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NAME: Ceecy-starr Mirotta
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: June 16, 1970
AGE: 52 Divorced Female
JOB: entrepreneur
I'M LOOKING FOR: Pen pal / Friend
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: dragonmoon99@yahoo.com
FAVORITE GENRE: Jazz, Country, Gospel
FAVORITE BOOKS: The Bible. I like poems, Harlequin books, and mysteries.
FAVORITE MOVIES: Coccoon
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Denzel Washington, Phil Collins, Elton John
HOBBIES: movies, reading, cooking
MESSAGE: Hi Looking for some penfriends from around the world. not seeking romance. i'd like to get some postcards from your country. let's contact on here and then i will give u my address. no prisoners.

NAME: Alvin Kelvin
COUNTRY: New York, USA
BIRTHDAY: March 10, 1975
AGE: 47 Single Male
I'M LOOKING FOR: Pen pal / Friend, Marriage Partner, Relationship
LANGUAGES: English, Hausa, Ga, Fanti...
EMAIL: abdul1075@hotmail.com
JOB: landscaping / Hospital Police
FAVORITE GENRE: Reggae, Jazz, Oldies
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Phil Collins, Elton John, Denzel Washington, Eddie Murphy, Sean Penn, Demi Moore, Julia Roberts, Robin Givens, Halle Berry, Mike Tyson
FAVORITE MOVIES: A Few Good Men, Goodfellas, The Godfather, Tropical Thunder, Saving Private Ryan, Training Day, Day After Tomorrow, Bad Boys, Perfect Storm
HOBBIES: soccer, photography, reading

NAME: Paul Lee Knight
COUNTRY: Texas, USA
BIRTHDAY: August 7, 1954
AGE: 67 Single Male
JOB: cashier
EMAIL: paullmcknight@yahoo.com
HOBBIES: swimming, photography, music, movies, fishing, computers, reading, camping, biking, martial arts, hiking, chess, Go
MESSAGE: I am looking for pen-pals in Japan and Scotland. I am looking for people to talk to and find out about the way things work in their part of the world. I want to correspond in English / Looking for male or female friends

NAME: Patsy Balkaran
C/O.R. Balkaran Box #06

Andye Tr., St. Mary's Village
Moruga Rd. via B/Pore. TRINIDAD
WEST INDIES CARIBBEAN
AGE: 23 Single Female
JOB: student nurse
HOBBIES: used stamps collector, country music, oldies CDs, Irish country love songs CDs, wrestling, playing cricket, reading and viewing hot explicit action photos.
MESSAGE: I'm presently seeking hot matured open minded single gentlemen, who's divorced or still single, between the ages of 50 yrs70 years old. Who is willing to correspond with me in a regular basis for a long term relationship leading to live in lover or marriage. I'm still single, have no kids. I want the right gentleman to take full control of my feelings and lead me to the door. I have a clean, shaven pussy and a hot round sexy ass for you to ride me on from behind. All serious single Japanese hot men from all over Japan go ahead and write me. With IRCs for your quick response. I'm a very hot blooded type also I'm a very horny type. I'm of mixed race Spanish & Indian, do not hesitate to write me go ahead and make my day. I will not be offended you will only turned me on. I will patiently waiting to see all your letters in my mail Box
#06..NO—INMATE & HOMOS

NAME: Renee
COUNTRY: Denver, Colorado USA
BIRTHDAY: January 5, 1973
AGE: 49 Married Female
EMAIL: trg31406@msn.com
HOBBIES: nature, dancing, painting, swimming, boxing, camping, martial arts, movies, Spending time with family/children/grandchildren
MESSAGE: Hi, my name is Renee and I live in Denver Colorado. I love to watch movies and spend quality time with my family. I've never been on an airplane and would love to travel sometime. I would love to hear about all the other beautiful places around the world.

NAME: Eileen Phillips
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: November 5, 1943
AGE: 78 Separated Female
EMAIL: sufergal59@hotmail.com
JOB: Retired
HOBBIES: sewing, nature, dancing, fashion, swimming, boxing, gardening, reading, traveling, camping, martial arts, singing, movies
MESSAGE: I am a very nice single gal, with a great personality to go with it. Looking to find some real nice honest men to email. Prefer ages 50-63.I really enjoy making new friends from all over. I would love to

hear from you. I am a very out going gal, full of life an adventure. I am 5ft 4 in tall, weigh 123 very petite. I am single an would like to find a friend preferably in California

NAME: Brenton Lewis
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: May 14, 1996
AGE: 26 Single Male
EMAIL: our2bigboys@verizon.net
HOBBIES: nature, baseball, basketball, swimming, reading, camping, movies, computers, wrestling
NAME: Michael Carrache
COUNTRY: Portland, Oregon USA
BIRTHDAY: April 14, 1971
AGE: 51 Single Male
EMAIL: carrache@hotmail.com
JOB: finance
HOBBIES: photography, hiking, traveling, movies, record collecting, playing music, writing, exercise
MESSAGE: Hi! My name is Mike. I'm a nice boy from Portland, Oregon USA. I love making friends from overseas, I love a good laugh and I like writing mail. Write me soon, or I'll bite you on the kneecap!

NAME: Douglas Altland
COUNTRY: Pennsylvania, USA
BIRTHDAY: April 12, 1958
AGE: 64 Single Male
EMAIL: cybortomica@webtv.net
JOB: Artist
HOBBIES: nature, dancing, baseball, football, painting, fashion, photography, basketball, gardening, reading, traveling, camping, martial arts, volleyball, singing, computers, wrestling
MESSAGE: I'm looking for a girl-friend.

NAME: Laur N.
COUNTRY: Illinois, USA
AGE: 29 Married Female
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: j2novicki15@sbcglobal.net
JOB: college student
FAVORITE GENRE: Classical, R & B, Punk, Rock and Roll, Country
FAVORITE ARTISTS: Unwritten Law, A Fine Frenzy, Radiohead, Taylor Swift, The Beatles, The Doors, Yes, Colbie Calliat, Weezer, to name a few
FAVORITE BOOKS: Twilight Series and anything about accounting
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Angelina Jolie
HOBBIES: nature, photography, gardening, martial arts, singing, cooking

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NAME: Ray Ni
COUNTRY: Quebec, CANADA
BIRTHDAY: October 15, 1953
AGE: 69 Single Male
I'M LOOKING FOR: Someone to share ideas and opinions, Relationship
LANGUAGES: English, French
EMAIL: mraynald@megaquebec.net
JOB: entrepreneur
FAVORITE GENRE: Classical, Country
HOBBIES: movies, photography, computers

NAME: Deidra Boykin
1304-B Orchard Street
Greensboro, N. Carolina USA 27406
BIRTHDAY: August 21, 1990
AGE: 31 Single Female
I'M LOOKING FOR: Pen pal / Friend, Language Exchange Partner, Traveling friend
LANGUAGES: English, I speak English fluently. I want to Study Japanese.
EMAIL: misa_Amarah08@yahoo.com
FAVORITE GENRE: Reggae, Hip Hop, Japanese Pops, Soft Rock, Country, Pop, R&B, 90's American Music
FAVORITE ARTISTS: Lil Wayne, Fergie, Black Eyed Peas, Chris Daughtry, Paramore, Selena Gomez, Bucky Covington, PINK, Britney Spears, KESHA, The Spice Girls, Aaliyah, DMX, Missy Elliott, Day 26, Rascal Flats
FAVORITE BOOKS: Fruits Basket, Memoirs of A Geisha, The Gentlemen's Alliance Cross+, Case Closed, Seventeen Magazine, People Magazine, Sailor Moon, ANY Japanese Dictionary/Learning Book
FAVORITE MOVIES: Bad Boys, Perfect Storm, Bruce Almighty, Romeo Must Die, One Missed Call (all), Disturbia, Damaged, The Marine, Memoirs of A Geisha, Full Metal Alchemist, Sailor Moon, High School Of The Dead, Neo Angelique, Blood The Last Vampire, Bleach
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Denzel Washington, Chris Rock, Damon Wayans, Julia Roberts, Halle Berry, Dwayne Johnson, Stone Cold Steve Austin, John Cena, Jet Li, Jackie Chan, Antonio Banderes, Leonardo Dicaprio, Adam Sandler, Chris Tucker
HOBBIES: I love anime, manga, video games, history of Japan, Japanese culture, Japanese food, clothing of Japan, anything that involves it., movies, traveling, volleyball, wrestling, photography, reading, sewing, singing, computers, cooking, Acting, Anime, Manga, VideoGames, Listen-

ing to Music
MESSAGE: I am somebody who has been in love with everything that has to do with Japan ever since I was a little girl-along with when I was first introduced into Anime. I am 20 Years Old and the youngest out of 3. I am a HUGE fan of Anime, Manga, VideoGames, Music, Acting, Singing, & just having a great time. I love learning about different places along with their Cultures-which I have fallen deeply in love with when it comes to Japan, I just want to learn everything and to be able to well write to a person who is like me-well except maybe Japanese who wants to learn English or might like the same things that I do.

