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We read a short article about the beginnings of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and discussed it. Hyunju has been to New York to see the parade with her husband and two sons. They walked several blocks to get to a viewing spot, leaving their hotel at 7:30. She and her husband were in the fifth or sixth row but people in front allowed her sons to stand in front of them, against the fence. She said she enjoyed it but would not go to see it again, having been too cold and not liking the huge crowds of people. No one else had been there and most had not watched it on TV. We went through some underlined words in the article, such as: float, stake-out, thermos, duration, signature and several others. As usual the students took notes on definitions of any words that were new to them.

We took a coffee-and-cookie break for about 10-15 minutes, then resumed. We all stayed together today. First we used photographs of scenes and people, which the students described for us. They did well and seemed to like the exercise in forming descriptions. Each person chose two photos and described them in turn, giving at least five sentences to describe each picture. We had a lot of fun listening to the interesting descriptions and also hearing what events or scenes from their past were triggered by a picture they'd chosen.

We then played a round of Taboo. Rainbow, Jing and Satako each had one "food" word, while Yoko and Hyunju pulled from a container with three words on each slip of paper. Everyone had fun and the volunteers who hadn't seen these methods before were able to see how easy they are to use.

We ended at 12 and the volunteers began getting ready for the 12:30 meeting.