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S2 INTENSIVE CLASSES

Class period: from 18 to 23 February

We are offering three S2 courses for students who have a desire to brush up their English skills. If you want to take these courses, please come to the EEC Office to register **from 26 Jan.**

First come! First served!

to 10 Feb.

20591 ADRIAN HEINEL

Theme: TOEIC Experience

20592 BLAIR KELSEN

Theme: English for trouble free travel and international communication

20593 ADAM SERAG

Theme: Total English

ENGLISH PROFESSIONAL COURSE WILL OPEN

The English Education Center will offer courses from April, 2009 for students who want to become proficient in skills that will assist them in becoming more internationally aware.

The courses will cater to students from all faculties and will focus on their specific needs. The courses will help students develop their English ability and gain practical skills for the global community.

 -Upon completion of the required credits, students receive a certificate from Ehime University.

Open to all students who are 2^{nd} year and above Application period: 1 - 7 April Apply at the EEC office

SELF-E-LEARNING PROGRAM STARTS

The Self E-Learning program started in February. You can study English at home using the Internet. If you want to take this course, please come to the EEC Office to register

There are three types of courses:

- -Effective Reading for beginners-levels
- -Effective Reading for intermediate-levels
- -Speed Reading



Open to all students

Dates: February to March

Cost: No charge

REPORT FROM "TALK! TALK! TALK!"

We are offering you the chance to communicate with Foreign Lecturers. Do you know "TALK! TALK!"?

This program is very popular with students who want to improve their English skills. Here are some comments about the class from

students.



■Message from a student

I take part in almost every "Talk! Talk! Talk!" and enjoy talking with the other members in English. If you don't have confidence in your English, it's not a problem. It is because no one can speak a foreign language at the start. So, let's improve our English and have fun at "Talk! Talk! Talk!"

■Message from an international student from China. He is an enthusiastic student who takes part in this program.

"Talk! Talk! Talk!" is so much fun! The teachers always teach us some functional and funny English about different fields in our lives. It helps us build enough self-confidence and we could master the English that we have studied so far. We always talked about something interesting and amazing such as our own experiences or different cultures. "Talk! Talk! Talk!" has been one important part of my time in university. Join us and enjoy this activity. We hope to meet you in "Talk! Talk!".

"TALK! TALK! TALK!" will end on 10 Feb. this semester. We will plan this program next semester, too. Watch for the next spring's schedule on the bulletin board if you missed out this time!

INFORMATION

■ ENGLISH GANG is a reading group for enthusiastic English learners. Members study the NHK radio program called "Let's Practice" during lunch break every Friday. Come and join us!



GRADED READERS WORK

Do you enjoy reading in English? Do you know about "graded readers"? Graded readers are a good way to improve your English ability, and to enjoy yourself while doing it. Graded readers are books and novels written in simple English so that they can be understood by language learners like you.

Explanation of the Library

7LEVELS: beginning to advanced **GENRES:** horror, mystery, romance, drama, comedy, classics, manga etc. **NON-FICTION:** history, science, fashion, space- exploration, movies, music etc.



■Advice from a teacher

I am sure you can find a book that interests you, and is at your reading level. A typical comment by many students who had previously never read a story in English is, "やった!読めた! I feel that I did something good! "How can graded readers help you to learn English? First, the vocabulary and grammar is controlled. In the "Beginner" level books it is basic. It gets a little more challenging in higher-level readers. This helps you get used to the vocabulary and grammar forms. But reading graded readers regularly also improves your reading speed, and skills. It becomes easier to take in and remember more of the story. Thus, you enjoy reading more, and end up doing it more. Your confidence rises, as does your ability! All teachers recommend graded readers as a good method for improving your English vocabulary, and reading ability.

Please look at the hundreds of books that are in the Student Support Room. You can find many that interest you. Enjoy reading in English!!!

GOOD BYE EHIME UNIVERSITY



Hello and Good-bye everyone! Brief and interesting is the best way to describe my time teaching at Ehime University. After living in Matsuyama for 13 years, the big city boy in me is ready for a more metropolitan life style. With some decent memories to take away from Matsuyama, I'm looking forward to moving to Kobe and start working on my own company - HIP-HOPPER. I really enjoyed teaching the students and working with my co-workers. I'm thankful for the opportunity I had to work here. I would like to say thank you to the students who were able to endure my teaching style and to my co-workers who were always very supportive. I want to wish good luck to all for 2009. See you when I see you! PEACE TO THE WORLD!!

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?



WILLEM DE GOEI



God created the world, but the Dutch created Holland. This English saying refers to the 3.000 polders, land regained from the sea, for which Holland is famous. The first polders were created in the 11th Century. Later in the 13th Century people started using windmills to drain lakes in order to create more polders. 24% of Holland's surface is below sea level. The lowest point is 6,7 meters below sea level and can be found in the West. Holland's tallest mountain, which measures an astounding 321 meters, is at the point where the borders of Holland, Belgium and Germany meet. As you can see, Holland is as flat as a pancake.

In winter when lakes, rivers, and ponds freeze over, the entire Dutch population goes crazy for its number one sport and social activity, ice skating. Every winter, the Dutch hope for extreme weather conditions,



which are essential to hold The Eleven-City Tour. This is Holland's most famous and grueling ice skating tour covering more than 200 km along 11 cities in the north of Holland. The tour was skated only 15 times in the past 100 years! The most recent one was in 1997 and the one before that in 1986. Anyone completing this exhausting event is considered to be somewhat of a hero in Holland.

Dutch cuisine is closely related to winter. With temperatures well below zero everyone likes their meals to be hearty, warm, and above all, home cooked. Stamppot (hotchpotch) is the ultimate Dutch winter food. Stamppot is easy to prepare and consists of mashed potatoes mixed with vegetables and preferably enormous amounts of cheese. Any stamppot eating frenzy should be supplemented by greasy rookworst (Dutch smoked sausage) and/or buckets of erwtensoep (pea soup). Although cold and somewhat depressing at times, winter in Holland certainly has its charms and at times brings out the best in its people.

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