NAME: Keren Pepe
COUNTRY: New York, USA
BIRTHDAY: January 26, 1981
AGE: 41 Single Female
LANGUAGES: English
I'M LOOKING FOR: Pen pal / Friend, Teacher, Activity Partner, Marriage Partner, Relationship, Traveling friend
EMAIL: kerenpepe4u@yahoo.ca
JOB: manager
FAVORITE ARTISTS: T-Pain, R. Kelly, Ozzy Osbourne, Phil Collins
FAVORITE MOVIES: Goodfellas, Saving Private Ryan, Day After Tomorrow
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Denzel Washington, Tom Cruise, Julia Roberts
FAVORITE GENRE: Rhythm & Blues, Hard Rock, Classical, Rock and Roll
HOBBIES: dancing, fashion, football, gardening, hiking, martial arts
MESSAGE: Hello, I'm a female lady from new york city .precisely. keren pepe evis is my name; working with a US Security Department here is USA . I fetch your contact while browsing through the net and I deem it fit if we could be friends. I will tell you more about myself when you get back to me. Do contact me directly. Hope to read from you soon. Cheers
keren pepe

NAME: Donald Anderson
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: September 7, 1987
AGE: 34 Single Male
LANGUAGES: some Spanish, English
JOB: unemployed / I am currently in prison and want a female pen pal
I'M LOOKING FOR: Pen pal / Friend
EMAIL: countriatlast67@att.net
FAVORITE GENRE: Hip Hop, Rock

and Roll, Country
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Beyonce, Lil Wayne, Metallica, Guns and Roses, Denzel Washington, Eddie Murphy, Chris Rock, Damon Wayans, Demi Moore, Julia Roberts, Halle Berry
FAVORITE BOOKS: comedy books
FAVORITE MOVIES: A Few Good Men, The Godfather, Saving Private Ryan, Day After Tomorrow, Bruce Almighty, Shawshank Redemption
HOBBIES: movies, nature, painting, reading, computers
MESSAGE: just looking for a nice female to write to

NAME: Samantha Sanchez
4746 SW 23RD Terrace
Florida USA 33312
BIRTHDAY: March 12, 1993
AGE: 17 Single Female
LANGUAGES: English
I'M LOOKING FOR: Pen pal / Friend
JOB: high school student
FAVORITE GENRE: Rhythm & Blues, Hip Hop, Rock and Roll, Soft Rock, Punk, Country, Hard Rock
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: T-Pain, Marques Houston, R. Kelly, Mary J. Blige, Beyonce, Akon, Lil Wayne, Chingy, Lil Scrappy, Yung Joc, Ozzy Osbourne, Fergie, Metallica, Guns and Roses
HOBBIES: football, movies, soccer, tennis, volleyball, wrestling, reading, singing, computers

NAME: Kolleen
P.O. B. 905
Kenosha, WI 53141 USA
BIRTHDAY: October 2, 1956
AGE: Secret Married Female
LANGUAGE: English
JOB: actress
FAVORITE GENRE: Gospel, Country
FAVORITE ARTISTS: kitty wells, george jones
FAVORITE BOOKS: anything by merceds lackey
FAVORITE MOVIES: any James Bond
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: audi
HOBBIES: movies, swapping friendship books
MESSAGE: hi female pals wanted. no prisoners. if u write me, i will not write back. so please....no jail mail. it's a waste of yer time. i swap friendship books, stickers, stamps, recipes, paperbacks.



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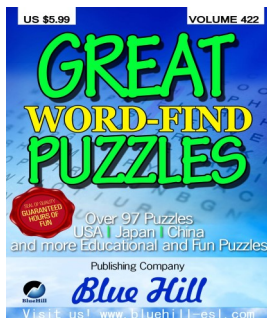
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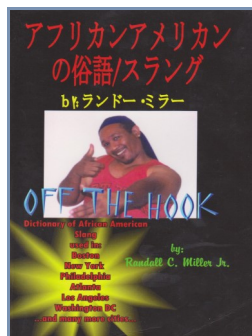


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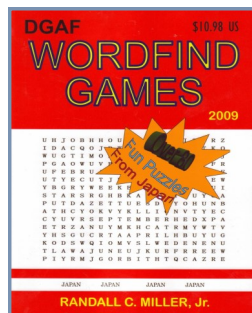
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NAME: Ceecy-starr Mirotta
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: June 16, 1970
AGE: 40 Divorced Female
JOB: entrepreneur
I'M LOOKING FOR: Pen pal / Friend
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: dragonmoon99@yahoo.com
FAVORITE GENRE: Jazz, Country, Gospel
FAVORITE BOOKS: The Bible. I like poems, Harlequin books, and mysteries.
FAVORITE MOVIES: Cocoon
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Denzel Washington, Phil Collins, Elton John
HOBBIES: movies, reading, cooking
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EMAIL: abdul1075@hotmail.com
JOB: landscaping / Hospital Police
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HOBBIES: soccer, photography, reading

NAME: Paul Lee Knight
COUNTRY: Texas, USA
BIRTHDAY: August 7, 1954
AGE: 57 Single Male
JOB: cashier
EMAIL: paullmcknight@yahoo.com
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NAME: Renee
COUNTRY: Denver, Colorado USA
BIRTHDAY: January 5, 1973
AGE: 38 Married Female
EMAIL: trg31406@msn.com
HOBBIES: nature, dancing, painting, swimming, boxing, camping, martial arts, movies, Spending time with family/children/grandchildren
MESSAGE: Hi, my name is Renee and I live in Denver Colorado. I love to watch movies and spend quality time with my family. I've never been on an airplane and would love to travel sometime. I would love to hear about all the other beautiful places around the world.

NAME: Eileen Phillips
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: November 5, 1943
AGE: 68 Separated Female
EMAIL: sufergal59@hotmail.com
JOB: Retired
HOBBIES: sewing, nature, dancing, fashion, swimming, boxing, gardening, reading, traveling, camping, martial arts, singing, movies
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COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: May 14, 1996
AGE: 15 Single Male
EMAIL: our2bigboys@verizon.net
HOBBIES: nature, baseball, basketball, swimming, reading, camping, movies, computers, wrestling

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COUNTRY: Portland, Oregon USA
BIRTHDAY: April 14, 1971
AGE: 40 Single Male
EMAIL: carrache@hotmail.com
JOB: finance
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MESSAGE: I'm looking for a girlfriend.

NAME: Laur N.
COUNTRY: Illinois, USA
AGE: 29 Married Female
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: j2novicki15@sbcglobal.net
JOB: college student
FAVORITE GENRE: Classical, R & B, Punk, Rock and Roll, Country
FAVORITE ARTISTS: Unwritten Law, A Fine Frenzy, Radiohead, Taylor Swift, The Beatles, The Doors, Yes, Colbie Calliat, Weezer, to name a few
FAVORITE BOOKS: Twilight Series and anything about accounting
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Angelina Jolie
HOBBIES: nature, photography, gardening, martial arts, singing, cooking

NAME: Eric
CITY: los angeles, california
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: January 14, 1972
AGE: 37 Married but Complicated Male
LANGUAGES: English
JOB: medical/musician
EMAIL: thebangsite@yahoo.com
FAVORITE GENRE: Reggae, Classical, Rock and Roll, Jazz, Hard Rock I play music so I listen to almost anything
FAVORITE BOOKS: too many to write here
HOBBIES: hiking, martial arts, movies, swimming, traveling, nature, photography, reading, computers, cooking
MESSAGE: I would love to chat with anyone.... ESP some one with a different language than English so I can learn as well as b friends

NAME: Ray Ni
COUNTRY: Quebec, CANADA
BIRTHDAY: October 15, 1953
AGE: 57 Single Male
I'M LOOKING FOR: Someone to share ideas and opinions, Relationship
LANGUAGES: English, French
EMAIL: mraynald@megaquebec.net
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NAME: Keren Pepe
COUNTRY: New York, USA
BIRTHDAY: January 26, 1981
AGE: 29 Single Female
LANGUAGES: English
I'M LOOKING FOR: Pen pal / Friend, Teacher, Activity Partner, Marriage Partner, Relationship, Traveling friend
EMAIL: kerenpepe4u@yahoo.ca
JOB: manager
FAVORITE ARTISTS: T-Pain, R. Kelly, Ozzy Osbourne, Phil Collins
FAVORITE MOVIES: Goodfellas, Saving Private Ryan, Day After Tomorrow
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Denzel Washington, Tom Cruise, Julia Roberts
FAVORITE GENRE: Rhythm & Blues, Hard Rock, Classical, Rock and Roll
HOBBIES: dancing, fashion, football, gardening, hiking, martial arts
MESSAGE: Hello, I'm a female lady from new york city .precisely. keren pepe is my name; working with a US Security Department here is USA . I fetch your contact while browsing through the net and I deem it fit if we could be friends. I will tell you more about myself when you get back to me. Do contact me directly. Hope to read from you soon. Cheers keren pepe

