



# Globetrotter

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## Greetings

Hi everyone. This is the first month of autumn, so thankfully the hot and humid summer days are almost over

Thank you very much to the students who sent comments in regards to the previous Globetrotter issue. We are always happy to read student's suggestions

I would also like to welcome all the new students that have recently joined Global communication. All the staffs at Global communication look forward to helping you achieve your goals.



## Movie Review

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## Teacher Spotlight Elizabeth

**G'Day!** My name is Elizabeth. I am a new member of the global communication teaching staff. I am an **Aussie**. I have come to Japan to do a martial art course.

It is my first time abroad. I miss a lot of things about Australia, like Australian footy. However they are things that I adore about Japan...food is the most obvious one! Besides the transportation system in Tokyo is amazingly reliable, and the people are much nicer than **Sydneysiders** or **Melbournians**.

One thing I am finding difficult to get used to in Japan is the hot and humid summer days. You see, in Australia we have very hot days too. On some summer days the temperature reaches 40 degrees, but it is dry not humid.

I love sports such as Aikido, cycling and swimming. I also love reading, but in Japan English books are so expensive!

## Vocabulary

1. **G'Day**; an Australian slang which is used instead of hello
2. **Aussie**; an informal way of saying Australian
3. **Sydneysiders**; people from Sydney Australia are referred to as Sydneysiders
4. **Melbournians**; people from Melbourne Australia are referred to as Melbournians

# Dead Poet society

By Elizabeth Nasre

The story is about several school boys who are attending a **prestigious** private school, *Welton Academy*, with four **Pillars**; Tradition, Honor, Discipline and Excellence.

They are blessed with a new English teacher, Mr. Keating, who tries to **bring them out of their shells**. His lessons are like no others, and he actively encourages his students to be non-conformists and to **seize** the day.

After finding out that Mr. Keating used to attend *Welton Academy*, and that he was a member of "*Dead Poet Society*" or DPS, they **quiz** him about DPS. He explains to them that DPS was a group, which tried to find out the meaning of life, through **reciting** poetry in a small cave near the school. The students decide to **revive** DPS.

I think the story was fantastic, because it emphasized how important teachers are in not only helping their students find what matters in life but also find their own strength. However the ending was somewhat tragic, as one of the students commits **suicide**, because his father is pressuring him to abandon his dream of becoming an actor.

The first time I saw the movie was in one of my English classes during my final year of High school. It made a big **impression** on me. *Dead Poet society* is not just a mindless film that only aims to entertain, it explores very challenging issues. I think the movie deserves an A grading.

## 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 Dead Poet Society

1. **Prestigious** – it describes something that has a high reputation, in other word it is highly esteemed
2. **Pillar** –this is a term that is used to describe a vertical column that supports an infrastructure. However in the context of this article it means; what the principles of the school is based on
3. **Bring them out of their shells** – This is an English Idiom. To bring someone out of their shell means to help someone be less shy or introverted
4. **Seize** – to grab, or to take hold of
5. **Quiz** – to question
6. **Reciting** – to repeat a piece of poetry.
7. **Revive** – to bring back
8. **Suicide**- the act of intentionally taking ones own life
9. **Impression**- strong effect on the mind



## In the news!

### New cancer drug...New hope for prostate cancer patients.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. Almost one third of the sufferers die from it. However since it is considered as an old-age cancer, it does not usually get the attention it deserves.

However recently, a group of medical researchers, lead by Dr Johann de Bono, at the Institute of Cancer Research, have found a drug that may offer new hope to many men.

The drug, abiraterone, is a **breakthrough** in Prostate cancer research. The trials that have been conducted have shown that abiraterone does not only shrinks **primary tumors** but also **secondary tumors**. Currently a bigger trial is being conducted.

Like all drugs, abiraterone has some side effects. These include fatigue and fluid retention. However a study has shown that there are no major long-term side effects.

Since the drug acts on hormone-dependent prostate tumors, it maybe effective in treating other hormone-dependent cancers, such as some types of breast cancers. Researchers are currently investigating the **molecular pathways** that this drug effects,

Abiraterone has caused a lot of excitement amongst both medical practitioners and cancer patients around the world. One reason for this is that the side effect of this drug is minimal compared to **chemotherapy**.

