

Volunteers: Joyce*, Jon, Charlotte, Meghan

Students : Yoko, Jing sun, Xi lin, Rainbow, Hyunju, Satoko, Kathy (new)

The first part of the class was a focus group, led by Joyce, to learn how the students would set up an ESL group if they were doing it themselves. Joyce had them work in groups of two or three to answer a series of specific questions she distributed.

The students thought carefully about their responses and provided many good ideas, all of which will be shared at the next Tutor Talk, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14th.

After the focus group we had a brief discussion about funerals and the proper attire for visitation. We learned that in their home countries, dress is more formal, all black and dressier, much like it used to be here. Satoko had seen someone come into a funeral home in jeans and a tee shirt and didn't understand what they were dressed that way, i.e., did they just come from work in a hurry, etc?

Hyunju told us that hospitals in S. Korea have a funeral home building attached and funerals are held there. In China and Japan, there are funeral homes outside of the hospital areas, more like we have here. They all seem to have visitation of several days in their countries as well.

We discussed the song, When the Saints Go Marching in, and why such an upbeat song would be played in a funeral procession as is done in New Orleans.