NAME: Donald Anderson
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: September 7, 1987
AGE: 22 Single Male
LANGUAGES: some Spanish, English
JOB: unemployed / I am currently in prison and want a female pen pal
I'M LOOKING FOR: Pen pal / Friend
EMAIL: countryatlast67@att.net
FAVORITE GENRE: Hip Hop, Rock and Roll, Country
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Beyonce, Lil Wayne, Metallica, Guns and Roses, Denzel Washington, Eddie Murphy, Chris Rock, Damon Wayans, Demi Moore, Julia Roberts, Halle Berry
FAVORITE BOOKS: comedy books
FAVORITE MOVIES: A Few Good Men, The Godfather, Saving Private Ryan, Day After Tomorrow, Bruce Almighty, Shawshank Redemption
HOBBIES: movies, nature, painting, reading, computers
MESSAGE: just looking for a nice female to write to

NAME: Samantha Sanchez
4746 SW 23RD Terrace
Florida USA 33312
BIRTHDAY: March 12, 1993
AGE: 17 Single Female
LANGUAGES: English
I'M LOOKING FOR: Pen pal / Friend
EMAIL:
JOB: high school student

FAVORITE GENRE: Rhythm & Blues, Hip Hop, Rock and Roll, Soft Rock, Punk, Country, Hard Rock
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: T-Pain, Marques Houston, R. Kelly, Mary J. Blige, Beyonce, Akon, Lil Wayne, Chingy, Lil Scrappy, Yung Joc, Ozzy Osbourne, Fergie, Metallica, Guns and Roses
HOBBIES: football, movies, soccer, tennis, volleyball, wrestling, reading, singing, computers

NAME: Kolleena
P.O. B. 905
Kenosha, WI 53141 USA
BIRTHDAY: October 2, 1956
AGE: Secret Married Female
LANGUAGE: English
JOB: actress
FAVORITE GENRE: Gospel, Country
FAVORITE ARTISTS: kitty wells, george jones
FAVORITE BOOKS: anything by mercedes lackey
FAVORITE MOVIES: any James Bond
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: audi
HOBBIES: movies, swapping friendship books
MESSAGE: hi female pals wanted. no prisoners. if u write me, i will not write back. so please....no jail mail. it's a waste of yer time. i swap friendship books, stickers, stamps, recipes, paperbacks.

NAME: Dawn Almeida
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: April 26, 1969
AGE: 43 Divorced Female
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: jkdawn@yahoo.com
JOB: retail
FAVORITE GENRE: Rock and Roll, Hard Rock, Country
FAVORITE ARTISTS: Motley Crue, Ozzy Osbourne all country oldies
FAVORITE BOOKS: Johanna Lindsey, Cassie Edwards, Nickolas Sparks
FAVORITE MOVIES: anything with Patrick Swayze
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Mother Teresa, Princess Diana, Johnny Depp
HOBBIES: sewing, reading, martial arts, movies, penpals arts & crafts
MESSAGE: i would lik penpals all over the world i am easy going and a friend to almost everyone

NAME: Christopher Sherman
COUNTRY: Texas, USA
BIRTHDAY: February 27, 1981
AGE: 30 Divorced Male
I'M LOOKING FOR: Pen pal / Friend
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: cesherm1981@yahoo.com
JOB: Manager
FAVORITE GENRE: R & B, alternative, Hip Hop, Country
HOBBIES: football, movies, photography

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NAME: Rita Fugar
COUNTRY: New York, USA
BIRTHDAY: May 1, 1984
AGE: 23 Single Female
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: ritafugar400@yahoo.com
JOB: student
MESSAGE: i want loving and caring person

NAME: Steve Tabler
4220 Reily Ln. #C205
Shreveport, La 71105 USA
BIRTHDAY: October 2, 1954
AGE: 52 Divorced Male
LANGUAGES: English, German, a little Russian, and Spanish
EMAIL: steve518@yahoo.com
JOB: Respiratory Therapist
HOBBIES: reading, volleyball, cooking
MESSAGE: Just wanted to talk to someone in a faraway place.

NAME: Peggy Bush
COUNTRY: Kentucky, USA
BIRTHDAY: January 1, 1977
AGE: 33 Single Female
LANGUAGE: English
EMAIL: peggybush4signsnow@yahoo.com
JOB: University Lecturer / manager
HOBBIES: dancing, football, swimming, tennis, reading, traveling, volleyball, martial arts, singing, soccer, computers, listening to gospel music and praising God
MESSAGE: Dearest in the Lord, Let us thank God for this new day He has made, because He says we have to rejoice and be glad in it. I am by name Peggy Pat Adams Bush, a 27 year old lady, living and working in Australia, but my country is Marion, Kentucky United States of America. I am a christian doing the work of God. I need a man or woman to share ideas with. Someone who has the love of God, honest, trust worthy and God fearing. Below is my email contact address. I am waiting to hearing from you soon.
peggybush4signsnow@yahoo.com
Yours in heart, Peggy. P. Adams Bush

NAME: Lori Whit
COUNTRY: Chesapeake, VA, USA
BIRTHDAY: October 10, 1991
AGE: 18 Single Female
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: mtn2surf@yahoo.com
JOB: student
HOBBIES: nature, football, swimming, reading, hiking, camping, movies, soccer, HOCKEY!
MESSAGE: Hi I love HOCKEY! I am on my schools team. I love sports and I am very athletic, I love reading, hanging out with friends, listening to music, watching football, and going to the movies.

NAME: Billy Hatcher
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: March 23, 1952
AGE: 58 Divorced Male
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: hatcherbm@yahoo.com
JOB: retired own business
HOBBIES: dancing, traveling, movies, computers, watching football, going to the beach
MESSAGE: I am looking for any sexy girls who like sex ect and who like older person as well. My age 55yrs old I am a white male I live in the USA. I do have my own Business. You can be bi in which I love that. And you have children looking good home life there welcome.
My E-Mail: hatcherbm@yahoo.com
By: Billy Hatcher

NAME: Maur Getts
18430 puritas ave
Cleveland, OH, USA 44111
BIRTHDAY: November 26, 1962
AGE: 47 Married Female
LANGUAGES: English, Spanish
EMAIL: smgetts@yahoo.com
HOBBIES: traveling, camping, movies, ice skating, baking, horseback riding
MESSAGE: no men please

NAME: Brenda Richardson
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: January 10, 1964
AGE: 46 Single Female
LANGUAGES: English
FAVORITE GENRE: Country
FAVORITE MOVIES: horror
EMAIL: elmo_40@hotmail.com
JOB: unemployed
HOBBIES: crafts
MESSAGE: hi im brenda im a disabled person looking for pen friends

NAME: Melissa
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: March 30, 1967
AGE: 43 Divorced Female
EMAIL: MelissyL@aol.com
JOB: secretary
FAVORITE ARTISTS: Third Day, Cranberries, Bon Jovi, Rod Stewart
FAVORITE GENRE: Rock and Roll, Country, Punk, Hard Rock, Contemporary Christian
FAVORITE BOOKS: To Kill a Mockingbird, I love mysteries, suspense, and historical books
FAVORITE MOVIES: Braveheart, Sleepless in Seattle, I love classic films as well as current movies
HOBBIES: nature, fashion, gardening, reading, traveling, martial arts, singing, movies, Writing fiction, crafts
MESSAGE: I am a born again Christian and a single mom (divorced). I work as a secretary for a program that helps troubled teenagers get their lives back on track before they become adults. When I was younger, I had many international pen friends. I enjoyed learning about different places and making friends, so I have decided to seek a penpal again. I have always had a great desire to travel, especially to the UK an Europe. I am a warm and loving family-oriented person. I love to learn new hobbies and make a true friend. I would like a penpal near my age or older if possible.

NAME: Emma Farrelle
12 clarens street catford
London se6 4es ENGLAND
BIRTHDAY: August 3, 1971
AGE: 42 Serious Relationship
Female
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: emma_fluffy@msn.co.uk
JOB: unemployed
FAVORITE GENRE: R & B,
Hip Hop
FAVORITE BOOKS: biography,
true stories
FAVORITE MOVIES: horror,
true stories and comedy
HOBBIES: sewing, nature, pho-
tography, swimming, reading,
martial arts, singing, movies,
computers
MESSAGE: i love animals and
im a big fan of ghost hunting. im
looking to make friends all over
the world to add to msn and chat
to and get to know how people
live in different countries

NAME: Harry Smith
COUNTRY: IRELAND, UK
BIRTHDAY: March 7, 1982
AGE: 30 Single Male
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: pen_harry@yahoo.com
JOB: Modeling manager
FAVORITE GENRE: R & B,
Gospel
FAVORITE BOOKS: Jordin
sparks
FAVORITE MOVIES: Narnia
HOBBIES: fashion, swimming,
traveling, hiking, mountain
climbing
MESSAGE: My name is Harry
Smith, I am 26 years old but age
doesn't matter in a real relation-
ship. I am a University Graduate
and Modelling is my occupation
and i am a christian but religion
doesn't matter. My hobbies are
travelling, swimming and club-
bing. Also my likes are honesty,
sincerity, truth and my dislikes
are lie, dishonesty, envy, and
betrayal. I am searching for fe-
male penpals from all over the
world, country doesn't matter in
true friendship. I am from UNIT-
ED KINGDOM, i am 6ft tall,
dark in complexion and i am
single, (never married).contact
me on my private phone number

+447035940756 Or on my Office
phone number +447035940698
Or mail me
pen_harry@yahoo.com

NAME: Miss Gill Thaine
8 Wells Closa
Ipswich Suffolk IP4 2NB
ENGLAND
HOBBIES: watching BBC, news,
neighbors, coronation St and
walking, going out on my bike,
housework and doing ironing.
MESSAGE: I'm looking for an
honest single man age between
61 - 68. I would like him to be in
England so he can come to see
me, wanting a, Sri Lankan man,
for friendship first then after a
relationship. I am a single lady
age 65 years and get fed up, very
lonely, living on my own.

