

BRIDGE 会員のみなさま、メルマガ 11 月号をお届けします。

寒暖差が激しくなってきましたね、
皆さん体に気をつけて、温かいものを食べて、元気に過ごしましょう。(Mo)

2 週連続の台風。凄かったですね。。雨も続きましたね。。
台風一過で 11 月は、10 月よりも若干お天気&暖かいような気がします^^紅葉も綺麗ですね♪(I)

日中は過ごしやすい日が続いていますね。少し遠出して紅葉を楽しみたいです。(St)

季節の変わり目、体調には十分気をつけましょう(H)

先日、栗きんとんを食べました。秋といえば美味しい食べ物がいっぱいあって嬉しいです
ね!(Mh)

先週、伊勢神宮へ参拝に行ってきました。赤福のおしるこが毎年の楽しみです^^(Y)

少し前にギターライブをしてきました!!大成功で練習の成果が出ました'ω')s (Mm)

★英検

次は本会場：1 月 21 日(日)・準会場：1 月 20 日(土)〔二次試験 A 日程：2 月 18 日(日) B
日程：2 月 25 日(日)〕です。

独学中のみなさん、一緒に目標の級取得を目指してみませんか？

経験豊富な日本人講師とネイティブ講師が合格までばっちりサポート！

ライティングもしっかり対策いたします。

[NEW!] 英会話入門クラス増設 金曜日 13:50～14:40

10 月後半に英会話入門クラスを増設しました♪

今までお昼間の入門クラスがなくて諦めていた方、この機会に英会話を始めてみませんか？

ご興味のある方、お気軽にお問い合わせください。

[NEW!] KIDS クラブ増設！

小学生未満のお子様対象のクラスが増設されました^^
今まで小学生向けクラスしかなくて諦めていた方、ご興味のある方、
お気軽にお問い合わせください。

★BRIDGE で習える言語のご紹介

最近他言語のレッスンに通われる方が増えてきました！
新しいことを始めてみたい方、海外赴任の内示がでたけれど言語が不安…という方、
経験豊富な頼れる講師のもとで勉強してみませんか？
スペイン語、フランス語、フィンランド語、タイ語、インドネシア語、
中国語、ベトナム語、韓国語、クロアチア語、ドイツ語、ポルトガル語、ロシア語
たくさんの言語がそろっております！お気軽にご相談くださいませ。

では、11月の【英会話ワンポイントレッスン】です。

今回は、成功と失敗に関する表現方法を2つご紹介します。

「～することに成功する」は **succeed** という動詞を用い、“**succeed in doing something**”
となります。

例えば、「試験に合格する」は “**succeed in passing the exam**” となります。

失敗は **fail** という単語を用い、**to+**不定詞を伴います。

「試験に不合格になる」は “**fail to pass the exam**” となります。

それぞれ後ろに従える単語が異なりますので、注意してください。

(1)**succeed in doing something** … ～することに成功する

(2)fail to do something … ～の北部

A: John speaks five languages. I wonder why he is always succeeding in learning foreign languages.

B: I want to know, too. I even failed to master English.

A: Maybe he has a talent for learning foreign languages.

B: I could master one foreign language, but five isn't humanly possible.

さて今月の Quiz Time です。

次の言葉は英語でなんと言うでしょう。

①ごみ袋

②ビニール袋

③紙袋

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次は【使えるイディオム&フレーズ】を紹介します！

今回は

(3)fresh as a daisy

=to feel energetic and lively

(4)a night owl

=Someone who likes to stay up and do things late at night

(3)fresh as a daisy= 「元気はつらつとした様子」

自分がフレッシュな気分ときは I'm feeling as fresh as a daisy. と言えばいいですし
他の人が元気はつらつに見えるときは You look as fresh as a daisy 言うことができます。
英語では "as fresh as a daisy" や "as busy as a bee" のように "as ... as..." の形で何かに例える
ことがよくあります。

(4) a night owl = 「夜型人間、夜更かしする人」

文字通り "夜のフクロウ" という意味ですが、夜型人間や昼夜逆転生活をしている人を意味して使われます。

a night owl のほかに "an evening person" やただ単に "an owl" と言うこともできます。

パソコンばかりして a night owl になっている人はいませんか？

A: You look tired.

B: Yeah, it's too early for me.

A: Really, I feel as fresh as a daisy, I like early mornings.

B: Not me, I'm a night owl.

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(5) the tip of the iceberg

=A small part of something much bigger

(6) neck of the woods (INFORMAL)

=A neighbourhood or A district, usually rural

(5) the tip of the iceberg = 「氷山の一角」

tip は「先端」、"iceberg" は「氷山」なので、

直訳とほぼ同じ「氷山の一角」という意味になります。

a small part of something huge も同じ意味で使えますよ ♪

(6) neck of the woods (INFORMAL) = 「地域」「近所」

直訳すると「森林の首」となってしまうですが、

「地域」「そっちの方面」という意味で使われています。
森林地帯の開拓地のことをそのように呼んでいたことが由来です。
くだけた表現なので、目上の人には使わないでくださいね^^

A: Hey, what brings you to my neck of the woods?
B: I didn't plan on it, but my car broke down near by and I needed some help.
A: Sorry to hear that, sounds like you are having a bad day.
A: This is just the tip of the iceberg. I'm also going to be late for a job interview.

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(7)down to earth

=Someone who is practical and sensible

(8)a wolf in sheep's clothing

=Someone who seems to be A good person but is really A bad person

A: How is your new boss treating you?
B: Not so good.
A: What happened? I thought he was really down to earth?
B: At first he was but he turned out to be a wolf in sheep's clothing.

