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Greetings

Thank you very much to the students who sent comments about the previous Globetrotter issue. We always enjoy receiving your mail and hearing what you think. We look forward to getting more emails from all of you.

NEWS---The new Global Communications website is now available. Please check out all the new features, such as: blogs, downloadable worksheets and newsletters, video introductions of the teachers, podcasts, and much more!

NEWS---If you are preparing for the test, be sure to check out the e-test at www.e-test.biz.

Please this month's issue of the Globetrotter. Please give us your comments or any ideas for articles you would like to see in future Globetrotters!



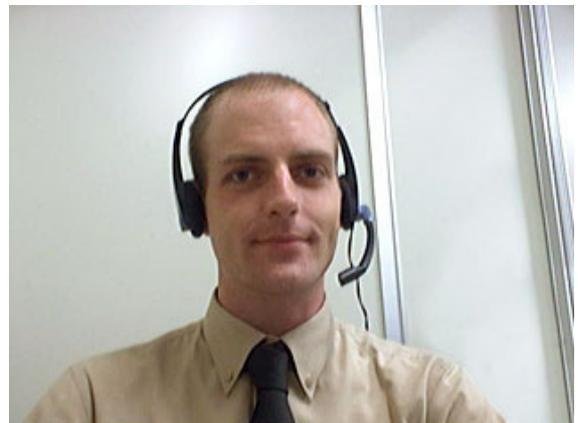
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Teacher Spotlight Don

Hello everyone! My name is Don and I'm from Nishi-Funabashi in Chiba prefecture. Well, originally I'm from Melbourne, Australia, but I've been living in Japan since March 2005, and I love being here! I've been teaching at Global Communications for almost three months and I am really enjoying talking to all of the friendly and interesting students. I was previously teaching English at a large school in Tokyo, but I think that the students at Global Communications are much better!

I studied Multimedia Design at university in Australia. Before I came to Japan, I worked in the fields of photography and graphic design for five years. One of the main reasons I was interested in Japan was the unique and breathtaking design in exhibitions, architecture, and advertising on TV and in magazines. I've lived in Japan for over a year, but I'm not ready to leave any time soon!



Movie Review

Click

By Alando Garcia

Click stars Adam Sandler as Michael Newman, a **workaholic architect** that is spending too much time at the office and not enough time at home with his family. While at a department store, Michael gets a very special **universal TV remote** from a clerk (played by Christopher Walken). The TV remote allows Michael to fast-forward over certain events in his life that he dislikes. For example, when his wife is **arguing** with him, he is able to use the remote to fast-forward to the end of the argument. At first, Michael loves this new remote because it allows him to avoid many unpleasant situations. However, the remote begins creating its own memory (like TIVO) and starts to fast-forward by itself, even when Michael does not want it to.

Click is basically a dramatic comedy; in other words, half comedy and half drama. There are some very funny parts in the movie, but the reason the movie is so good is because of the dramatic parts and the ending. In the end, Michael learns an important life lesson that I think many people in Japan might be able **to relate to**. The movie is light and fun but still has an important message, I think.

Many of you probably do not know Adam Sandler, but he is a very popular comedy actor in American movies. I think this is one of his best films.



Movie Reviews Grading System

- **A** = Outstanding acting, storyline, visuals and/or special effects.
- **B** = Very good acting **and** storyline, visuals and/or special effects are good.
- **C** = Good acting **or** good storyline **or** good visuals and/or special effects.
- **D** = Poor acting, storyline, visuals and/or special effects.
- **F** = Everything was terrible!

Vocabulary

Click

1. **workaholic**- this is a person that works too much, too many hours.
2. **architect** – an architect is a professional that designs buildings.
3. **universal TV remote** – a TV remote is what allows you to change the channels on your TV or to adjust the volume. A universal remote is one that can control many different items, like the TV, DVD player, TIVO, VCR, etc.
4. **arguing** – to argue is to have a verbal fight with someone.
5. **to relate to** – to relate to something means to be able to understand it.

World Views

By Adam Stefan
The Nobel Peace Prize

The Nobel Peace Prize is one of the five prizes created by Alfred Nobel, a wealthy Swedish inventor. The other Nobel prizes are given for physics, medicine, chemistry and literature. Every year, the Peace Prize is given to a person or group that promotes friendship and peace between nations and the end of war and violence.

Many people believe that Mr. Nobel established the Peace Prize to compensate for his invention of dynamite and other destructive explosives. By mistake, an obituary was printed in a newspaper while Mr. Nobel was still alive. This obituary criticized Mr. Nobel for his dangerous invention. After reading this, Mr. Nobel decided to create the Peace Prize to help make a more peaceful world.

The first Peace Prize was awarded in 1901 to the founder of the Red Cross. Since then, many famous people have received the prize, including Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Dalai Lama. Many organizations have also won the prize, such as UNICEF, the International Red Cross and Amnesty International. The 2006 Peace Prize was recently awarded to Dr. Muhammad Yunus of Bangladesh. Dr. Yunus is the founder of the Grameen Bank, a nonprofit organization that gives loans to poor people in Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest nations.

Test Your Knowledge

Who is the only Japanese winner of the Nobel Peace Prize?

