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Greetings

Thanks to all of the students that shared their Golden Week experiences on our blog! Please continue posting your thoughts on the blog!

NEWS---Remember to check out the Global Communications website, which has great 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 give us your comments or any ideas for articles you would like to see in future Globetrotters! We always enjoy receiving your mail and hearing what you think.



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Student Comment

"It has been said that golf was born in England, developed in the U.S and degraded in Japan. I sometime enjoy playing golf and I have played golf in the U.S. only one time.

However the difference is clear. In the case of Japan, when we play golf we always get up at dawn and arrive the golf course. After that we have breakfast at the deluxe restaurant in a luxurious clubhouse. On the other hand, in the case of the U.S. generally speaking, there is only a simple front desk and the sandwich-house.

Moreover, in the case of Japan, after 9 holes we definitely have a deluxe lunch with a lot of liquor, but in the case of the U.S. they play through 18 holes and for lunch have a hotdog and soft drink which are sold at the booth. After all the holes, Japanese people enjoy a good bath like a spa, and start to drink liquor, but American people only take a shower and hurry home.

After all, American golf is pure sports, but Japanese golf is a kind of entertainment."

-- Koji



Thanks Koji!

Paul's Corner

Canadian Cuisine

By Paul Michel

Hello, Globetrotter readers! I recently had a student ask me to describe the **cuisine** of Canada. I tried my best to answer her question but I still found it difficult to give her a **precise** definition of Canadian cuisine. I'd like to give her question **another shot** in this column.

Canadian cuisine **varies** significantly from region to region. In general, the traditional cuisine of English Canada is closely related to British and American cuisine, while the traditional cuisine of Quebec and French Canada has **evolved** from French cuisine and the winter provisions of fur traders.

The basis of both groups is traditionally on seasonal, fresh ingredients, and **preserves**. The cuisine includes a lot of baked foods, wild game, and gathered foods. However, home-made, warming, and wholesome remain key adjectives in what Canadians consider their cuisine.

The cuisine of the western provinces is heavily influenced by German, Ukrainian, Polish, and Scandinavian cuisine. The traditional cuisine of The Arctic and the Canadian Territories is based on wild game and Inuit and First Nations cooking methods. The cuisines of Newfoundland and the Maritime provinces derive mainly from British and Irish cooking, with a preference for salt-cured fish, beef, and pork. British Columbia also maintains British cuisine traditions.

Readers may be surprised to hear that Canada produces world class wine, beer and whisky. Canadian icewine is one of the sweetest and most expensive wines in the world.

The following are good examples of Canadian cuisine: back bacon, meat pies, Montreal smoked meat, bannock (fry bread), yellow pea soup, Montreal-style bagels, baked beans, wild rice, moose and rabbit meat, salmon, lobster, maple syrup, Nanaimo bars, and butter tarts.

Do any of you have any questions about Canadian cuisine? If so drop us a line!

Vocabulary

1. **cuisine:** a style or quality of cooking: "I recently had a student ask me to describe the **cuisine** of Canada."
2. **precise:** clearly expressed; definite: "I still found it difficult to give her a **precise** definition of Canadian cuisine."
3. **another shot:** a second attempt: "I'd like to give her question **another shot** in this column."
4. **varies:** to undergo or show change: "Canadian cuisine **varies** significantly from region to region."
5. **evolved:** to come forth gradually into being; develop: "The traditional cuisine of Quebec and French Canada has **evolved** from French cuisine."
6. **preserves:** fruit preserved by cooking with sugar: "The basis of both groups is traditionally on seasonal, fresh ingredients, and **preserves**."

In The News

Learn to Read the News in English

Reading the news is an ideal way to practice your English reading skills. Every month, the Globetrotter will include a new English news article with key vocabulary and definitions. We hope you enjoy this new feature of the Globetrotter!

Today's article is about a new immigration test in Australia. As immigration is always a hot issue in Japan, we are sure you will have many comments, so please send us your comments or write on our blog!

Controversy over citizenship tests in Australia

Migrants applying for Australian citizenship will have to know about the traditions of **indigenous people** and the colors of the nation's flag to pass these new tests. Sports are also likely to be part of the new tests, along with geography and politics.

Prospective citizens won't have to **absorb** long lists of facts and figures. The government does, however, want them to **have a decent grasp** of what customs and values **make this country tick**. The Prime Minister, John Howard, has said the tests will promote social harmony and integration. Those who fail will be able to retake the test. The pass mark will probably be around sixty percent.

Critics believe the measures will **discriminate against** migrants with low levels of **literacy** and for whom English is not their first language. A senior opposition politician said the tests were **ideologically driven nonsense**. They are due to be introduced later this year.

Send Us Your Comments

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

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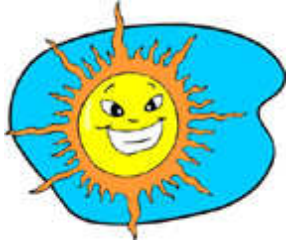
We anxiously look forward to knowing how the readers feel about the topic.

Vocabulary

1. **migrant**: people who move to live in another country: "In America, there are many **migrants** from Mexico"
2. **indigenous people**: the original people of an area, for example, Native Americans
3. **absorb**: to learn, to memorize: "If you want to take the TOEIC, you will have to **absorb** a lot of English vocabulary"
4. **to have a decent grasp**: to understand well enough: "Foreigners should **have a decent grasp** of Japanese to enjoy life in Tokyo"
5. **make this country tick**: what causes people (Australians) to behave and think the way they do
6. **discriminate against**: treat some people worse than other people: "The test **discriminates against** people who cannot read English"
7. **literacy**: the ability to read and write: "In some countries, the **literacy** rate is only 50%--only half of adults can read and write"
8. **ideologically driven nonsense**: a silly law or action based on beliefs, usually political beliefs: "America's war in Iraq is **ideologically driven nonsense**"

Kids Corner

How's the Weather



It's sunny.



It's cloudy.



It's rainy.



It's windy.



It's foggy.



It's stormy.