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Dear readers,

We all know a lot about the West. In the past it was the most developed and modern part of our world and the rest of it was backward with no technology, bad political systems and absolutist rulers. But what about now? Is it still the poorest part of the world, where there is nothing to see? Or is it the East which is worth traveling?

And who are we?

We are a team of people like you who would like to introduce you to how amazing and wonderful part of the world the East is. We would like to beguile you to beautiful Thailand where one of our classmates was. Than we want to show you a little bit of fashion of Asia. We would also like to introduce you to an interview with one of the most amusing people which I have ever met in my life. The magazine also offers articles about the languages from this part of the world and a very pleasant interview with one of the newest teachers in our school. So, enjoy it!

Team of The Mozart Times





An interview with a teacher

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What do you imagine when someone says the word “Asia?”

Mongolia, China and India.

Did you visit any Asian country? If not, which Asian country would you like to visit?

No, I have never visited any Asian country (maybe, only in the atlas). I would like to visit the Asian part of Russia (Siberia) and I would like to see Lake Baikal, the estuaries of the Ob River, the Yenisei River and the Lena River; I would like to see the mountains and the volcanoes in Kamchatka. I would like to travel to Japan and the states of the Four Asian Dragons (Singapore, Taiwan).

Which countries of Asian continent are the most attractive for foreign visitors?

Thailand and Japan.

Asia is a continent of many superlatives but do you know what uniqueness Europe has and Asia has not?

The Vatican City (it is the smallest state in the world) and the cultivation of hops (production and consumption of beer).

China, the most populated state in the world, practices “the one-child policy”. What do you think about it?

In fact, this family planning policy was officially canceled in 2015. In my opinion it is a big problem: most families wanted only boys (the girls were killed just after birth). In these days 30 million of young men have not a partner. In the past, it stopped overpopulation but it caused the deficit of workforce.

The working conditions in textile factories in India, Bangladesh and Vietnam are horrible.

Do you believe in their improvement?

Yes, but I think it will take a long time at the expense of African states. The biggest problem is child labour.

What is the cause of the unrest and migration crisis in the region of the Middle East?

It was caused by the intervention of the USA and the European powers in the past. In my opinion, this situation is a result of long-term instability in multicultural states.

Do you know any national customs in Asian countries?

*Yes, at first I have to mention the custom of the people in the Central Asian steppes: **KUMIS** which is a fermented dairy product traditionally made from mare's milk. Another custom are the celebrations of Chinese New Year and the treatment of dead in India.*

The cultures of Asian countries are very diverse – which Asian culture countries do you like?

I have never been taken by any culture of Asian countries. Maybe, the Tibetan culture (religion, way of life) is very important to me. In fact, I must say I wonder how Russia can be a country of many contrasts: a wonderful landscape versus political corruption.

Do you think Tibet will ever become an independent country?

Yes, I think so (it is a wish of many countries) but it will be a very difficult process. Everything depends on the improvement of the political situation in China.

Asian cuisine is delicious – do you have any favourite Asian food?

Yes, I love spicy food but I also like Kung Pao and Chinese noodles.

Which Asian thinker or celebrity is your role model?

Buddha, Mahatma Gandhi and Saddam Hussein: yes, he was a representative of a totalitarian regime but he created a functioning state.

Which film with the Asian theme do you like?

The Seven Years in Tibet.

