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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 Kyoko

Kyoko is a dedicated English student who has been studying with Global Communications for almost one year.

When Kyoko first enrolled with Global Communications her English skills were an upper beginner level. Through diligent study and 1-2 classes per week she has improved to an intermediate level. Kyoko prefers to begin each lesson with a few minutes of free conversation finally moving on to her *New Interchange* textbook. She enjoys having her grammar corrected in a chatboard during her online lessons.

Kyoko enjoys watching English television series like *Bewitched* and *Grey's Anatomy* to practice her listening skills. She also enjoys honing her English skills by reading *The Japan Times*.

Kyoko wants to learn English so that she can live and work abroad. She is especially interested in helping people in developing countries. We thoroughly enjoy Kyoko's lessons because of her enthusiasm for learning, and look forward to teaching her in the future!



Teacher Spotlight

Paul Stone

Hello everyone! As some of you might know, I am a new teacher at this school - so please allow me to introduce myself.

Originally, I come from Manchester, a city in the north of England. Many of you may know Manchester from its famous football team. However, I am not **a fan** of Manchester United, but Manchester City (United's less glamorous neighbours). Manchester was originally a very small place, but during **the Industrial Revolution** it rapidly grew into a **prosperous** city **on the back of** its successful cotton industry. Since that time, it has always been a very industrial, working-class place with a reputation for being a little dirty and violent. However, in the past few decades, largely due to its famous music scene and footballers, Manchester has changed a lot and is now a very fashionable city. In the 1990's a large bomb planted by the terrorist organization **the IRA** destroyed much of Manchester's city center and the chance was taken to completely **revolutionize** the area. The new, ambitious buildings that were built then are **a world apart** from Manchester's grimy past and it is clearly looking to the future. Right now, it is a very exciting place to be, with lots of art galleries, shops, bars, clubs, restaurants and Europe's largest China Town!

Although I was born in Manchester and most of my family is still living there, when I was very young my parents moved to a place called Cornwall in the South-West of England. So, for this reason, my **accent** is a southern English accent. Cornwall is the

complete opposite of Manchester. Whereas Manchester is a big, busy city, Cornwall is a very quiet and **rural** place. Cornwall is actually a **county** (a little like a Japanese prefecture) and I lived in a small town called Bude within that county. It is famous for its beautiful scenery, with its dramatic cliffs and ocean views. Lots of tourists come to relax by the beach, go surfing or eat a Cornish cream tea (scones, jam and **clotted cream** served with a cup of tea!). Perhaps the most famous place in Cornwall is Land's End, which is the most southwestern part of England. Cornwall also has the world's largest **greenhouse**, which is home to a fake tropical rainforest and Mediterranean desert. It's called The Eden Project and was used in a scene in a James bond movie!

I love traveling and have been to lots of places across Europe, my **favourite** place probably being Croatia (which was a part of Yugoslavia before the war in the 1990s). I have also been to some places in Asia, such as Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea and Malaysia. I really like to eat curry, so I enjoyed the food in Malaysia very much. However, I wasn't so keen on dorian (it smells terrible!). I have been to a few places in Japan: Okinawa, Nagano, Matsumoto, Yuzawa-Onsen, Izu, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Shikoku and, where I live, Tokyo. I actually came to Japan for the first time in 2001 to perform at some music concerts in Tokyo. I had such a great experience and met so many nice people that I decided I wanted to come back to Japan to live. So I taught English at a school in Kawasaki for 3 years before returning to England to study teaching for one year. I came back to Japan two months ago after graduating from my teachers' school.

I look forward to meeting you in a lesson soon, so if you have any questions for me please feel free to ask!



Vocabulary

a fan – someone who likes a particular sport or team very much.

The Industrial Revolution – the period in the 18th and 19th centuries in Europe when machines and factories became common.

prosperous – successful and having lots of money.

on the back of – because of.

The IRA – Irish Republican Army. A terrorist group.

revolutionize – to completely change something.

a world apart – completely different from something.

accent – the way someone pronounces a language.

rural – in the country, not in the city.

county – a large area of land in a country.

clotted cream – a very thick, slightly sweet cream.

greenhouse – a glass building used for growing plants.

favourite – British spelling of favorite.

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 baseball's steroids scandal. Did you find this month's article interesting? Let us know!

Major League Baseball's Mitchell Report Released

Major League Baseball's (MLB) long **awaited** Mitchell report on **performance-enhancing** drugs was released on December 13th.

The report names 90 current or former players who are accused of possible **possession** or use of performance-enhancing drugs.

As of December 16th only 5 of the 90 individuals named have publicly commented on the report. Some of the baseball stars named in the report include Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Miguel Tejada, and Andy Pettitte.

The Mitchell report recommended that a completely independent agency be **established** to test baseball players for performance-enhancing drugs.

This **controversial** report has tarnished the image of America's "national pastime". We will have to wait and see whether this scandal will have long-lasting effects on baseball.

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. **awaited:** to wait for; expected hopefully: "Major League Baseball's (MLB) long **awaited** Mitchell report on performance-enhancing drugs was released on December 13th."
2. **performance-enhancing:** to raise performance to a higher degree: "Major League Baseball's (MLB) long awaited Mitchell report on **performance-enhancing** drugs was released on December 13th."
3. **possession:** the act of having and controlling property: "The report names 90 current or former players who are accused of possible **possession** or use of performance-enhancing drugs."
4. **established:** to found, institute, build, or bring into being: "The Mitchell report recommended that a completely independent agency be **established** to test baseball players for performance-enhancing drugs."
5. **controversial:** of, producing or marked by controversy: "This **controversial** report has tarnished the image of America's "national pastime".