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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 Global Communications website will include a Blog starting in May. There will be a Teacher's Blog and students are also invited to start their own Blog. If any student would like to participate in hosting a Blog, please contact the school by email.

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

REMINDER---Easter is on Sunday, April 16th. Don't forget to devour tasty chocolate bunnies or little marshmallow chicks!



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Teacher Spotlight Trevor Parker

Next month, I must take a leave of absence from Global Communications. I am planning to spend the summer in Canada because of family reasons. I will return to Tokyo in the autumn. I was happy to have been able to travel and see many beautiful parts of Japan, including Okinawa, Nikko, Hakone, and the top of Mount Fuji! I will miss good Japanese Curry Rice and Calpis over the summer, they are not the same in Canada!

Thanks to everyone who enjoyed my lessons, I hope I was both educational and entertaining, and please continue to work hard on your English skills! I also want to wish all the students a fun and relaxing summer this year, and I will be back to see everyone soon...



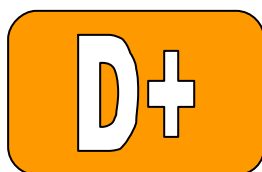
Movie Review

Flightplan

By Alando Garcia

Flight Plan stars Jodie Foster as a **frantic** mother, Kyle Pratt, whose young daughter goes missing on an international flight. However, Ms. Pratt has recently **suffered the loss of** her husband and she is not very **emotionally stable**. Therefore, she may have simply imagined that her daughter was aboard the plane. This is the basic story – is she crazy or is she not crazy?

Could it have been any less suspenseful? I think not! The movie did not offer any **twists**. While watching the movie it was **evident** that her daughter was really missing and someone had **kidnapped** her daughter onboard the plane (a truly unlikely real-life scenario) or she was crazy and simply imagined her daughter was on the plane when in fact she had never been on the plane to begin with. I won't give away the ending, but I predict that you won't care even if I do – this one is a bomb! No suspense, no action and simply not an interesting story. The acting and visuals are only **mediocre**. Definitely not a good theatre movie – there simply is no reason to see this one on the **big screen**!



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 Flightplan

1. **frantic** – an uncontrolled emotional state usually involving fear and anxiety; to be very worried and upset.
2. **suffered the loss of** (or to “suffer a loss”) – this English idiom usually means that someone has died and you are suffering in emotional pain because of their death.
3. **emotionally stable** – emotionally stable means to be in good emotional health, feeling good and strong. Emotionally unstable means the opposite – to be in bad emotional health, feeling weak.
4. **twists** – twists occur when something unexpected happens in the movie to change the story or plot. A good suspense movie should have some twists to the plot to make it more exciting and suspenseful.
5. **evident** – something that is obvious or plain to see; something easily seen.
6. **kidnapped** – to take or abduct another person (or child) without their consent or agreement; to take someone forcefully. Kidnapping (verb) is a crime.
7. **mediocre** – average or of moderate quality.
8. **big screen** – this is American slang for a movie theatre. Big screen can also be used to describe a home TV with a very large screen.

What do you think?

By Jennifer Yun
Blood Lines

WHY IS ADOPTION BECOMING TRENDY?

In the U.S., adoption is commonplace and there is no stigma placed on the parents or the adopted children. Many people in the U.S. even prefer adopting a child rather than having one naturally. To many around the world, the idea of adoption is still very taboo and is kept hush-hush not only from the neighbors, but also to the adopted children.

There are 1.5 million adopted children in the United States, which equals over 2% of all U.S. children. In 1995, about 500,000 women were seeking to adopt a child, and 100,000 had applied with an adoption agency. The Adoption Institute's 1997 Public Opinion Benchmark survey found that 58% of Americans know someone who has been adopted, has adopted a child or has relinquished a child for adoption.

Recently, international adoption has reached the limelight through famous celebrities such as Angelina Jolie. She has been photographed incessantly with her two adopted children in tow. Jolie established her celebrity status through starring roles in films like *Girl Interrupted* and *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*. She is also a well-known humanitarian and has been named Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In 2002, Jolie adopted her son, Maddox, from Cambodia. Then, in 2005, Jolie gave her son a baby sister, Zahara, from Ethiopia.

People have granted Jolie a newfound respect and she has been receiving excellent publicity for her generosity. Now, other celebrities are jumping on the bandwagon and also looking into adoption as a way to have children.