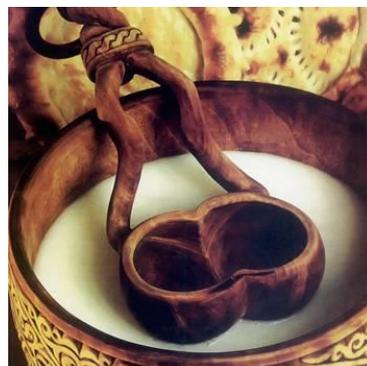
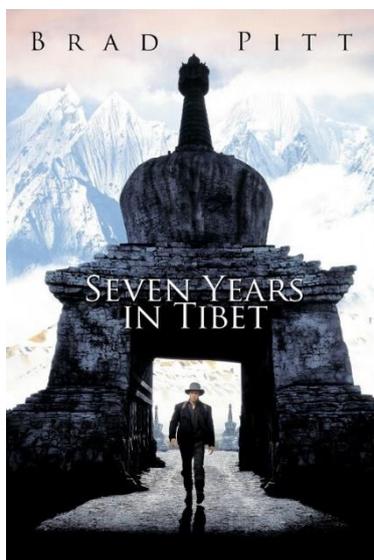
Why do you like your subject “Geography?”

I like this subject because it is a dynamic and developing subject. I feel the need for self-education and development of myself. The empathy of students helps me to teach in the classroom.

Can you tell us a funny story which happened during your lessons at our Gymnázium?

In G3.A - the commuting of an Andean bird . . . (booming laugh)

I am amused with routine matters, for example – one student wrote in a test that Romania is a black continent . . .





In iron cage

A fictional story about life in North Korea

It is a normal cloudy morning in North Korea. I wake up and put on my school uniform. In my head a melody is playing. *Take my hand and live for full.* I open my window to let some fresh air in, but even if it is an ordinary day and, in this hour everybody is going to their work or to school, I do not hear any noise from street. *So quiet. Be yourself. Start living. Scream aloud.* I shake my head. *Damn, where could I hear this song?*

I take my bag and go to the kitchen. Everybody has already sat around table and has been waiting for me. I sit down without a word. My father, who is sitting in front of me, looks at me strictly, he is looking at me the way he knows best. Meanwhile my mother puts some eggs in front of me. I look at my hands. They are shaking. *Please, keep calm, do not hit me before school,* I pray. I am lucky as he just says: "Enjoy your meal!" and everybody starts to eat.

While walking to school I'm thinking about life somewhere else. *Somewhere where I do not need to be careful. Somewhere where I can be free. Somewhere where there is no one who controls me. Somewhere where I can be just who I am.* Suddenly a piece of newspaper disturbs my imagination. I blink and look at the first page. It is neither a Korean newspaper, nor an Asian newspaper. It has to be some kind of Western writing. I look round, luckily, no one is here. Then I lift these pages from the ground and walk quickly to the near corner. I sit down behind one of the containers and start reading. *I was so clever, when I took classes in English,* I think. In one corner it is written: The New York Times and first article says that some American girl won a talent competition. Her words were: "I am so happy, I had not expected it, thank you America for giving me this chance!" *America, the world where everything is possible.* But my whole life, teachers, parents and our government teach us that America is bad and that this country is only killing people. *So where is the truth? Who is the evil and who is the hero?*

From my childhood I have dreamt of being a famous singer and it is really a hard way up. *So why is it so easy in America?* All you have to do is win some competition and you are famous. *That is not fair! This is my dream and I can't make it true, if I am living here. But I will make it. I do it like in America, I think.* I fold the newspaper and hide it into my bag. Then

I stand up. *Everybody is at work, so no one is at home.* I start walking straight home. *I need to hide it somewhere in my room, if my dad finds it, I am dead.*

As I supposed, I am alone. *I have to be fast, school starts soon.* I open the doors to my room and want to go inside, but in front of me my dad is standing. My wardrobe, my drawers, everything is open. *He knows it.* "What are you doing here?" he asks me. I can't say anything. I am afraid of him. *He will kill me, when I tell the truth.* I swallow but a lump in my throat is growing. "I forgot some books." I lie and clutch the bag tighter. "Do not lie to me. Something is wrong with you. What do you have in your bag?" he points at the bag. "Nothing," I gasp. He clouds over and rips the bag from my grip. He opens it up and after a while he pulls up the newspaper.