- a) Sadako Ogata
- b) Eisaku Sato
- c) Junichiro Koizumi
- d) Kenzaburo Oe

Send Us Your Comments

What do you think about the following article? Voice your opinion by sending your comments to:

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We anxiously look forward to knowing how the readers feel about the topic.

Home-Cooking Comments

Recently I have cooked breakfast and lunch every day. My wife cooks dinner. Since I cook breakfast and lunch, I understand that it is important for me to use time for cooking efficiently. Before dinner I prepare the dinner set and after dinner I wash the tableware sometimes. Such a small help delights my wife. I think it is a good way for us to use the refrigerator and microwave for cooking and saving time. By the way, does your husband help you at dinnertime?

--Takuma

Vocabulary Builder

1. **compensate** = VERB = an action to make up for
 - Mr. Johnson bought a bicycle to compensate for the loss of his car.
2. **destructive** = ADJECTIVE = destroying or causing damage
 - The destructive storm damaged many houses.
3. **obituary** = NOUN = an article that reports a person's death and a history of their life
 - After he died, his obituary was printed in newspaper.
4. **criticize** = VERB = to make a judgment about someone or something, usually negative
 - She criticized her coworker for always coming to work late.

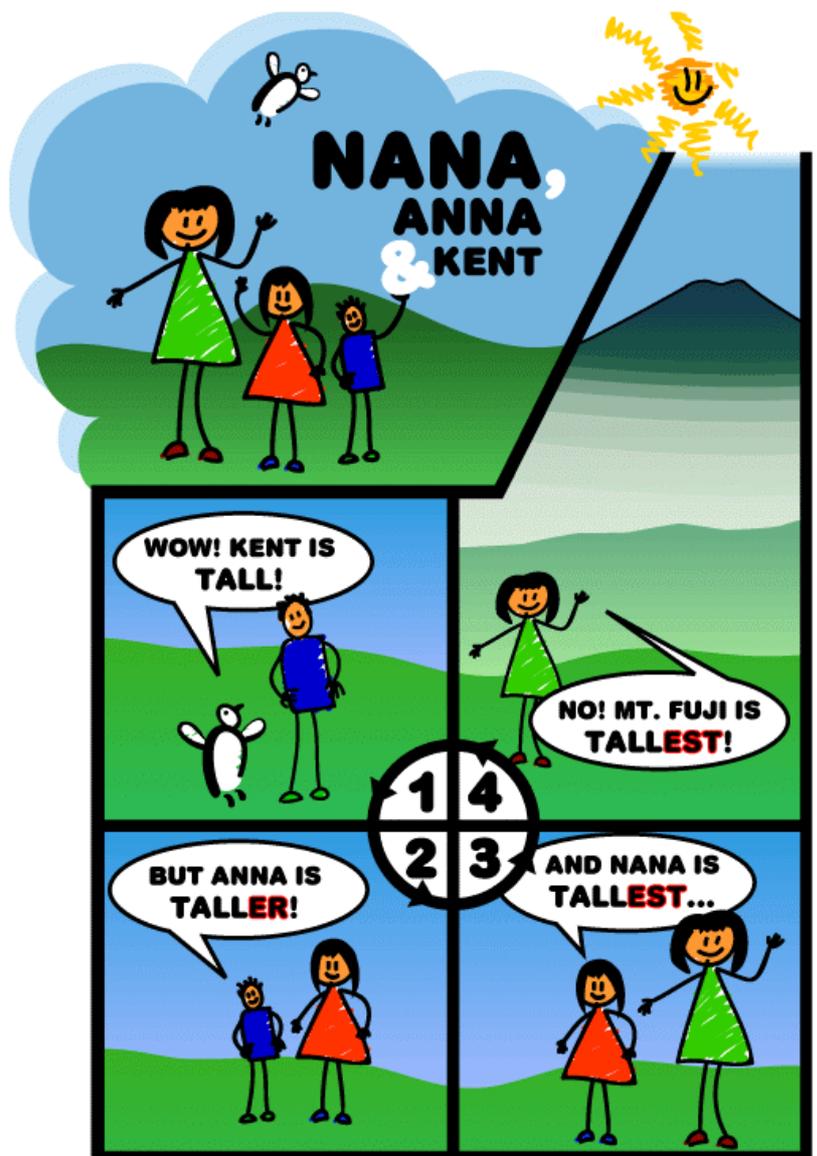
Kids Corner

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Comparative Adjectives ADJECTIVE + -er or -est

Complete the sentence with the correct comparative adjective.

- The mountain is _____.
 - tall
 - taller
 - tallest
- A car is _____ than a bicycle.
 - fast
 - faster
 - fastest
- Playing soccer is _____ than watching TV.
 - fun
 - more fun
 - most fun
- Pluto is the _____ planet in the solar system.
 - small
 - smaller
 - smallest
- Nana is _____ than her brother Kent.
 - old
 - older
 - oldest
- What is the _____ movie you have ever seen?
 - exciting
 - more exciting
 - most exciting



October Answers

Test Your Skills (pg. 4)

Reading Comprehension

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. a) right | 5. a) diet |
| 2. c) in | 6. c) special |
| 3. b) served | 7. a) and |
| 4. b) on | 8. b) eaten |

Kids Corner (pg. 5)

Vocabulary Practice

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| 1. a) reads | 4. c) skipped |
| 2. c) skip | 5. b) drawing |
| 3. b) drawing | |