

Conversation Friends

Class # 36

Tuesday,

October 31, 2017

10:00am -noon

Volunteers: Jon* Charlotte

Students: Rainbow, Guosheng, Hyunju, Jing Sun, Yoko

Jon's Notes:

We began by each telling what they did before class. Hyunju broke up an argument between her two sons, telling them no one would go trick-or-treating if they didn't stop. They are close in age. Rainbow had gone for a run. Yoko took her "dog a walk." I explained that we use the word "for" in such sentences. Go FOR a walk, go FOR a run, etc. and she asked about other such descriptions, as did some of the others.

Then we talked about fame and famous people and I asked if any of them had met a famous person. Hyunju saw Julia Roberts when she (Hyunju) was working for the airlines at the International counter. She said Julia Roberts looked like a normal person and was very nice and gave her an autograph. Jing said that the famous people in China are mostly film stars or musicians. Since young people don't really care about politics, there are no famous politicians. Yoko said in Japan the Imperial Royal Family is somewhat famous but they are not very fashionable and not famous as we think of it. Goesheng said there is a Chinese man who is in America speaking out against corruption in the Chinese government. Many Chinese in America watch his You Tube videos. Gousheng said the man is in New York and is protected by FBI and others because of threats on his life.

We took a break; then Charlotte worked on listening and pronunciation skills with Rainbow and Gousheng. The rest of us went over a list of phrasal verbs I had prepared. We read the story and then figured out what the phrasal verbs meant. It was a useful exercise, I think.

All of the things we use to teach them specific things can be repeated by other leaders with no problem because the learning takes repetition.

We dismissed a little after twelve.