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Greetings

Thanks to all of the students who sent comments about the previous Globetrotter issue. 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 Spotlight

Ayana

By Paul Michel

Ayana is an avid English student who has been studying with Global Communications since 2006.

Ayana has advanced abilities in communicating in English and prefers to have a free conversation and textbook style lesson. She enjoys the fact that her online lessons are always one-on-one with her teacher. She feels very comfortable asking her teacher questions about English.

Ayana enjoys watching English television series like Lost and Charmed to practice her listening skills. She also enjoys practicing her conversation skills while traveling to English speaking countries like the United States, and Australia.

Ayana is an interesting conversationalist who enjoys talking about travel, food, movies, music and lifestyle issues. We thoroughly enjoy Ayana's lessons because of her enthusiasm for learning, and look forward to teaching her in the future!



Paul's Corner

Barbecuing In Japan

By Paul Michel

Hello, Globetrotter readers! I recently had my first barbecuing experience in Japan. It was a little different than barbecuing in Canada but I had a great time **nonetheless**.

It is only a 5 minute bicycle ride from my home to a **vast** riverside park area. This is a great area to ride your bicycle as there is a long bicycle path running alongside the river.

On my previous bike rides I had **spotted** a lot of people barbecuing near the riverside. It was then that I told myself that I would give barbecuing a try too.

On a fine day I placed my barbecue in my bicycle basket and **set out** for the riverside.

When I arrived to the barbecue area I laid down my blue plastic mat and set up my barbecue. Earlier, I had purchased some **charcoal briquettes** to burn in my barbecue.

Unfortunately, try as I may, I could not get the charcoal briquettes to light up! I tried using newspaper as well as some small **twigs** to get the fire going but was unsuccessful.

In the end, a kind gentleman offered me a pack of quick lighting briquettes. These briquettes have been **soaked** in **lighter fluid** and light up instantly.

So thanks to the kindness of a stranger I was able to enjoy my first barbecue in Japan!

Do any of you have any good advice on how to light a barbecue? If so drop us a line!

Vocabulary

1. **nonetheless**: however, nevertheless: "It was a little different than barbecuing in Canada but I had a great time **nonetheless**"
2. **vast**: very great in area, immense: "It is only a 5 minute bicycle ride from my home to a **vast** river side park area."
3. **spotted**: to have noted or to have recognized something: "On my previous bike rides I had **spotted** a lot of people barbecuing near the riverside."
4. **set out**: to begin a journey or course: "On a fine day I placed my barbecue in my bicycle basket and **set out** for the riverside."
5. **charcoal briquettes**: small blocks of compressed charcoal used for fuel, esp. in barbecuing: "Earlier, I had purchased some **charcoal briquettes** to burn in my barbecue."
6. **lighter fluid**: a combustible fluid used in cigarette lighters and for barbecuing: "These briquettes have been soaked in **lighter fluid** and light up instantly."
7. **twigs**: any small, leafless branch of a woody plant: "I tried using newspaper as well as some small **twigs** to get the fire going but was unsuccessful."
8. **soaked**: to immerse in liquid for a period of time: "These briquettes have been **soaked** in lighter fluid and light up instantly."

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 feature of the Globetrotter!

This month's article is about the launching of a space probe. Did you find this month's article interesting? Let us know!

NASA Launches Space Probe to Explore Asteroids

The United States Space Agency NASA has **launched** a spacecraft to study two large asteroids located between Mars and Jupiter.

The probe named *Dawn* departed September 22nd from Cape Canaveral, Florida. It is expected to enter **orbit** around the asteroid Vesta in 2011, where it will spend several months before **proceeding** to Ceres.

Dawn is expected to travel a total distance of 5.1 billion kilometers during its eight year **itinerary**.

NASA officials say the **mission** aims to discover the mysteries of **planetary** formation.

Discovered in 1807, Vesta is smaller than Ceres and has a rocky surface similar to the Earth's moon. Ceres, discovered in 1801, is defined as a dwarf planet and scientists believe it may have a layer of ice under its **crust**.

Dawn will be the first spacecraft to enter into orbit around two different planetary bodies other than the Earth and Moon, and the first to visit the largest **asteroid**.

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. **launched:** to set or thrust in motion: "The United States Space Agency NASA has **launched** a spacecraft to study two large asteroids located between Mars and Jupiter."
2. **orbit:** the curved path described by a satellite, planet, etc., around a celestial body, as the sun: "It is expected to enter **orbit** around the asteroid Vesta in 2011, where it will spend several months before proceeding to Ceres."
3. **proceeding:** to go forward or onward: "It is expected to enter orbit around the asteroid Vesta in 2011, where it will spend several months before **proceeding** to Ceres."
4. **itinerary:** a detailed plan for a journey: "*Dawn* is expected to travel a total distance of 5.1 billion kilometers during its eight year **itinerary**."
5. **mission:** an operation designed to carry out the goals of a specific program: "NASA officials say the **mission** aims to discover the mysteries of planetary formation."
6. **planetary:** pertaining to a planet or the planets: "NASA officials say the **mission** aims to discover the mysteries of **planetary** formation."