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Change: the only thing constant.

Wow, how true that is! As you will read much has changed within our Daejeon-Chungnam KOTESOL Chapter since the last newsletter publication. The key changes include: the newsletter (is the change obvious?), the executive committee, and the chapter website. Read on to find out about the changes....



Is English Easy to Learn?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England nor French fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet are meat. And a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor a pig.

We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square.

And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't

ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indexes? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital, ship by truck and send cargo by ship, have noses that run and feet that smell?

Just a reminder—the next meeting is June 23rd in Asan, Chungnam Province (details are on the website!)

English is Easy? (Cont.)

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill-in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

Now give that to your students! ;)

Trivia
#31,094:
It takes 120
drops to fill
one teaspoon.



GUESS WHO!

Introducing "Guess Who?" Each newsletter we'll put a pic of one of our members and you attempt to guess who it is. The following newsletter we'll reveal the member! Send your pic(s) to our Newsletter Editor, Stoakley, and he'll put it in. Pictures can be from childhood or even you in disguise (costume). C'mon, let's have 'em!

Our Website is Almost Done!

Although it is still under (minor) construction the site is scheduled for "completion" in the next 2 weeks (where most of the work falls within the "Directions" page)!

We kindly ask that everyone takes a peek at how it is coming along and give feedback to the Webmaster about what you'd like on it.

Three pages of potential interest are:

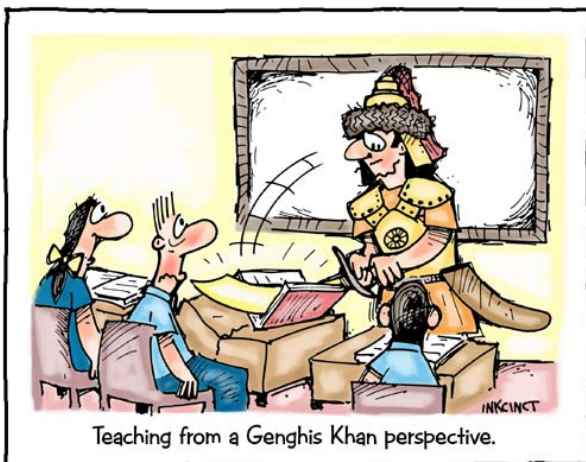
Resources: We've already compiled a healthy list with descriptions...this will only get bigger and better (with video to follow)!

Calendar: You'll now be able to see what's planned for each meeting.

News: Well, anything and everything of importance will be here...check back weekly for updates.

Visit

<http://www.kotesol.org/?q=Daejeon-Chungnam>



Teaching from a Genghis Khan perspective.

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Presentations: Last & Upcoming

Last month in Daejeon Kevin Parent presented on the topic: Teaching and Learning Vocabulary. Mr. Parent imparted some really worthwhile information that could just about be used for any age group and/or proficiency level. Thank you Mr. Parent!

Our upcoming presenter, Tim Dalby, is an instructor at Jeonju Univ. and an MA in ELT candidate. His presentation title is "Using Taboos to Bring Cultural Issues into the Classroom" should prove interesting. Here's a portion of what to expect:

"In this workshop we will discuss what taboos are and why they exist, the advantages and disadvantages of using taboos in the classroom, how to introduce other cultures through taboos, and ways of dealing with sensitive subjects. It is expected that participants will bring their own experiences and ideas to share in a cooperative and understanding way."

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Trivia #61: A racing pigeon can fly at 117 km per hour

In the spirit of the upcoming presentation theme we post this excerpt from a free article from ITESL-J:

Practical Techniques for Teaching Culture in the EFL Classroom

Teaching culture is considered important by most teachers but it has remained "insubstantial and sporadic in most language classrooms" (Omaggio, 1993, p. 357). Omaggio gives several reasons for this including lack of time, uncertainty about which aspects of culture to teach, and lack of practical techniques. In this paper, we will present a range of practical techniques that we have found to be successful in culture-based courses and some tips that can help to make the teaching of culture a better experience for both you and your students.

Please read the full article from the link posted below!

Authors: Brian Cullen & Kazuyoshi Sato

Pulled from: <http://iteslj.org/Techniques/Cullen-Culture.html>

Never raise your hand to your children; it leaves your midsection unprotected
~ Robert Orben



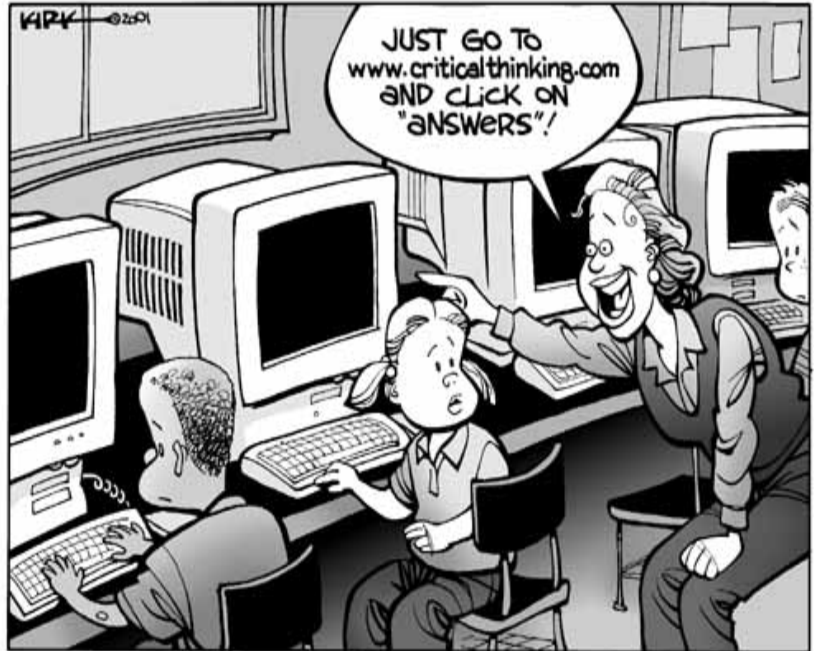
We've gone ahead and made DC KOTESOL membership cards!

Do you want your hip new card?

WELL, DO YOU?

Come to the meeting(s) to pick yours up!

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The (updated) 2007 Executive Committee

As mentioned earlier, a lot of change (for the better) has taken place, and one of those changes involves the Daejeon-Chungnam Executive Committee.

The vacancy in the Webmaster position has been filled by B.T. Stoakley, and now that he's on board the site is nearly complete. It should be fully-functioning by the end of June!

In-kyung Ryu has been appointed the Membership Coordinator position. Her Korean and English abilities will definitely prove invaluable.

Our past president, Aaron Jolly, couldn't resist our charming characters and so decided to come back and help out as the Events Coordinator. His experience will improve our chapter for sure!

Bob Capriles was appointed to Vice President last meeting. His knowledge and experience will be spent helping other officers wherever they need help. Such as washing my car.

President: Sef Kerwin

Vice Pres.: Bob Capriles, J.D.

Treasurer: Tony Joo

Secretary: Susan Schroeder, Ed.D.

Newsletter: VACANT (Temp: Stoakley)
(if you fancy taking over this position just send our president an email, or better yet, tell us at the next meeting!)

Events Coord.: Aaron Jolly

Membership Coord.: In-kyung Ryu

Webmaster: B.T. Stoakley

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