"What? Where did you get it? Do you know how dangerous it is having something like this? Do you want to kill our family?" he shouts. Then he throws my bag on the ground and with the newspaper in his hands, he is rushing to the kitchen, where he finds a lighter and lights these pages. As the fire is rising, my dream and everything for what I live is burning too. "I do not want anything like this again in my house, do you understand?" he asks, but he is still holding the rest of the newspaper. With tears in my eyes I nod. "Answer me?" he shouts louder. "Yes, father." I blurt. The fire flickers. My father sweeps the cinder into a basket and blinks at me with an evil smile. "The rules are here for everyone, America is dangerous. Be happy for the life which you have now." And with these words he takes his coat and goes to work.



Kludie Břeňová, G3.A

CHINESE CLOTHING

THE TAILOR
MAKES THE MAN
-ALSO IN CHINA

As a necessary part of Chinese civilization, traditional clothing plays an important role in the country's history and culture.

Nowadays, most Chinese wear modern clothes in their daily lives. Traditional attires are only worn during certain festivals, ceremonies or religious occasions. They are often worn by the country's ethnic minorities, and of course, they are often seen in Chinese television serials and movies.

PIECES OF WELL-KNOWN FASHION:



Traditional Han Chinese clothing - Han Fu

It is usually in the form of long gown, cross collar, wrapping the right lapel over the left, loose wide sleeves and sash instead of buttons- very simple in design.

It became known as the Han Fu ("fu" means "clothes" in Chinese) because the fashion was improved and popularized during the Han Dynasty.

Chinese suit - Tang Zhuang

It's a combination of the Manchu male jacket of the Qing dynasty and the western suit. It's color and design are in traditional Chinese style but tailoring is western.



Cheongsam - Qi Pao

It is the most popular Chinese attire in the world today. Created from the Manchu female clothes, it evolved by merging with western patterns that show off the beauty of a female body. Its features are straight collar, strain on the waist, coiled buttons and slits on both sides of the dress. Materials used are usually silk, cotton and linen.

Dragon robe

It is so named because of the dragons on it. It can only be worn by the emperor, who was considered a dragon from heaven in the ancient times. Most of the time in bright yellow.



Traditional Wedding Costumes

They are most of the time red, because red is considered lucky, happy and auspicious in the country's culture. The most well-known are red chaplet and official robes, which are still worn today by newlywed in traditional style wedding ceremonies or for taking wedding photos.

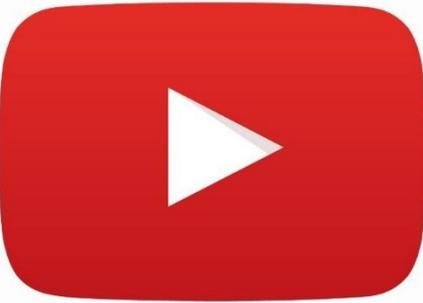
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Asian loan words in English

One of the main characteristics of English is ever-growing teeming vocabulary, whereas about 80% of English words have come from other languages! Loan words have been absorbed by English whenever English speakers have come into contact with other cultures – during colonization, trade and commerce, immigration, entertainment, war, travel or sports.

English has borrowed most of its words from the languages spoken in Europe and in the Near East. However, English has also acquired many loan words from Asia. Many of them no longer sound foreign because they have been fully integrated in English. Quite often, they include terms for specific "ethnic" dishes or martial arts.

Here are just a few examples of frequently used Asian loan words:

Words borrowed from Japanese and their original meaning in:

Aikido – mutual spirit art

Bonsai – bowl plant

Futon – type of mattress

Geisha – from gei, meaning "art" and sha, "person"

Hara-kiri– from hara, meaning "abdomen, bowels" and kiri, "to cut"

Judo – soft way

Jiujitsu– soft arts

Kamikaze – divine wind

Karaoke – from kara, meaning "empty" and oke(sutora), meaning "orchestra"

Karate – empty hand

Ninja – from nin, meaning "to endure" and ja, "person"

Sake – rice wine

Samurai – warrior



Words borrowed from Malay and their original meaning in Malay:

