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Bryan先生が日本に来て1年以上過ぎました。すっかり日本の生活に慣れたイメージのあるBryan先生ですが最初は戸惑いがあったようです。

**"I** f anyone ever asks me, "Should I go live in another country?" I reply with a **resounding** "YES!" I don't believe it really matters where they go, either. Every country has **offerings** that are unique to that country, and to experience a culture **first hand** is the only way to truly appreciate where another person comes from.

When I was preparing for a position overseas, I wasn't certain **as to** where I wanted to move. It wasn't until many months after my job search began that I decided on Japan. **As such**, I had done very little work to prepare myself for a new life in Japan, and knew very little about the customs in Japan.

I learned quickly that it's important to study the table manners in any country you move or travel to, as you'll probably be enjoying the majority of your meals in public restaurants. Table manners in the US and in Japan are very similar for the most part, but there are some aspects which differ greatly.

For example, in Japan, it's common to pick up your soup bowl, and slurp down your soup, or to slurp when you are eating your noodles.

— cont. from the left

This tends to make a lot of noise. This practice breaks two of the most important dining rules in the US. First, don't pick up your plate or bowl, and second, don't make noise while eating. Seeing this in action was one of the most surprising things I **witnessed** when I first came to Japan, as I have always been told to never do either of these.

Living in a foreign country is very **rewarding** for many reasons, but it isn't without its' stresses. By preparing for some of those stresses, you can **mitigate** many of the problems you will experience, and end up having the time of your life!



## 読み解きのヒント

resounding はっきりとした

offerings 提供するもの

first hand じかに

as to ●●に関して

as such というわけで

witness ●●を目の当たりする、見る

rewarding 得るところのある

mitigate を軽くする、軽減する

## Ups and Downs Living Abroad

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コレ知っとこ！～クリスマス編～

Double or Triple??

日本で雪だるまを作るときは通常2コ重ねますが、アメリカでは3コ重ねるのが普通です。国が違くと雪だるまも違うなんて面白いですね。



Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays??

Christはキリストを表し、masはミサを表すため宗教の異なる人々が多く住むアメリカではMerry ChristmasよりもHappy Holidaysを使う人が多いようです。



Xmas or X'mas??

XmasはChristmas のくだけた表記です。日本でよく見るX'masですが、正しくはXmasと書きます。いつの間にか日本で間違った表記が定着してしまっただけです。

コレ英語でなんていう？

1. ホットカイロ ( )
2. こたつ ( )
3. 忘年会 ( )
4. 加湿器 ( )
5. 除湿機 ( )



冬休み文法力向上大作戦！



稲田一

「中学3年間の英文法を10時間で復習する本」  
英語構文を10項目に分け、それぞれ1時間で復習できるように構成されています。

小池直己、佐藤誠司

「高校英語を5日間でやり直す本」  
高校英語の使える100項目をスピード復習します。郡山校に通われている生徒も文法復習に使っているそうです。

Answer Key

- (1) heat pad, hand warmer
- (2) table with an electric heater
- (3) end-of-the-year party
- (4) humidifier
- (5) dehumidifier



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