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海外の国々では、どのように定年後をすごしているのでしょうか？

With baby boomers reaching retirement age, the number of people retiring around the developed world is at record levels. Ridding oneself of the shackles of working life to begin a life of freedom and self direction sounds enviable. As a thirty one year old, I'm envious! I'm already planning what I'm going to do when I retire, Lie-ins, drinking wine with lunch, reading in a hammock on the veranda and dying my hair. What about you???

My parents in Britain are eagerly awaiting their retirement. My mother is looking forward to writing, taking photos and socializing with friends. My father has bought a tractor and is already eying the garden with look of determined intent and is planning to take the world by storm with his band. They say the key to enjoying retirement is keeping busy.

One of the ways people keep busy after retirement in Canada is by volunteering. Volunteering has become very popular in the last 10 years. There are all kinds of organizations, fund raisers, and events seeking people of all ages and backgrounds. Many seniors find friendships

In the United States, people often move to a new home in a warm weather area. The U.S. states of Florida and Arizona are very popular with retired people. In some towns in Florida, there are so many retired people that the average age in the city is 76 years old. Some retired people buy a R.V., a type of large camper with a built in truck, and travel around the country. Golf is a very popular activity for retired people.

Since Singapore is a hot and small island, many people migrate to countries like New Zealand or Australia after retirement to enjoy farming, strolling around beaches or raising horses with surrounding mountains.

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The saying, "Home is where the heart is." There are also a lot of elderly people who continue to stay with their families and enjoy their time with their grandchildren.

Top 10 most desired retirement activities



- Traveling •Family activities
- Hobbies •Gardening
- Fishing •Golfing
- Volunteering •Reading
- Exercising •Home improvement



So if you are lucky enough to be approaching retirement age it seems finding the balance between leisure, activity, adventure and comfort is the key.



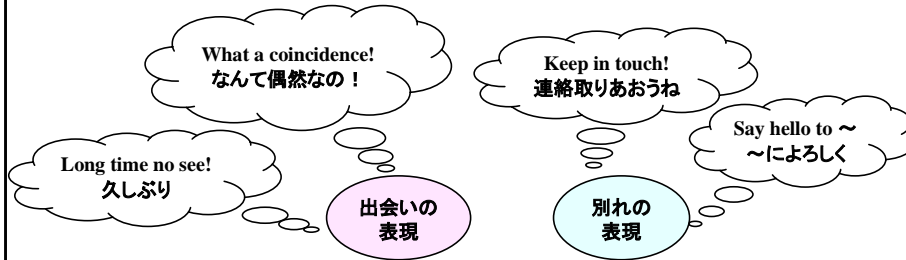
読み解きのヒント

Baby boomer	ベビーブーム世代	take ~ by storm	(聴衆などを) 魅了する
developed world	先進国	fund raiser	資金調達する団体
enviable	うらやむ	migrate	移住する
self direction	自己決定	home improvement	住宅改良
rid ~ of	~から解放する		
lie-in	朝寝坊		

Life after retirement

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～出会いと別れの表現～



Have you met my friend ~?
友人の～に会ったことはありますか?

Yes, I believe we've met.
Nice to see you again, ~
はい、以前お会いしていると思います。
～さん、またお会いできて嬉しいです。



If you ever in town, give me a ring.
近くに来ることがあれば連絡してね。



カタカナ英語に要注意!
False friends

普段なじみ深いカタカナ英語、うっかり使うと誤解のもとですよ

▶ I've had so many **happenings**.
⇒ “happening”は主に例外的で珍しい、興奮するような出来事を指すため、『予期していなかったツイていない出来事』の場合には“problems”と言い換えてみましょう。



▶ I ran to the station and down to the **home**
⇒ この表現では、『駅に駆け込んで家に戻った』という意味になってしまいます。『駅のホームに降りた』と伝えたい時には“platform”を使いましょう。

お薦めホームページ

～ イギリス英語を身近に～



BBC

Learning English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learn/engenglish/>

BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation/英国放送協会) による英語学習者向けのページです。ビジネス英語・日常会話から語彙・文法のクイズまで幅広く網羅されています。“The Flatmates”では、アパートでルームシェアをする若者たちの会話を通して日常の様々なシチュエーションに必要な英語表現が学べます。音声も聴け、会話のスク립ト付なので音声の後にフレーズを繰り返す『シャドーイング』にもおすすめです。

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