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happy."*



Message from Alan (Language Explorer)

Hello everybody. Welcome to issue 3 of "ExpLoRErs' LoRE"

I enjoy making this small magazine for you. It is really nice to receive your contributions.

Today I went to a German Conversation day in Manchester. This is a meeting for like-minded ex-students of German with the Open University. We have presentations by native German people who live in England and also we speak with them in small "chat groups". I like these meetings. We have them every 6 months.

We talked about politics, poetry as well as some word games and even a little German food for lunch.

There were about 25 people in the meeting. Different ages and abilities. It is interesting to see how some people choose their words. Some speak very carefully, some just talk fast, some want to be the best speaker.

Whichever way people are, they are certainly interesting and enjoyable days.

Keep visit my website

See you next time

Be good, be happy

Alan

Language Explorer

Now here are some articles from other Explorers!

From Kay (China)

For me, music is very relaxing. After a long day of hard work, it is fun to listen to my favourite music at home. Music relieves the tension from the problems of a hard day. What's more, It can cheer me up when I feel down.

I love all kinds of music, especially classical music, which is beautiful, soft and melodious. It seems as if I can become a part of it and the melody makes me think about ancient times when I enjoy this kind of music. How magic music is!

My son is learning to play the piano now. I don't want to put pressure on him, but I try to encourage him to feel lucky and be happy when he practices playing this musical instrument. And I believe that through music, a child can enter a world of beauty that expresses his or her innermost self, and can get a taste for the joy of creating something. It can help develop a child's body and mind. .

From Vivi (China)

The Best Landscape in China

If you were to ask the Chinese where the best landscape in China is, there would be many answers given. Places such as The Great Wall, Huangguoshu Falls, The Silk Road, the First Pass Under Heaven Guilin and so on. This is because we have such big land area and many rich landscapes in China. Even the same places present different views in different seasons.

In my personal view Jiuzhaigou is best landscape I have seen in China. It is perfect for sightseeing. It is a quiet place with blue lakes, many types of plants and different waterfalls, which are really breathtaking. It is like a paradise. If you go there, you will see the most beautiful lake. Some people say that there is no other lake as beautiful as Jiuzhaigou's. After you have visited there, you wouldn't see any other lake in the same way anymore.

Jiuzhaigou is a well-known tourist attraction in China. Countless tourists from all over the country come there, including many foreigners. It's a really good place worth going to for sightseeing. It's a place to see at least once in your life.



From Carrie (USA)

Getting the rhythm of language

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Hi fellow language explorers. Right now I am trying to learn German. It has been a long process, but I enjoy it. Compared to the languages I already know, German is really different. The order of the words in a sentence varies a lot. I realized this early on, and I must admit it worried me, so I started reading and listening to German a lot, and only studying the grammar a little at a time so I wouldn't get discouraged. I had a German penpal and I asked him to send me both recorded and written messages. I listened to German music, language learning cd's as well as radio stations and podcasts. I also read some easy texts that I found on the internet. By listening and reading I got a "feel" for the language. Now I know if a sentence sounds right or not. I think getting the rhythm of a language is a valuable first step to being comfortable speaking it. Good luck to all of you!



From Yuli (China)

I'd like to tell a story which took place on my Japan trip. We had had a great time there. To my delight, I found I could try to have a conversation with Japanese people by both speaking English and writing Chinese characters in the shops, hotels and airport, etc.

we were inside Osaka airport waiting for the flight home when my son wanted buy a roll film, because he had just bought a new film camera the day before. But we just found a 400 film on the shelf and my son wanted a 100. So I asked the server:" Excuse me, do you have a 100 style film? Anyway, she couldn't understand my words. So I then asked for a pen and a piece of paper using gestures and then I wrote down "胶卷100" on the paper. But I realised that she still wasn't able to understand the characters I had written. When all of us were wondering how to carry on our exchange, she then spoke a very standard English to me:" Could you speak Chinese?"

Oops, we all laughed between each other at that moment. We were all from China!