NAME: Michael Mike Anthony
Orchard Leigh, Rowan Cottage
Bath Road, Eastington,
Stonehouse
Glostershire GL10 3AY
ENGLAND
BIRTHDAY: April 7, 1962
AGE: 50 Single Male
HOBBIES: music, reading, pic-
ture postcards
MESSAGE: I want to hear from
all the very sweet lovely kind
very long hair females girls ladies
womens with very long real hair
any age all ages from USA, In-
dia, Bangladesh, Worldwide.

NAME: Jane Lloyd
COUNTRY: Glasgow,
ENGLAND
BIRTHDAY: June 16, 1962
AGE: 50 Female
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL:
jane.i.fletcher@btinternet.com
JOB: teacher
FAVORITE GENRE: Classical,
R & B, Hip Hop, Punk, Trance,
Reggae
FAVORITE ARTISTS: beetho-
ven and bob marley
FAVORITE BOOKS: 1984
george orwell
FAVORITE MOVIES: pulp
fiction
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES:
obama

HOBBIES: dancing, painting,
reading, traveling, singing, cook-
ing, movies, yoga and spiritual
MESSAGE: i am hoping to travel
to south korea this year and just
want to meet someone who can
help me to understand this culture
a little bit more and so make my
trip a little easier, i am currently
living in egypt and am hoping to
teach english when i travel to
korea

NAME: Lyn Heaney
COUNTRY: ENGLAND
BIRTHDAY: September 27,
1947
AGE: 65 Single Female
LANGUAGES: Italian, English
EMAIL:
L.seaview70@btinternet.com
JOB: retired
FAVORITE GENRE: Classical,
Gospel, Country, world music
contemporary and traditional
christian, trad jazz, african
praise world music
FAVORITE MOVIES: dont
have any favourites
FAVORITE ARTISTS: pavorot-
ti, mqany country music ar-
tistes, kenny balls jazz band
or similar, light classic, world
music. Tenor voice. african
music.
FAVORITE BOOKS:
have many favourite ar-
tistes. like nature wild-
life books, christian books,
world events. many others.
HOBBIES: aerobics, nature,
football, swimming, reading,
gardening, traveling, martial arts,
volunteering with disa-
bled or less fortunate, one half
of twin, also christian issues
MESSAGE: Interested in genu-
ine people only, christian mind-
ed, also other identical twins (am
one half of one) non judgmental-
ly people. lively person. Dol-
phins elephants, whales, current,
affairs. Want genuine pen pals
prefer 1 male similar inter-
ests. preferred countries Eng-
land, Scotland, Ireland, Wales,
USA, Australia New Zealand
genuine people only must be
animal lovers and have sense of
humour. slovely learning italian!

If you really want to improve your English skills, you
should practice exchanging emails with a native speaker.
Answer the questions below and send your answers to one
of our staff members. You can also practice your speaking
by skype or meeting in person.

Topic: Friendship

1. When do you consider someone a friend?
2. Where are 2 good places to make new friends?
3. Do you have friends of the opposite sex?
4. What do you talk about with your friends?
5. Do you have any foreign friends?
6. Do you ever invite your friends to your house?
7. Do you invite your friends out to dinner or drinks?
8. What is the maximum you would loan a friend?
9. Have you ever treated your friend?

Send your answers to someone on our staff. We will correct
your English and answer you. Write the staff's name in the
subject. Email: bluehillesl@yahoo.com

Male

David (USA)

Randall (USA)

Female

Sharon (Canada)

Lisa (Canada)

Australia

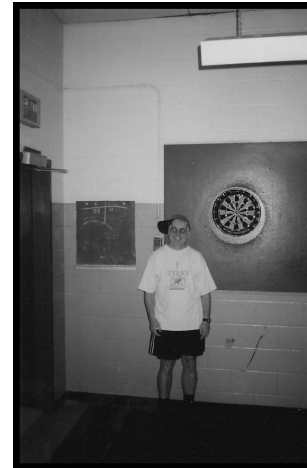
Australia is a country in the southern hemisphere. It is made up of the large island of Australia, the island of Tasmania and numerous smaller islands in the Indian and Pacific Ocean. Australia is the only country that is also a continent. The capital of Australia is Canberra.

Australia has six states. The six states are New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia. Australia also has two major mainland territories which are the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. New South Wales is in the southeast and Queensland is in the northeast.

The western half of the continent is mostly desert and the Indian Ocean borders the west coast. The Great Barrier Reef lies along the northeast coast. The first inhabitants of Australia were Aborigines who migrated there at least 40,000 years ago from Southeast Asia. Today about 350,000 Aborigines live there. The Dutch and the Spanish ships sighted Australia in the 17th century. In 1616 Australia became known as New Holland. The British arrived in 1688 and claimed Australia. The British renamed it New South Wales.

In 1788, the British began sending their prisoners to Australia. This ended in 1839. Then the settlers and former prisoners established six colonies. When gold was discovered, it attracted more settlers. Soon sheep farming and growing grain became very important. The six colonies became states in 1901.

Australia has a Prime Minister as their leader. The largest cities in Australia are Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide. The currency used is the Australian dollar and English is the native language spoken in Australia.



NAME: Mr. Kurt Schmidt
PO Box 760, Campbellford, Ontario
CANADA KOL 1LO
BIRTHDAY: April 19, 1965
AGE: 43 Male
LANGUAGES: German, English
HOBBIES: music, nature, writing letters
MESSAGE: I would like to hear from male and females all over the world. Any races and cultures. Answer them all. Please send photo.

NAME: Matthew Britton
COUNTRY: Alberta, CANADA
BIRTHDAY: December 16, 1976
AGE: 45 Married Male
EMAIL: mattbritton@shaw.ca
JOB: chef
MESSAGE: I'm looking for friends

NAME: Wil Bernard
10-35 J-Cartier Sud; St.-Jean—Rich.,
QC J3B 6S2 CANADA
AGE: 64 Male
MESSAGE: Collecting photos of women penpals any age. Also collecting foreign money.

NAME: Ernestine Lockyer
COUNTRY: CANADA
BIRTHDAY: October 19, 1976
AGE: 45 Single Female
EMAIL: ernestinelockyer@hotmail.com
JOB: unemployed
HOBBIES: nature, reading, martial arts singing, movies, collecting postcards from different places.
MESSAGE: justing looking for penpals only.

NAME: S. Babbar
COUNTRY: Toronto, CANADA

BIRTHDAY: November 22, 1949
AGE: 72 Married Male
LANGUAGES: Hindi
EMAIL: sbabbar22@hotmail.com
JOB: Master Plumber
HOBBIES: nature, reading, traveling, wrestling, movies

NAME: shaddy shadiya
COUNTRY: CANADA
BIRTHDAY: August 3, 1980
AGE: 41 Single Female
LANGUAGES: French English
EMAIL: shaddyzaainb@yahoo.com
JOB: Assistant secretary
FAVORITE GENRE: Hip Hop, Country, Gospel
HOBBIES: baseball, swimming rugby, soccer, sports
MESSAGE: Hello all my friends over there.

NAME: Penny Ann Brooks
6a Forest creek pathway
Scarborough, Ontario
CANADA m1b5k8
BIRTHDAY: March 16, 1961
AGE: 61 Female
LANGUAGES: English, some french, i understand it a bit more by listening
I'M LOOKING FOR: Penpal, Friend
EMAIL: penny.walker@rogers.com
JOB: unemployed
FAVORITE GENRE: Reggae, Blues, Rock and Roll, Oldies, Country, Hard Rock
FAVORITE ARTISTS: joe cocker, bruce springsteen, van Morrison, creedance clearwater janice joplin, john lennon, beatles, Mary J Blige, Phil Collins, Elton John
FAVORITE BOOKS: breathless by dean koontz, all stephen king, many many more.
FAVORITE MOVIES: the green mile, terms of endearment, aliens, shrek, A Few Good Men, The Godfather, Cocon, Shawshank Redemption
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: sam elliot, he's my all time favorite patrick swazye, Denzel Washington, Eddie Murphy, Sean Penn, Tom Cruise, Chris Rock, Damon Wayans, Demi Moore, Julia Roberts, Halle Berry
HOBBIES: dancing, gardening, movies, skiing, swimming, traveling, nature, reading, computers, cooking
MESSAGE: i'm looking to speak with a married mom like me in australia, just yo have someone to talk to during the day besides kids and same family and friends the conversations, are always the same.