Medical research is very expensive and time consuming. However the potential benefits such as the many lives saved, are invaluable. Thus more funding should be invested in such crucial research.

## 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.

## Medical Vocabulary

1. **Breakthrough**; a significant advancement
2. **Primary tumors**; these tumors are found in the tissue that gave rise to them
3. **Secondary tumors**, when tumors *metastasize* to a new tissue they are referred to as secondary tumors.
4. **Metastasize**; the spread of cancer to new tissues, for example aggressive prostate cancer can spread to the lungs or brain
5. **Side effects**; This term refers to any undesirable effect of a drug
6. **Molecular pathways**; all biological events are caused by the interactions of different molecules. These interactions are referred to as molecular pathways.
7. **Chemotherapy**; it is a method used to treat some cancers. It involves using certain chemicals that are toxic to cancer cells. However since they are also toxic to normal cells and tissue, chemotherapy causes terrible side-effects

# Test Your Skills

## Reading Comprehension

Read the following article and find the correct meaning of the words that are used in the word game exercise

### Koalas and Kangaroos

The two most famous Australian animals are koalas and kangaroos. Many people think Koalas are friendly creatures.

However Koalas are very cranky animals. All they do is sleep and eat. If their sleep cycle is disturbed, they become very cranky. They sleep for about 16-18 hours a day. That is a lot of sleep! They only eat eucalypt leaves. They carry their young on their back.

Kangaroos are the weirdest looking animals ever. They have a deer like head, they are bipedal, and they have a pouch that they keep their young in. Kangaroos are very shy animals

Both Koalas and kangaroos are marsupials. Their young are referred to as joeys. A group of Kangaroos is referred to as the mob. However since Koalas are solitary animals there is no specific term for a group of Koalas.

## Word game

What does the following words mean  
Choose from the options given.

### 1. Marsupials

- A. A classification of mammals
- B. Fury animals
- C. Belong to the northern hemisphere
- D. Fairy creatures

### 2. cranky

- A. Lively
- B. Playful
- C. Ill-tempered
- D. Cuddly

### 3. eucalypt

- A. Shiny
- B. A type of tree
- C. Delicious
- D. A type of insect

### 4. bipedal

- A. Bicycle
- B. Animals with two feet
- C. Fury
- D. Always hungry

### 5. Joey

- A. Chewy
- B. Edible
- C. A young Koala or kangaroo
- D. Lively

ANSWERS

1. A 2. C 3. B 4. B 5. C

# Test Your Skills

## English Idioms

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### Match to the correct explanation

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. A little learning is a dangerous thing | A) Said about someone who forgets nothing   |
| 2. Ants in your pants                     | B) Eats a lot   |
| 3. Apple of your eye                      | C) Something that is held in such a high respect, that can not be criticized                      |
| 4. a memory like an elephant's            | D) Asked to keep quite on an issue  |
| 5. a question of time                     | E) Something that definitely will happen, but we do not know when                                 |
| 6. Quick fix                              | F) Very easy  |
| 7. Quite before the storm                 | G) Said when someone is so excited that he/she can not keep still                                 |
| 8. Zip your lip                           | H) Said about someone who is very alert   |
| 9. Easier said than done                  | I) A quick, easy solution, that may not last  |
| 10. Easy peasy                            | J) To imply that when people know something they think they are experts                           |
| 11. Eats like a horse                     | K) Eats very little   |
| 12. Eats like a bird                      | L) Easy in theory but difficult in practice...something that sounds much easier than it really is |
| 13. on your high horse                    | M) The time before something goes terribly wrong  |
| 14. on your toes                          | N) Said about someone who is very especial to you   |
| 15. Sacred cow                            | O) Said about someone who is being arrogantly uncompromising                                      |

#### Answers

1.J 2.G 3.N 4.A 5.E 6.I 7.M 8.D  
9.L 10.F 11.B 12.K 13.O 14.H. 15.C