

本日初公開！内藤先生の横顔をご紹介(1月から西船校茅ヶ崎クラスを担当)

After graduating in English from Sophia Univ., I wanted to keep on studying the language, but couldn't afford to. With my heart divided, I went into the world to earn a living and engaged in seafaring business, which has taken me to various parts of the world.

To my chagrin and sometimes embarrassment, however, I was at first unable to get myself across in English. Now, my real problem with English started. I was in my twenties and struggled along, developing a bald spot on my head under stress. Just imagine yourself left alone among foreigners who don't know a word of Japanese. What would you do? You'd then start making all-out, almost desperate efforts to communicate to make yourself understood.

When I look back on those days, many people I owe a lot come to mind; at one time, a young Australian woman said to me in response. "I can understand what you mean, but we just do not speak that way." She did not say anything about whether my English was correct or not. At another time, a German gentleman encouraged me by declaring, "As long as I tached them a lesson, we will can do the job together!" Also, a Malaysian guy came up, "Can, Can, he can, he like it." or "those informations we discussed about the other day" and so on and on! I am not picking on them. Please don't misunderstand. On the contrary, I can't thank them enough. Along the way, I learned the reason I was unable to speak English well was simply because I tried to speak "perfect" English at all times. Unknowingly, I had set myself native-speaker standards and always tried to live up to them, of course, in vain. In this way you can't begin to speak forever. Those people helped get a load off my chest, so to speak. Take it easy, loosen up and enjoy, the way they spoke English sounded as if they were all telling me, "Why don't we interact with each other in English as we speak it." And I did and have been doing ever since.

These days, of all the people who use English, more than 70 % are said to be non-native speakers of the language. Let's think about - English as a Lingua Franca (ELF) and try to think of English on a global basis. It is non-native speakers as well as native speakers that shape the current usage of English. We can never become native speakers, needless to say, but we can do our very best and attain high levels. Let's listen, read, write, and think in English. Then, speaking will come far easier than expected. Please, last but not least, let me help you pluck up the courage to make mistakes in the process - that's the best way to improve and achieve your goals.

3月 REAL 英語研究会

英語学習に熱心な高校教諭佐藤知代先生の情熱により立ち上がった勉強会も2月で5回目となりました。『日本人英語の誤用診断事典』など多くの本を書いている小笠原先生の英語学習会です。旧制中学、高校、高等師範学校の英語授業やいろいろな大学の歴史なども、ところどころ織り交ぜながら進み、日本英語教育の生き字引のようです。

日時：3月24日(土) 14:30~16:30

場所：あぜりあ 西船橋校 (JR西船橋駅3分)

内容：英作文と発音、英語の語法の知識

参加費：1000円(講師交通費、プリント代)

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西船橋校開校記念！！英会話無料ラウンジ券(利用期間:4月~6月末まで)

1月にOPEN致しました西船橋校開校記念及び日頃からのご愛顧を兼ね生徒様に英会話ラウンジ券を無料でプレゼントさせて頂きたいと思っております。

2007年ご入会された方には英会話ラウンジ券それぞれにご用意させて頂いております。既存の生徒様には2回分の参加が可能ですので、マネジャーにお申し出ください。

尚、実施日に付きましては3月中旬頃に掲示する予定です。スケジュール表をご覧頂き参加希望日時をご予約ください。

外国人講師が楽しいひとときを演出致します。ご参加お待ち申しております。

開催期間：4月~6月末にかけて(詳細スケジュールは3月中旬にお知らせ致します)

ラウンジ券有効期間：4月~6月末

定員：1クラスにつき参加人数は8名(各クラス定員を満了した場合お申し込みを締め切らせて頂きます)

参加時間：55分

受付：佐倉本校 勝山ひとみ 津田沼校 伊藤環 西船橋校 日高一生

ご質問、ご相談は上記 担当者にお申し付け下さい。何卒宜しくお願い申し上げます。