NAME: Francis (Frank) Smoke
790 Dominion Road, Apt # 002
CANADA V9A4E6
BIRTHDAY: June 28, 1945
AGE: 77 Difficult to explain Male

I'M LOOKING FOR: Marriage Partner,
Relationship
LANGUAGES: English, French
EMAIL: oleskool46@hotmail.com
JOB: chef
FAVORITE GENRE: Blues, Rock and Roll, Soft Rock, Oldies, Country, Gospel
FAVORITE ARTISTS: Do Wop, Gene Chandler, Platters, Sam Cooke, Too Many to Name.
FAVORITE BOOKS: Herman / Jim Huger
FAVORITE MOVIES: Sherk, Goodfellas, The Godfather
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Denzel Washington, Eddie Murphy, Sean Penn, Demi Moore, Julia Roberts
HOBBIES: I Love Dancing, playing tennis, Fishing, Travel, hiking, movies, nature, photography, reading, baseball, boxing, camping, computers, cooking
MESSAGE: I am Looking for a young Lady who would eventually want to come to Canada to start a new Life.

NAME: Caroline dickson
COUNTRY: New York, USA
BIRTHDAY: May 10, 1980
AGE: 42 Single Female
LANGUAGES: Hindi, English, French
EMAIL: carlindicks@yahoo.com
JOB: government secretary
FAVORITE GENRE: Country, Gospel
FAVORITE MOVIES: action
HOBBIES: football, swimming, martial arts, Friendship
MESSAGE: i am Caroline Dickson, from united states looking for friends from all over the world,

NAME: Denise Smith
108 Star Ave
Ontario, Whitby CANADA LIN 3E2
BIRTHDAY: August 26, 1970
AGE: 42 Single Female
LANGUAGES: Klingon, English
JOB: landscaping / Dog Sitter
FAVORITE GENRE: Christian, Gospel
FAVORITE ARTISTS: Wham
FAVORITE BOOKS: Koron
FAVORITE MOVIES: White Fang
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Benji
HOBBIES: gardening, traveling, camping, computers, dogs
MESSAGE: LOVE DOGS

NAME: Kathie Kato
COUNTRY: Vancouver, CANADA
BIRTHDAY: January 24, 1972
AGE: 50 Female
JOB: Pharmacy Technician
EMAIL: katya@vcn.bc.ca
HOBBIES: cooking, traveling, computers, reading



NAME: Joan L. Hutchinson
16 Bog Brook Road
Greeley's Landing-Sebec Lake
Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426-3928 USA
BIRTHDAY: January 1, 1982
AGE: 30 Female
HOBBIES: natural science, classical music and jazz, foreign cultures, mountain climbing and repelling, photography (seascape, landscape, the female nude), antiques, travel, erotic pursuits
MESSAGE: Charismatic female of both physical and intellectual appeal desires letter exchange with those of similar interests world-wide. This is a genuine ad and all letters will be answered but I will look with favor to well-rounded, up-scale individuals who, in addition, are, like myself, erotically-inclined. Photo trades and exchange of erotica gladly arranged.

NAME: Danny Burton
COUNTRY: North Carolina, USA
BIRTHDAY: March 20, 1964
AGE: 48 Single Male
LANGUAGES: English, Spanish
JOB: retired
FAVORITE ARTISTS: U2
FAVORITE GENRE: Rock n Roll, Oldies, Country
FAVORITE MOVIES: I like comedy movies

FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Hally Berry, Kevin Costner
HOBBIES: sports, music, traveling, writing
MESSAGE: Looking to make some friends. I'm very easy to get along with. Look to meet people from all over the world. I do like a good sense of humor someone who I can laugh with and have some good times with. I do enjoy meeting people from other countries someone different from Japan to Brazil that would be fun, anyone is welcome to write me. So just give me a chance to be your friends I won't disappoint you.

NAME: Felicia Morales
COUNTRY: USA
BIRTHDAY: July 5, 1977
AGE: 44 Female
EMAIL: fcalabaza@hotmail.com
JOB: student
HOBBIES: photography, reading, hiking
camping, martial arts, movies

NAME: Kathleen Kiessling
COUNTRY: Michigan, USA
BIRTHDAY: May 29, 1956
AGE: 66 Female
EMAIL: thirdstarshaggykitty@yahoo.com
HOBBIES: nature, gardening, reading, martial arts, movies, walking, fishing, camping and more
MESSAGE: I am hoping to make new friends around the world to write to and e-mail from time to time. I am a good listener, enjoy learning new things, meeting others, having fun. Just looking for a good friendship. Please E-mail me at thirdstarshaggykitty@yahoo.com

NAME: Stephanie Johnson
COUNTRY: New Jersey, USA
BIRTHDAY: August 5, 1983
AGE: 38 Single Female
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: jhnsnstephannie@yahoo.com
JOB: government
HOBBIES: nature, dancing, baseball, football, fashion, photog-

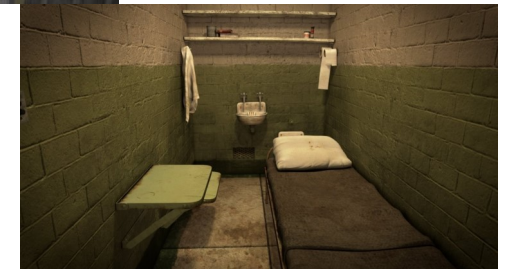
raphy, basketball
boxing, tennis, gardening, reading, traveling, hiking, volleyball, martial arts, singing, movies, soccer, computers, snow games, car racing, mountain climbing
MESSAGE: hence friendship is clothe then let us spread the clothes of love and understanding for us all to cover so that the world will be a better place for us dwell.

NAME: Rachelle Moore
COUNTRY: Colorado, USA
BIRTHDAY YEAR: 1967
AGE: 47 Single Female
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: educationandrespect@yahoo.com
JOB: college student
FAVORITE GENRE: Rhythm & Blues, Hip Hop, Blues, Jazz, Country,
FAVORITE ARTISTS: Anthony Hamilton, Akon, Lil Scrappy, Yung Joc
FAVORITE MOVIES: Training Day
FAVORITE CELEBRITIES: Denzel Washington, Eddie Murphy, Chris Rock, Damon Wayans
HOBBIES: dancing, fashion, gardening, movies, traveling, volleyball, painting, photography, reading, sewing, camping, cooking

NAME: Godwill Anitalove00
COUNTRY: New York, USA
BIRTHDAY: April 2, 1984
AGE: 38 Single Female
LANGUAGES: English
EMAIL: anita_333godwill@yahoo.com
JOB: attorney
FAVORITE GENRE: Hard Rock
HOBBIES: aerobics, nature, swimming, gardening, hello
MESSAGE: i love you

American Culture *Alcatraz*

Alcatraz was a prison in America from 1934 - 1963. It is located off the coast of California. The strong currents around the island and cold water made escapes nearly impossible. Alcatraz is now a tourist attraction. The nearest city is San Francisco in California. Some famous criminals who stayed at Alcatraz was Al Capone, Robert Stroud, George "Machine Gun" Kelly, Bumpy Johnson, Mickey Cohen, Arthur "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis. A total of 36 prisoners made 14 escape attempts, two men trying twice. Twenty three were caught alive, six were shot and killed during their escape, two drowned and five are listed as missing and presumed dead.



John Coltrane



John Coltrane was born in 1926 in Hamlet, North Carolina. Inspired by his father, who played many different instruments, young John began studying the clarinet. As a teen, influenced by musicians such as Lester Young, John switched to the alto saxophone, the instrument he would become famous for playing.

John served in the military during World War II, and he made his first recordings during that time. After the war, he joined the band led by jazz and blues great Eddie Vinson, which exposed him to new ways of playing the saxophone. In 1960, Coltrane recorded the album *Giant Steps*, made up of his own compositions. In the same year, he formed his first quartet. Their first recording together was also his debut playing soprano saxophone.

As his style developed and changed, Coltrane began to receive criticism from some audiences and jazz critics. Coltrane and Eric Dolphy, the second horn player in his quartet at the time, were harshly criticized as “anti-jazz” for their unusual sound. Perhaps because of this, Coltrane played more conservatively in his studio recordings of 1962 and 1963. In 1965, however, with the formation of his second quartet, his playing took on a more harmonious sound. He played with this band, which included his wife, Alice, on piano until his death in 1967.

Coltrane continues to win awards even after death. Among others, he was awarded a Grammy for “Best Jazz Solo Performance” in 1982, and a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997.