Amuck – amok

Batik

Gong

Ketchup – fish sauce

Launch – a type of boat

Orangutan – from orang, meaning "man" and hutan, "wilderness, jungle"

Rattan

Sarong



Words borrowed from Chinese and their original meaning in Chinese:

Chop chop – hurried

Chop suey – miscellaneous bits

Chow – food

Chow chow – doggie

Ketchup – tomato sauce

Kumquat

Typhoon – great wind

Wok – cauldron



THAILAND



Recently I was on a family vacation in Thailand. I got an amazing opportunity to get to know Thailand along with the Thai people and their unique culture a little bit better.

Thailand is famous for its amazing beaches, great cuisine and majestic temples. The diversity of experiences astonishes everyone who visits this amazing country for the first time and I was no exception.



Their culture is sometimes misunderstood by European visitors. Foreigners can show inappropriate or impolite behavior and even if they do not realize it their faux pay can make the locals embarrassed. During the visit of Thailand it is very important to respect their customs. For example, it is not allowed to have bare shoulders or knees in the temples with the exception of the beaches. Uncovered skin makes aborigines frown upon the tourist no matter the weather. The next habit which

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is followed there is taking off one's shoes before entering a house, restaurant, shop or bar.

Although their king passed away last year and the new king has not been crowned yet, dishonoring of the king or king's family is banned there and it is a social and criminal offence. As a matter of fact, worshipping the king is completely honest and frequent. The Thais do not accept any criticism of the monarchy.

Thailand is distinguishable from other countries in Southeast Asia because it has never been colonized. It has never suffered from wars or racial conflicts. Actually, the name of the country "Prathet Thai" means *liberal country*.

The amicable Thai society practices Buddhism as well as its basic and traditional values which put the main emphasis on the sacredness of family, friends and social harmony.

The azure sea with coral shapes, huge rocks, tropical rainforests, coconut trees, monkeys, elephants – that is all I had imagined before experienced Thailand myself. I had it all but I could see differences in the behavior of European and Thai people.

I am glad to be given a chance to enjoy this incredible experience and I hope I will get an opportunity to visit other countries and I get to know other culture and



Markéta Hudcová, G3.A



Life in Japan

Reiji Komori, a student from Japan, has spent five months in our school and agreed to do an interview about his home, school and about his impressions from the Czech Republic.

So the first question, why have you chosen the Czech Republic?

Because I've been interested in Czech culture and I wanted to learn Czech.

Is the Czech Republic the first foreign place where you have ever been?

No, I have been to Canada for a few weeks. It is cold there, much more than in the Czech Republic.

I believe you that (laughing) and when we return to the Czech Republic, what is the most terrible thing about the Czech Republic?

(thoughtful) Weather, I mean in winter it is cloudy every day and when I wake up it is a little dark outside, so I can't get out of my bed. In Japan mornings are brighter than here.

Really? Wow! I thought that you will say Czech food or Czech people or something like that!

Czech food is okay, the best Czech food is Studentská chocolate, I like it very much (laughing).

Yeah, I know, I saw it on Instagram. And have you ever been in Japanese restaurant here?

(laughing) Yeah, I was in a Sushi restaurant. It was okay, but in the Czech Republic almost every sushi restaurant is run by Chinese, so there are not too many Japanese restaurants here.

Yeah, it is standard here (laughing). And I heard that you have learnt a lot of words in Czech. Is it true? And do you think that Czech language is hard?

Yeah, it is really hard, much more than English. I learnt for example: "Dobrý den," "Jsem z Japonska," "Miluju fotbal a čokoládu."

And now, we should move to your country, tell me something about Japan. Where are you from? What about weather? What do people look like there?

I am from a town which is called Gifu and it is not far from Tokyo. We speak Japanese, which has three types of alphabet. Our national sport is Sumo. The weather is the same as here, I mean we have snow too. People look like me (laughing), but in Japan there are more people than here. For example, in Tokyo there are more people than in the whole Czech Republic and because of that there are more people in my school too.