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[New!]☆ネイティブには通じない和製英語 第8回☆

「和製英語」を聞いたネイティブスピーカーの反応は！？

私たちが英語だと思い込んでいる、あの単語、この単語、実は「和製英語」英語かも。
今月は、「プレイガイド」を取り上げてみます。

和製英語を聞いたネイティブスピーカーは、どんなものを思い浮かべるのか聞いてみましょう！

S: Do you know what "プレイガイド" means?

A: Play guide?

N: Play guide....

A: Is it for children?

S: No, actually for everybody.

N: Is it for like an event, like a baseball game, a play, or something?

S: Ah, you are getting close.

A: A person?

S: It's not a person.

A: Ahhh, I think I know, if you go to a baseball game, you get an event guide with all the players.

S: No.

N: That's what I thought it was.

A: Is it a thing?

S: It's not a thing.

N: It's not a thing??

S: Well, I'll tell you, it's a place.

N: It's a place..

A: A place.

N: So you can find it at a baseball game or a play? Like a stadium?

S: Maybe but usually not.

A: So, it's for everyone and it's a place....

S: You can often find it near a big station.

N: Is it like an information center or a tourist map?

S: It's not for tourists.

N: Like a question booth?

S: You could ask something if you wanted.

N: It's not the police, right?

A: Can you ask about trains?

S: Nothing related to trains.

N: Is this only in Japan or do other countries have this?

Hannah looked at the big blue nothingness of the ocean, she wondered why people were so obsessed with it.

"It's just water, salty water" she thought to herself. "Here are your scones, I hope you enjoy them" said the man.

"Wow, that was quick" said Hannah. "Was it? I was gone for ten minutes..." the man said in a confused tone.

"Oh" Hannah replied. She had been mesmerized by the ocean.

Hannah looked around the tea shop. The walls were white, but there were many different pictures and photographs on the walls.

Pictures of people, cars, old cities and maps. Along with the pictures there was also an assortment of patterned plates, picnic baskets and hanging plants.

The windows were covered by frilly lace curtains, and the curtains themselves were neatly tied back on either side of the window.

All of the tables and chairs were bright white except for the checked table cloths, which were red and white.

"Just like my Bonne Maman jam" she thought.

The floor was a light ash wood colour and there were a number of plants and flowers filling every available space.

The small shop was quite busy and there was a quiet rustle of conversation along with the sound of plates being stacked on top of each other.

Finally, she looked down at her plate. The food on her plate seemed familiar, but also so different.

She could see her long-term friend strawberry jam, except here it was hidden underneath a large dollop of white stuff.

It looked like ice-cream but it wasn't melting. She poked it, and it stuck to her finger, she slowly tasted it.

"That's quite nice" she thought. The jam was on top of some round cake like material, she always thought cake was too strong and spongy.

She touched it and a little piece crumbled of onto the plate. She picked it up and ate it.

"Oh, that's quite nice too. Like bread but different." She picked up the scone and took a cautious bite...She couldn't believe it, it was, it was...

Could she really think this? "It's better than a jam sandwich!" he quickly finished her plate before the man could return with some tea.

"Well, what did you think?" the man asked. Hannah just smiled at the man.

☆This Little Town Part 7”

Vocabulary

Contemplating – to think deeply at length

Solitude – The state of being alone

Confide – Tell someone about a secret in confidence

Eerie – Strange and frightening

Synchronicity – Two events happening at the same time

Trudged – Walk slowly with heavy steps

The boy didn't know how to respond to his now former friend Steven, but now he knew for sure that something significant had occurred over the summer.

Steven was no longer present. The boy remained in the seat opposite Steven and just stared, contemplating his next move.

He wondered what kind of book could grasp Steven's attention but unfortunately, the cover was blank.

The only noticeable feature was the purple binding on the black book.

He decided to ask the librarian if she knew of this magical book. She said “I'm sorry sweetheart, but I saw him take that out of his bag, it must be from home.

Why don't you just ask him?” The boy considered all the different scenarios if he chose to tell the truth, he wasn't ready yet.

“We're not talking right now” the boy said baldly and returned to his seat.

The boy decided to just go about his day in his usual solitude and if a chance presented itself, he would just watch Steven's behavior from afar.

He had no idea what to do in this situation, his only friend had turned into some kind of robot and didn't even know who the boy was it seemed.

He could confide in an adult, but there was no way they would take him seriously.

Just as the boy was heading out of the library, he noticed one of those books with the purple binder, the one that Steven was reading.

The boy didn't know the girl that was reading it, but he thought he could try and find out.

The boy approached the girl and whispered “excuse me, excuse me...” He was met with the same eerie silence that he had received Steven.

He tried a different approach. He tried to sneak up behind the girl and catch a glimpse of the book's contents. He peeked from the right, he peeked from the left, and he couldn't believe what he was seeing. The inside was blank, nothing, nil, zero, zilch. He tried to look closer when suddenly the school bell rang and in perfect synchronicity the girl slammed the book shut and stood up.

The boy stumbled backwards and pretended to look at the wall of books behind him, as to not be too obvious of course.

The boy finished his first day back at school in a daze, totally pre-occupied with what he had seen. Nothing made any sense. What had happened to Steven?

What was that book? As he trudged back home, the questions went round and round in his head. He slowly pushed his door open and slowly creaked it shut.

“How was school?” came the distant sound of his father's voice from the kitchen. “It was ok” the boy mumbled back.

クイズの答え

- ①trash bag
- ②plastic bag
- ③paper bag

◆今月の BRIDGE ホームページ【コラム】 更新情報

今月は、講師 Nick とスタッフ Satoko です！

Nick “Movies” → http://www.bridge-els.com/indi/teachers_column/

Satoko “英語を楽しく♪” → http://www.bridge-els.com/indi/advisers_column/

◆BRIDGE 最新ニュースを CHECK!

<http://www.bridge-els.com/news/index.html#385>