Idioms

Idiom 1	in the doghouse	to have someone unhappy with you
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Example:

Sam: Let's ask your girlfriend for some money.

Ben: That's not a good idea. I'm **in the doghouse** with her.

Idiom 2	ball is in your court	it is up to you to make the next decision
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Example:

Jill: Are you going to ask Jill out on a date?

Ray: Yes, I asked her yesterday. Now the **ball is in her court**.

Idiom 3	kick the bucket	to die, not someone you love
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Example:

Charles: Did you hear the former president of Russia **kicked the bucket**?

Rachel: Yes, he **kicked the bucket** last month.

Idiom 4	barrel of laughs	someone who is very funny
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Example:

Student: Did you meet James?

Teacher: Yes, he is a **barrel of laughs**.

Stingray

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Stingrays are flat bodies marine fish that live in the warmer tropical waters throughout the world. They use their large fins that look more like wings to propel them through the water. Most stingrays are solitary animals which means they travel alone. They spend most of their time close to the sea bed and bury themselves under the sand to hide from hungry predators.

Stingrays have a wide mouth on their underside and blunt teeth for crushing food. They feed mainly on clams, oysters, shrimps, crabs and mussels. Predators of the stingray include sharks, seals and sea lions.

Female stingrays give birth once a year and usually have two to six young. When the young stingrays are born, they can already look after themselves and begin hunting with their mother.

Stingrays have a sharp, serrated spine in their tails that can be dangerous to humans. If a stingray is accidentally stepped on, it is likely to defend itself by piercing its enemy with its spine, causing a very painful injury which can be deadly.

Stingrays do not have bony skeletons. Like their shark relatives, they have rubbery skeletons made of cartilage.



Mount Everest

Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world. It is a part of the Himalayan mountain range in Asia. It is located on the border between Nepal and Tibet.

The first people to reach the summit were Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal in 1953. Mount Everest is about 29,000 feet above sea level. There have been almost 200 people who have died trying to climb the mountain. The most famous pair who disappeared trying to climb the mountain were the British pair Andrew Irvine and George Mallory.

Mount Everest has two main climbing routes which are the southeast ridge from Nepal and the northeast ridge from Tibet. The easiest climbing route is the South Col from Nepal. Since the Chinese closed the border to foreigners in 1949, there is only one route. Mountain climbers are very important for Nepal. It brings a lot of money to the country. Mountain climbers have to hire guides to get them to the top as well as pay for a permit that costs about \$25,000 per person.

In 1865, the mountain was given its English name by Andrew Scott Waugh who was a British surveyor from India. He named it after Sir George Everest.

Junko Tabei of Japan was the first woman to reach the summit on May 16, 1975. The youngest person to reach the summit was Temba Tsheri of Nepal on May 22, 2001 who was 15 years old. The oldest person was Sherman Bull on May 25, 2001 who was 64 years old.

Hip Hop Music Artists

Beastie Boys	Gang Starr	Outkast
Cypress Hill	Geto Boys	Public Enemy
Digital Underground	Goodie Mob	Run DMC
EPMD	Icecube	The Roots
Fat Boys	Mobb Deep	Westside Connection
Fugees	Onyx	Whodini

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L E X U F A T B O Y S I E E I S U N E N O O R E S T
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U L W T X W I H O U T K A S T R E T Y U E N D I N G
A E A N N O T A T I T T I E S A R E N I E Q A S Z A
R P U B L I C E N E M Y C E R T Y H G V P P O I N N

Idioms

Idiom 1	twenty four seven	at anytime
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Example:

Sam: Can I call you if I have a problem?

Ben: You can call me **twenty four seven**. It doesn't matter if I am sleeping.

Idiom 2	cold day in June	never happen
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Example:

Jill: Do you think you will win the championship?

Ray: It will be a **cold day in June** when we win the championship.

Idiom 3	break the ice	to start talking to someone
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Example:

Charles: What's the best way to **break the ice** with you?

Rachel: make me laugh

Idiom 4	live and learn	make a mistake
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Example:

Student: Did you think it was a good idea to date a married man?

Teacher: No but **live and learn**.

Grammar 1

Ex. Is jogging **against the law**?

No, jogging is not **against the law**.

1. Murder is against the law.
2. Drunk driving is against the law.
3. Eating on the shinkansen is not against the law.
4. Speeding is against the law.
5. Hugging your teacher is not against the law.

Grammar 2

get rid of = throw it away or give it to someone

Ex. Did you **get rid of** your old clothes?

Yes, I **got rid of** my old clothes.

1. I got rid of my textbooks.
2. I did not get rid of my old chopsticks.
3. She got rid of her old dresses.
4. Karl got rid of his school uniform.

The Great State of Georgia

alpharetta	columbus	fulton	roswell
athens	conyers	hartsfield	savannah
atlanta	covington	hawks	smyrna
augusta	decatur	kennesaw	stone mountain
braves	dekalb	macon	symphony
bulldogs	falcons	marietta	turner field
clayton	fayette	marta	underground
cobb	fox theatre	peachtree	valdosta

A U G E R C L A Y T O N E W Q A A T T E I R A M O
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A A Y E H T A R A H A J J A U G U S T A K C M Y F
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C S O A L C O A T L A N T A U E U O O G U N T A I
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D E M I A U H I S L I U O L W E R T U S S E D F M
A D I A W G N C E D B G H A R T S F I E L D A X O

Rhythm and Blues Music Artists

Aaliyah	Ciara	Ne-Yo
Akon	D'Angelo	Omarion
Babyface	Drake	Prince
Beyonce	Ginuwine	Rihanna
Blackstreet	Jodeci	T-Pain
Brandy	Maxwell	Usher

A A L I Y A A H E R T U S G I N U W I N E S H E R U
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R B A N D Y R E O N E Y M O N E Y F A F U U S O Y U
C E B E Y O N M A X W E L L F R E T I T G D S N E R
Q P R I N C E S T I T T I E S E V E N R E T Y E R H
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D S N R W V T A U O E E O J U N E A P B R I L I S T
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R F Y E E L L I E B D R N Y T J A B I T N O F U H U
A I T R Y P O U R A C E H O M A R I O N B U N V C U
N D R J O D E C I B U T I M A S E D F G H Y U H J K

US States

California	Massachusetts	Oregon
Colorado	Michigan	Pennsylvania
Idaho	Minnesota	Texas
Florida	Montana	Utah
Georgia	Nevada	Vermont
Maine	Oklahoma	Wyoming

G E O R G G I I S E R T B H U N J I D A H O A H O I
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A X A S E D P E N N S Y L V A N I A W Y O M A N G U

Foreigner's Voice

by: Greg Anderson (40) USA

I have been living in Japan for 10 years now. Japanese often ask me, "What surprises you about Japan?" I think most Japanese are surprised when I say, "Why don't elementary students have a winter uniform?" I always see elementary students walking to school wearing shorts and a short sleeve shirt and the girls wearing a dress. I saw children walking to school when there was snow on the ground. I am an adult and if I walked into a building in February wearing shorts and short sleeves, every Japanese person would immediately ask me "Aren't you cold?" It's amazing that Japanese adults care about other adults but do not care about their children. One Japanese lady said she thought it was to get the children used to the weather in their city. I told her if that is true, then it does not work because as soon as the children get into junior high, they start wearing clothes under their uniform to stay warm. They also wear scarves and mittens to stay warm when they are walking or riding their bicycles to school. For 10 years, not one Japanese person has been able to tell me why elementary students do not have winter school uniforms that consist of long pants and long sleeves.

Recipe

Beef and Snow Peas Stir-Fry

INGREDIENTS

1/2 pound tender beef steak
2 tablespoons cornstarch, divided
3 tablespoons soy sauce, divided
1 tablespoon dry sherry
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup Uncle Ben's Instant brown rice
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes, crushed
3/4 cup water
6 ounces fresh snow peas
2 tablespoons peanut oil, divided
1 medium onion, chunked
salt to taste
1 medium tomato, chunked



Slice beef across grain into thin strips. For marinade, combine 1 tablespoon each cornstarch and soy sauce with sherry and garlic.

- Add beef; marinate 15 minutes
- Meanwhile, prepare rice according to package directions and keep hot
- Combine remaining cornstarch, soy sauce, red pepper and 3/4 cup water; set aside
- Remove tips and strips from snow peas
- Heat 1 tablespoon oil in wok or large skillet over high heat
- Drain beef; discard marinade
- Add beef and stir-fry 1 minute; remove
- Heat remaining oil in same wok
- Add snow peas and onion
- Sprinkle salt lightly over vegetables and stir-fry 3 minutes
- Add beef, reserved cornstarch mixture and tomato
- cook and stir until mixture boils and thickens and tomato is heated through
- Serve immediately

Serves 4



Bill Cosby

William Henry Cosby Jr. was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 12, 1937. He once said, "The thing I remember most about being a kid was being poor." He remembers living in a house with no bathtub and one Christmas without a Christmas tree. When Bill Cosby was 9 years old, he started shining shoes to help out his family with money. In fifth grade, Cosby performed his first comedy

routine for his teacher and classmates.