The option to adopt is a wonderful solution to those who desire to have children and may not be able to do so naturally. However, has adoption become a PR tool for celebrities or are they actually bringing worldwide attention to a good cause.

What do you think?

Send Us Your Comments

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

office@globalcom-online-english-school.co.jp.

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

Ode to Fathers Comments

I don't think fathers get a raw deal, but I think they should be involved in child raising. In fact, it is very difficult for fathers to get some vacation to take care of their children. So the most important thing is to cooperate with each other and be kind.---Chiho---

I think the pay for the job should be paid by the performance of a job. So the same work needs the same pay. This rule should run to everyone, both man and woman. As the result of doing overtime work, it becomes true that man earns more than woman. I think the pay for work should depend on the performance and ability of the job. But I agree with your thinking that in Japan, woman could not get an equal pay. We need much more time to change the labor system of woman and society.---Takuma---

Vocabulary Builder

Childraising Vocabulary

1. **to ground** = VERB = to punish someone by restricting access to something (ex. Playing outside)
 - I cannot go to the park for two weeks because my mother grounded me for lying.
2. **rebellious** = ADJECTIVE = the behavior of arguing against an established system
 - Mark was very rebellious as a teenager. He always ignored all the rules at school and at home.
3. **adolescent** = NOUN = a young person who has not reached adulthood yet but is not considered a small child (ex. Teenager)
 - The boy looks like a man but his maturity level is still adolescent.
4. **allowance** = NOUN = money given to children, typically as a reward for doing work
 - I had to clean the bathroom every weekend to earn my allowance.

Test Your Skills

Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct word to complete the reading sample and answer the following comprehension questions.

The Tradition of the Easter Egg

The association of eggs with the Easter Bunny is actually a (1) one. It seems to be the result of an ad campaign (believe it or not) by European candy makers who wanted to advertise their product. The egg, a symbol of fertility, had long been a traditional staple of Easter celebrations. The pairing of the Easter Egg and the Easter Bunny at the end of the nineteenth century was (2) a stroke of marketing genius, but also well-founded in the traditions of the past.

The Easter Egg hunt itself has also taken many cultural twists and (3). In America, of course, the colored Easter Eggs are hidden and then children search for them. In the northern counties of England, children act out the "Pace Egg Play" and beg for eggs and other presents; the term *Pace* itself is a derivative of the ancient Hebrew verb *posach* (to pass over), which has evolved into the better known word and holiday title *Pesach*, or Passover.

The egg, like the Rabbit, has become fused into the spring festival of Easter throughout the world. Whether colored, hollowed or made of candy, the source of a child's delight or a (4) of faith, this image of new life and renewal certainly has made its own nest in the human cultural psyche.

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|-------------|-------------|
| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| a. nowadays | a. curves |
| b. always | b. turns |
| c. recent | c. circles |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |
| a. not only | a. symbol |
| b. also | b. model |
| c. as | c. figurine |

According to the article, which is a symbol of fertility?

- A) a rabbit
- B) an egg
- C) a chicken

Who created the ad campaign of associating the Easter Bunny with eggs?

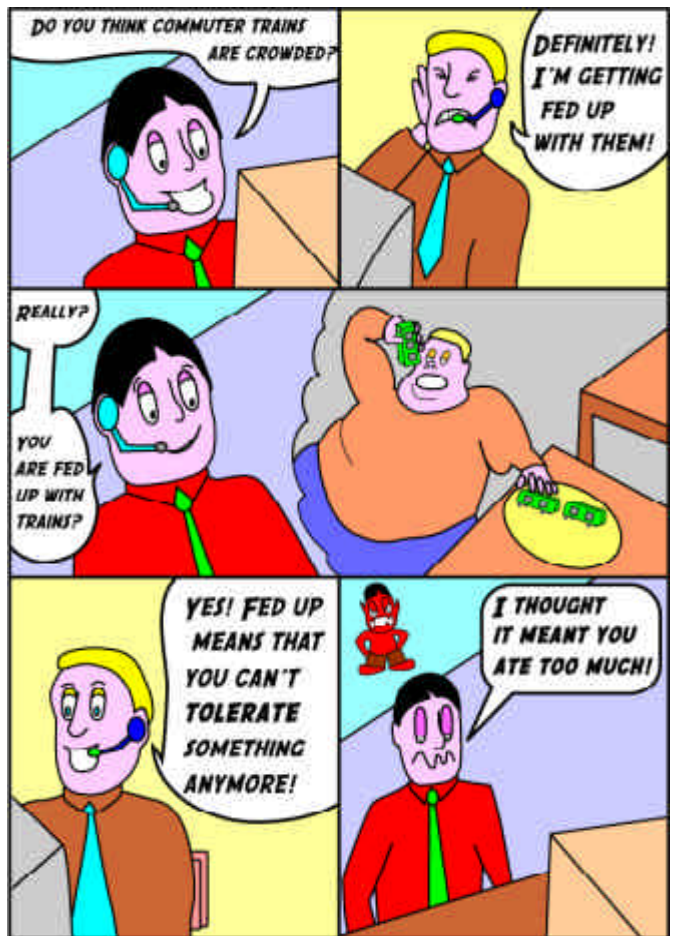
- A) European candy makers
- B) Christians
- C) the northern counties of England

