I was looking at was a machine...



**Michael Says:** I always thought April was a beautiful name. It is a name that feels weightless to me, light. One of my best friends is named April, and she is usually smiling and laughing. That seems appropriate. Also, my mother’s birthday is on April 1st. My mother is an interesting character however, and doesn’t celebrate birthdays. So, instead of telling her “Happy Birthday”, I always call her and say, “April Fools Mom!”

**Owen Says:** April the 1<sup>st</sup> is April Fool’s Day. Some of the best tricks are from big corporations that have the resources needed to pull off really big pranks. **Left Handed Burgers:** In 1998, Burger King ran an ad in a national newspaper, saying that people could get a burger for left-handed people whose condiments were designed to drip out of the right side. Not only did customers order the new burgers, but some specifically requested the "old", right-handed burger.



**Greg Says:** Have you ever had any missed opportunities that you regret? Recently I have had many students tell me about their missed opportunities in life and it got me thinking about one of my friends from way back. He grew up in a family of doctors and was expected to become a doctor as well. He went through medical school and (can you believe it) dropped out in his final year to pursue one of his secret dreams. ...he went to teachers college and became a kindergarten teacher.

**Emilie Dit:** Quand on est professeur au Japon, on reçoit de nombreux cadeaux. Le plus généralement il s’agit de nourriture et de spécialités issues de chaque région du pays. Par exemple, on m’offre souvent des mandarines (« mikan »); Ehime est célèbre pour ses cultures d’agrumes. C’est un cadeau que j’apprécie beaucoup parce qu’il me rappelle les récits de mon père. Ce dernier me racontait que dans son enfance ses parents lui offraient une orange pour Noël. C’était un luxe à cette époque. Alors, à chaque fois que je reçois une orange, je me sens très privilégiée. J’en apprécie la chair, le parfum, ainsi que la provenance (50 ans après mon père, je peux manger des oranges cultivées au Japon).



# NOTICE BOARD

## PERFORMANCE NIGHT 29-03-'08



The "Crossroads Singers": Eri, Noriko and Meiko

Mmm... I need a volunteer

Katsumi and the "magic finger" trick

Good job, Yumeko!

Yumeko on guitar (accompanied by Michael)

Where's the Champagne?

In(a)1 students Setsuko, Marie and Miho performing "Merry Reality"



### みーちゃんを探しています！！

3月22日(土) 祝谷3丁目付近でいなくなりました。  
薄緑の地にチェック柄の首輪をしています。  
見かけた方はお知らせください。  
(連絡先) 924-0112 中川 (S(a)1 student)



## クロスローズの好きなコースで英語を学ぶ。

### "GENERAL (ジェネラル) コース

英語+実践練習

60分 x 2回 / 週:

1学期-4ヶ月毎にレベルが上がる  
クロスローズのメインプログラム

90分 x 1回 / 週:

忙しい方のための週1レッスン

プライベート(個人)

月2回からレッスン回数自由選択

セミプライベート(セミ個人):

月3回からレッスン回数自由選択

### クロスローズで学べるその他の外国語

フランス語 - スペイン語 - ドイツ語 - イタリア語 - ロシア語 - 中国語 - 韓国語

### COSMOPOLITAN (コスモポリタン) コース

英語+実技を通した実用練習、だから誰でも分かる、自然に上達する。

英語でギターを習う

英語で歌う

英語で料理

英語でマジック

ピアノ

英語劇

ヨガ

レッスン料 ¥4,725/月~  
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### NET(ネット) レッスン

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### KIDS' (キッズ) クラス

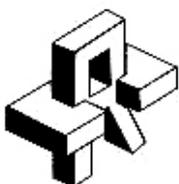
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