Cosby played on the track and football teams. After graduating from high school, Bill joined the United States Navy in 1956 and later attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. People of all ages enjoy his humor, and millions buy his record albums.

In 1977, Bill earned a doctoral degree in education. Since then he has appeared on the "Electric Company" and "Sesame Street" and has produced "Fat Albert" and the Cosby Kids. Bill uses his skill as an entertainer to teach children how to get along with others and ways of dealing with problems.

In 1986, "The Cosby Show" brought him more fame. In the show, Cosby played a doctor who is surrounded by his very funny family. This show tried to let everyone know that we all have the same kinds of problems.

Bill Cosby has been married since 1964. His wife's name is Camille and they had four daughters and one son.



Carter G. Woodson

On December 19, 1875, Carter G. Woodson was born in Canton, Virginia. His parents were former slaves and were very poor. Carter's family was large, and he was needed to work on the farm. He was not able to go to school regularly. By the time he was seventeen, he had taught himself to read, write and do math. He finally graduated from high school and college. He received a Ph. D. degree in history from Harvard. He went on to teach French, Spanish, English and history in a Washington D.C high school.

In 1915 Woodson organized the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. This organization was founded to collect and keep records about African Americans, and to publish books on African American life and history. Carter Woodson spent his whole life researching African American history. He published many books and journals.

In 1926, Woodson had the idea for Black History Week. He worked hard and made it a reality. Each year during the second week in February, exhibits, lectures and programs make people aware of the important contributions of African Americans.

Idioms

Idiom 1	Go down in flames	to fail miserably or spectacularly
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Example:

Sam: Is Yuki going to give the speech in English?

Ben: Yes, he will go down in flames because he doesn't speak English that well.

Idiom 2	Go the extra mile	make an extra effort
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Example:

Jill: Can you help me find a boyfriend?

Ray: I will go the extra mile and look online.

Idiom 3	Once in a blue moon	rarely
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Example:

Charles: Do you call Veronica every month?

Rachel: No, I talk to her once in a blue moon.

Idiom 4	A stone's throw	a very short distance
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Example:

Student: Where is the convenience store?

Teacher: It's just a stone's throw from here.

Foreigner's Voice

by: Troy Jones (44) Canada

When I first came to Japan and started talking to Japanese, they always ask the same questions like “What is your favorite ---?” A Japanese person always asks me when they meet me questions like “What is your favorite food? What is your favorite place in Japan? What is your favorite Japanese word or phrase?” It’s about time that Japanese learn that more foreigners don’t have a favorite anything.

When Japanese think of food, they think of Japanese food because they don’t know other foods from other countries. In western countries like the USA, Canada, England and Australia there are restaurants from every country in the world. When this question, “What is your favorite food?” is asked, a foreigner thinks of foods from every country in the world. How can a person choose a favorite food from so many different countries? A foreigner might really like a food from a certain country, but they usually don’t claim it as their favorite food. When I came to Japan as a JET on the JET Program during the orientation in Tokyo, the Japanese organizers of the program asked us to choose a favorite food and keep answering with the same food even though they knew it was not true.

As far as a favorite place in Japan, the cities and people in different cities are different. The sightseeing is different. The Japanese food is generally the same in every city so there is no real difference. It is hard to choose a favorite place in Japan.

There are so many words and phrases in Japanese so how can someone choose a favorite Japanese word. Most foreigners don’t choose a favorite word or phrase.

A better question to ask in these examples are “What are some foods you like?, What are some favorite places you like in Japan?, What are some Japanese words you like?”

If you really want to improve your English skills, you should practice exchanging emails with a native speaker. Answer the questions below and send your answers to one of our staff members. You can also practice your speaking by skype or meeting in person.

Topic: What would you do

1. What are 3 things you would do if you won the lottery?
2. What would you do if you had one month to live?
3. What would you do if you were invisible for one hour a day?
4. What would you do if you saw a U.F.O.?
5. What would you do if you witnessed a bank robbery?
6. What would you do if found a suitcase with 10,000,000 yen in it?
7. What would you do if you saw a co-worker stealing?
8. What would you do if you dropped your cell phone in the toilet?
9. What would you do if you saw a student kissing a teacher?

Send your answers to someone on our staff. We will correct your English and answer you. Write the staff’s name in the subject. Email: bluehillesl@yahoo.com

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Topic: Relationship

1. Do you have a boyfriend / girlfriend?
2. Where is a good place to go on a first date?
3. What do you prefer a man/woman to wear on a date?
4. Do you want to hold hands in public?
5. Are you a jealous person?
6. How often do you want to meet your boyfriend / girlfriend?
7. Would you date someone twice your age?
8. What would make you break up?
9. What would you do if your parents didn't like your boyfriend / girlfriend?

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Idioms

Idiom 1	hit the hay	go to bed
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Example:

Sam: I'm tired. I have done a lot today.

Ben: Let's **hit the hay** now.

Idiom 2	change your tune	change your opinion about someone or something
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Example:

Jill: I caught my boyfriend cheating on me after being together for 6 months.

Ray: It's time to **change your tune** about him.

Idiom 3	bad apple	a bad person, a troublemaker, a dishonest person
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Example:

Charles: Bill got arrested for stealing yesterday.

Rachel: He is the **bad apple** in the family.

Idiom 4	face the music	deal with the consequences of your actions
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Example:

Student: It's time to tell our neighbor that you broke their window.

Teacher: Let's go over there and **face the music**.



The Importance of checking with a native speaker of English

Since moving to Japan 25 years ago, I see this problem very often. This picture was found in a shopping mall in Kumamoto City. A lot of Japanese attempt to translate Japanese to English using Japanese pronunciation to do so. Unfortunately, this is a terrible way to translate because English has its own pronunciation rules. While in this picture, “Happy Birthday” is fine the “T-shirt” is not fine. When a foreigner sees this sign, we can see the t-shirts on the shelf above the sign so we know what the sign is supposed to say and mean. However, “t-shirt” means “t-うんこ”. When foreigners see this sign as it is written, we tend to laugh because it looks funny. The meaning is not what the person who wrote it intended to say. Quite often leaving one letter out of a word, it does create a different word. As we know what the person meant to write, what they actually wrote is really funny.

A lot of Japanese people make such mistakes and they don't know it is a mistake. Instead, they ask foreigners “How is my English?” Since foreigners don't want to hurt the Japanese person's feelings, we usually say “Your English is good.” Unfortunately, Japanese believe these remarks and attempt to make signs in English at work. Instead of receiving praise for their work, foreigners are laughing at them.

This funny sign could have been avoided by simply asking a native English speaker to double check the sign before posting it in the store. It would take less than 30 seconds for a foreigner to see the mistake and tell the store owner of the mistake.

Grammar 6

8. in my opinion / adjust to

In my opinion, Joyful is a good restaurant.

私の意見ではJoyfulはいいレストランです。

In my opinion, Japanese don't want to make friends with foreigners.

私の意見では日本人は外国人と友達になりたいくありません。

In my opinion, Disneyland is fun.

私の意見ではDisneylandは楽しいです。

It took me 1 year to adjust to living in Japan.

私が日本の生活になれるまで一年かかりました。

It would take me 1 month to adjust to living alone.

私が一人暮らしになれるまで一ヶ月かかるでしょう。

It took me 1 month to adjust to being married.

私が結婚していることになれるまで一ヶ月かかりました。

Grammar 5

7. looking forward to / depend on

I'm looking forward to summer vacation.

夏休みを楽しみにしています。

He's looking forward to turning 20.

彼は20歳になるのを楽しみにしています。

She's looking forward to having a baby one day.

彼女はいつか赤ちゃんをもつのを楽しみにしています。

I can depend on my mom to take me somewhere.

私はははにどこかへ連れていってくれるのをたよれます。

He can depend on his friend Tony to loan him money.

彼は友達のとニーにお金をかしてくれるようにたよれます。

She can depend on her sister to wake her up on time.

彼女はお姉さんに時間どありにおこしてくれるようにたよれます。



The Importance of checking with a native speaker of English

This picture was found on a menu in Japan. At first when I saw this on the menu, I didn't notice it because I was reading the Japanese. Then my friend, a Canadian, who was sitting across from me immediately noticed it and started laughing. I asked him why he was laughing, and he showed me the English on the menu. This is why I took a picture.

The first obvious mistake is the word "deep" is misspelled as "dep". If the person who wrote this on the menu, learned and knew English phonics for pronunciation they probably would have spelled it correctly. Japanese students need to learn that English phonics is not taught in Japanese schools so Japanese have trouble spelling English words.

The next problem with this picture is Japanese tend to use several translation apps on the internet. The problem with this is when a word or phrase is translated, there is a list of possible words or phrases that may match what was typed in. Japanese usually choose the first word on the list which is what makes so funny. The word "cock" must have came up on the list. While the word "cock" does mean "chicken" it is not the first impression a foreigner may get when they see the word. In fact, the word "cock" is a slang word in English for "penis." When a foreigner sees this on the menu, our image is a deep fried penis. The Japanese above the English should have been translated to "deep fried chicken."