According to the article, which is not a way for eggs to be prepared for Easter?

- A) hollowed
- B) soft-boiled
- C) colored

According to the article, which statement is true?

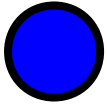
- A) The Easter Bunny has been a part of celebrating Easter for more than a century.
- B) In America, colored eggs are hidden for children to search for.



Kids Corner

WORD MATCH

Draw a line from the word to the correct picture.



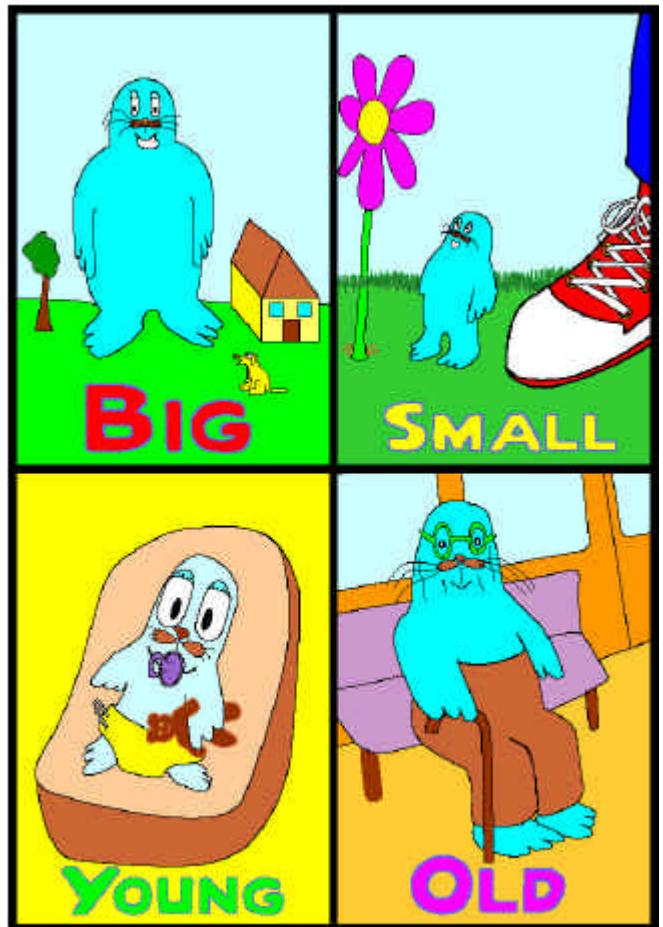
triangle

heart

circle

star

square



COLORS PRACTICE

Complete the sentence by choosing the correct Color to describe the shapes above.

1. The circle is _____.
(a) blue
(b) green
2. The heart is _____.
(a) yellow
(b) red
3. The triangle is _____.
(a) green
(b) orange
4. The square is _____.
(a) red
(b) orange

March Answers

Test Your Skills (pg. 4)

Fill in the Blank

1. b (kidnapped)
2. a (escape)
3. a (return)
4. c (set up)

Multiple Choice Questions

1. b (God)
2. d (the Confessio)
3. c (the Trinity)
4. b (Patrick was a slave in Ireland.)

Kids Corner (pg. 5)

Word Scramble

1. APPLE
2. GRAPES
3. PEACH

Articles Practice

1. a
2. an
3. an
4. a