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Students : Hyun ju, Xi Lin, Rainbow, Jing Sun, Yoko

We began with an update on how many Olympic medals each country had won so far, and in which sports.

There were Mardi Gras beads and coins on the table with the student's name tags, and they were very curious about why. Discussion began with reading the article in EEN about Mardi Gras, and why it was celebrated.

Prior to reading the articles, I asked what the students already knew about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, but they had very little knowledge. They read the articles out loud and we talked about President's Day and why it was celebrated. When we read that Washington was on the one-dollar bill and Lincoln on the five, Rainbow brought out some Chinese money and showed us that Chairman Mao was on all of the paper money. Hyun ju commented that he looked younger on some than on the others.

After the break we did some pronunciation practice. Each student was given 5 cards with words suggested using minimal pairs. The student read each word out loud one at a time and the other students wrote down what word they heard. After the 5 words were read, the other students spelled what they had written and compared them with the words that were actually read. Two difficulties that became obvious were the differences between 'pool' and 'pull', and 'jeep' and 'cheap'.