For just one word on a menu, a foreigner would look at it and see the mistake and tell the restaurant owner about the mistake. If the owner wanted a foreigner to check the entire menu, the foreigner would perhaps charge a few thousand yen. It is better to have a foreigner to check the entire menu before printing the menu professionally to look for mistakes instead of printing it and being laughed at by foreigners. If it just one or a few items on the menu, a foreigner would probably do it for free.

If you need a foreigner to check your work, you can go to the Kumamoto International Center to ask them to find someone for you.



The Importance of checking with a native speaker of English

This sign was found at a large bakery in Japan. I went in the bakery to buy something for fathers day which is when I saw the sign. What made this so funny is it was found on “Fathers Day.” The word “daddy” is misspelled. It was misspelled on Fathers Day which makes it especially funny and sad at the same time. The other thing that is bad about this sign is letter “a” is written like a font on a computer instead of the correct way. Apparently, this person who wrote this sign had a very bad English teacher. The English teacher did not teach this person how to properly write the letter “a”.

What else is funny about this sign is that after the person misspelled the word “daddy” they tried to make the sign all pretty and colorful with different color markers. The mistakes are highlighted so when a foreigner sees it, it makes them laugh.

This could have been avoided by simply looking in a dictionary for the correct spelling. If the person who wrote this had taken the time to look in a dictionary they would have discovered there is only one way to spell the word daddy. If they did not want to look in a dictionary, they could have asked any foreigner to check the sign. Unfortunately, so many Japanese are over confident to translate Japanese to English. When foreigners see this sign, instead of praising the person who wrote it, we are laughing at that person and their bad English.

Grammar 4

6. lose your temper / end up

The teacher lost his temper at the class.

先生は授業中におこりました。

Mom mother lost her temper because I didn't clean my room.

私が部屋をそうじしなかったので母はおこりました。

I lost my temper because I could not get good service
いいサービスをうけられなかったのでおこりました。

I ended up going to the movies.

けっきょく映画に行くことにしました。

She ended up buying 2.

彼女はけっきょく二つ買うことにしました。

He ended up going to Disneyland.

彼はけっきょくデイズニーランドに行くことにしました。

廣告

募集



Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky on February 12, 1809. His family moved to Indiana when he was eight years old. His mother died when we was ten. Abraham Lincoln loved to read. He only went to school for a few months. He had to study and learn on his own.

From his childhood, Abraham Lincoln was known as a hard worker. He worked on a farm, in a store and on a boat. He studied and practiced for many years in Illinois. He married Mary Todd Lincoln and they had four sons.

Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th president of the United States in 1860. He did many things as president. Many people think he was the best American President of all time. He is most remembered for freeing the slaves. He was President of the United States during the time of the Civil War. The Civil War was fought between the northern and southern states.

He was known as a great speaker. Some of his most famous speeches include the emancipation proclamation in which he freed the slaves and the Gettysburg Address, which starts, "Four score and seven years ago...."

While attending a play on April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln was shot and killed by John Wilkes Booth. Lincoln died the next morning. Lincoln's birthday is celebrated in February of each year.



Alex Haley

Alexander Murray Palmer Haley was born on August 11, 1921, in Ithaca, New York. His father was a professor and his mother was a teacher. His first five years of his life were spent in Tennessee. He loved to hear his grandmother tell of family traditions passed from one generation to the next. He also loved to read, especially stories of adventure. He

graduated from high school at the age of fifteen.

He enrolled at Alcorn A & M College in Mississippi. In 1939, he joined the United States Coast Guard and began writing articles and short stories which he later sold to magazines. To relieve his boredom on the ship, Haley would write love letters for his friends who were not good at writing. By 1949, Haley had been promoted to chief journalist of the Coast Guard and held that position until he retired in 1959 after 20 years of service. He was highly decorated.

Alex Haley interviewed very famous African Americans like Martin Luther King Jr., Sammy Davis Jr., Quincy Jones and Malcolm X.

Haley spent twelve years researching his book *Roots*. In this book he combined fact with fiction to tell the history of his family. He began by telling how his ancestor, Kunte Kinte, was kidnapped in Gambia in 1767 and taken to America as a slave. He went on to tell of the struggles of his family in America.

In 1977, Alex Haley received a special Pulitzer Prize and the Spingarn Medal for his book *Roots*. Alex Haley died in 1992 at the age of seventy.

Grammar 3

5. in advance / depends on

I want to know the plan in advance.

前もって予定を知りたい。

Give me the money in advance.

前もってお金をください。

I need your phone number in advance

前もってあなたの電話番号はひつようです。

It depends on where the party is.

パーティーがどこであるかによります。

It depends on if your friend is cute.

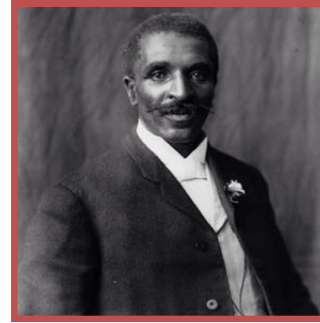
あなたの友達がかawaiiかどうかによります。

It depends on what time it starts.

何時に始まるかによります。

廣告

募集



Benjamin Banneker

Benjamin Banneker was born on a tobacco farm in Maryland in 1731. His mother was a free woman and his father was a slave, which by law, made Benjamin a freeman. In school, Benjamin showed great interest and ability in mathematics. As he did his chores on the farm, he would make up math problems to solve. He also learned how to play the flute and violin.

When he was twenty, Benjamin was given a pocket watch. He took the watch apart to study how it worked. He was so fascinated by the watch that for two years he spent all his spare time building a clock carved entirely of wood. When it was completed, it kept perfect time for over fifty years. This clock is believed to be the first clock made entirely in America.

Later Benjamin was given some astronomy books, science equipment and a telescope. He began to study the stars and the constellations. He had a great interest in science and math and he wrote his own almanac. In it he included the times of eclipses, the hours of sunrise and sunset, weather forecasts and even a list of medicines.

Benjamin Banneker became so well-known that President George Washington chose him to help plan the city of Washington D.C. It is a beautiful city thanks to the assistance of Benjamin Banneker.

Benjamin Banneker took his last walk with a friend on October 9, 1806. He complained about being ill. He died later that day.



American Culture *Souvenirs*

When someone in America takes a vacation, they are trying to forget about everything that gives them stress. People generally get stress from work and their boss. When they go on vacation, they want to forget about work, their boss and their co-workers. Americans take trips to relax by going out to eat, sightseeing and lying by the pool or on the beach.

When they return from their vacation, they are ready to start work. Americans do not buy souvenirs for their boss or co-workers. The reason is an office in America might have on average between 50 - 200 employees. It would be too expensive to buy souvenirs for everyone in the office. Another reason for not buying souvenirs, is Americans believe that a person's money is for them to use. A person worked hard for their money so they should use it on them. When an American returns from a trip, most Americans would ask them, how was their trip, did they have fun, what did they do and other questions. Co-workers should ask questions about their trip or vacation. Being selfish is wondering where the souvenir for the office is and not asking about a person's trip.

Also, since America is not a gift giving culture, snacks are not sold individually wrapped. A box of cookies are just a lot of cookies in a box. The cookies are not individually wrapped.

A souvenir in America are saved for ones closest friends and family. Also a souvenir is something they will have for years such as a t-shirt, a baseball cap, a cup or a pen. When they go to work and use a pen that says "Japan" on the side, their co-workers will see it and ask them questions about the pen. When their friends go to their house, and see the cup with "Brazil" on the side, it starts a conversation about the cup. If a souvenir is edible, after the person eats it, there is no more souvenir.



American Culture *Adults and Children*

In America, adults do not play with children. When adults see children, they may talk to them and try to educate them, but they do not play with them. An adult has an adult brain and it is very different from a child's brain. Children like playing games and most of the games are childish. Adults like playing drinking games which are not suitable for children. If other adults see an adult playing with a child that is not their own, they may think the adult has a brain like a child or is trying to harm the child.

Americans believe children should play with other children and play games that are fun to them. An adult would not enjoy playing child games. An adult should not enjoy playing games meant for a child. Therefore, children do not play with adults.

When an adult meets a child that is not their own, perhaps their friend's child, they may ask questions about school or their life. An adult may give them advice about something in their life.

Teachers also do not play with students. If a teacher is playing with a child, the child may or may not like it. If a child tells someone like another teacher or the principal that a teacher touched them in a private place, the teacher could be fired or even go to jail for inappropriate behavior with a student. Teachers must be teachers and teach and discipline students. If a student is angry at a teacher because of discipline or getting bad grades in class, the way a student can get even with a teacher is by telling someone the teacher touched them in a private place. Americans believe there has to be a line drawn between teachers and students. This means no playing together and absolutely no touching. This includes hugs. Teachers have to protect themselves by keeping distance from the students.