

Class Notes: Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Class # 98

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Students- Jing, Satoko,

Laureen's first article was Earth Day on page 3. We read the article to them after Laureen had the vocabulary words on the board with a discussion. She asked each person to talk about how they celebrate Earth Day in their own countries. Each country does a lot. One significant new piece of information to us was that in China it becomes a week called Golden Week. Everyone is off work and school for a week and each day that have a different environmental/family fun focus. It is like a spring break for them.

This led into asking Jing to talk about her perceptions of the movie Frontline that she saw at St. Brendan's. Although the accents and the second speaker's quiet speech made it hard to understand, she learned a lot and liked talking about what she had learned. After class, she texted a trailer from the movie to all of the students who were in class.

The second article was Ask Elizabeth which was about taking care of the earth through simple things that we do at home. We had discussions about some of the student's homes. There were questions about a gas fireplace and should you turn off the gas in the summer.

We got into a discussion about Shanghai and how the part of the city that were built by foreigners look like the buildings from the foreign company's homeland. So the buildings might look like an old building from London, or Paris. Jing showed us a picture which was quite interesting. She said that it is the prettiest part of the city with parks, etc.

There were some questions about similar/confusing words such as when do you use "either" or "both"? When do you use "neither". Then there were questions about their pronunciations.

We got into a discussion about solicitors coming to the door. Apparently someone who said they were from the government keeps going to Satoko's door and says they are doing a survey. Satoko did not know that she could call the police or turn the people away. It seems that they keep coming back to survey her daughter and husband. We told her that this was inappropriate and that she should call Franklin Park and report them. (I don't know if she will - could the leader next week ask her about this?)

Then we got into an explanation about the census and how it will be different than what Satoko experienced.