

ESL Class Notes - Thursday April 12, 2018

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Arbor Day

Students were asked if anyone knew what Arbor Day is.

Vocabulary review for Arbor Day

Listening Skills

- Why do different states celebrate Arbor day on different days? For example, Maine celebrates Arbor day later than it is celebrated in southern states. It corresponds to the typical beginning of spring planting in each region.
- What lives in trees? Many birds nest and rear their young in trees. Small mammals such as squirrels live much of their lives in trees.
- How do people use living trees? In rural, open areas, trees are planted as a wind break to protect a home or buildings. They are also used to landscape and beautify areas around homes and businesses. The students mentioned that rows of trees are used to protect buildings in their countries from typhons.

Food and Tradition. Students and volunteers shared about their favorite foods that may be grown in trees. Also discussed what favorite fruits that grow in trees that each person may grow in their yards.

What is an orchard? Typically a group of fruit trees on a farm.

Arbor Day Vocabulary Quiz

- Reviewed Quiz on Arbor Day by taking turns reading the questions and answers.
- Talked about types of squirrels, both tree dwelling and ground dwelling. The students also have squirrels in their home countries.

After the Coffee Break

Patriots Day and The Battle of Lexington and Concord.

Reviewed the Vocabulary

- Spoke about the nuances of “**declared**”
- The difference between Militia and National Guard and their duties.
- Why is a marathon distance set at 26.2 miles?
- Revolutions that happened in other places.
- What historic sites are there in the students’ home countries.
- National days and remembrances in other countries.