Wow, it is huge! Can you describe your school to me? What is the biggest difference between Czech and Japanese school? What is your typical school day in Japan like?

So, we wear uniforms in school and we need to do some sport in school every day. For example, I play football. We also study really hard; we need to stay in school about two hours more, because we have a lot of homework. And with the school football practices I have no free time. I have free time only one day a month.

What? Only one day a month? It is crazy!!!

(laughing) Yeah, for you it must be strange, but for Japanese students it is normal. Other difference is that schools in the Czech Republic are much more colorful and people know each other, because there are not so many students, like in Japan, where there are about a thousand students in one school.

And how do you celebrate special occasions? Do you have Christmas?

We have Christmas, but we do not celebrate it with our families but with our friends and girlfriends. We get only one present from our parents. In Japan New Year is more important, which we celebrate with our family in our homes and we eat and drink. We also have Valentine's Day and Halloween.

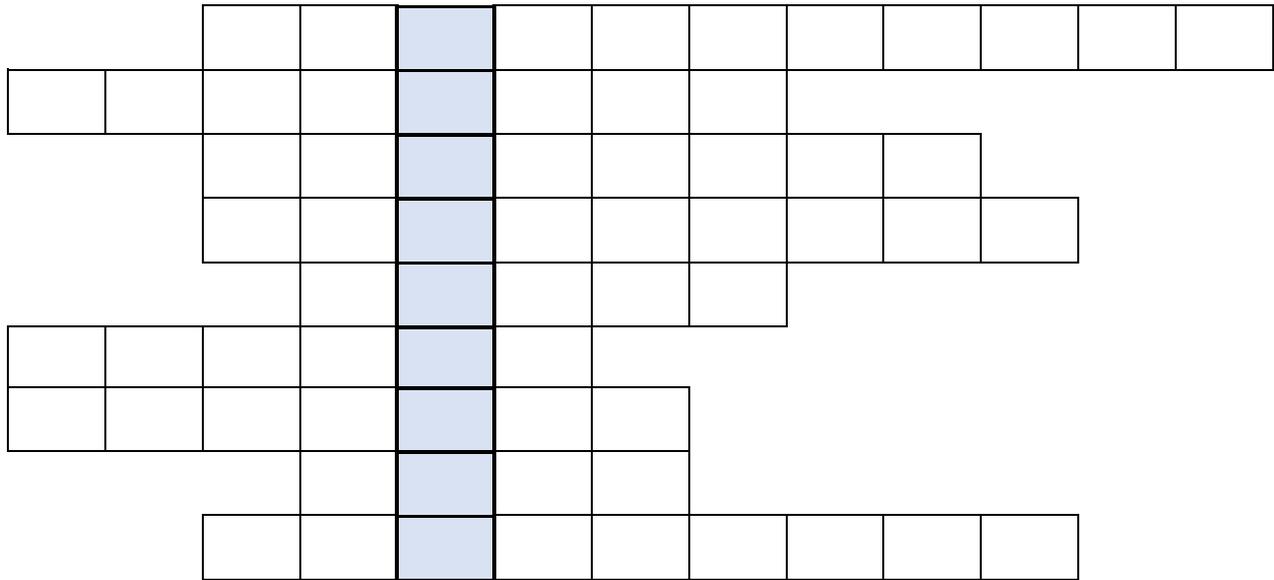
Do you like the time that you have spent here and do you think it was useful for you?

Yeah it was. I want to learn my friends and teachers Czech. The time here was really amazing; the people here are kind and nice. I am really glad for being here.



Klaudie Břeňová, G3. A

Crossword



1. Famous street where Sherlock Holmes lived.
2. It is designation for a specific kind of musical composition. For example Ludwig van Beethoven is very famous for this composition.
3. Ness to the sea.
4. It is an incorporation of some healing or lethal substance into a human organism.
5. It is a surname of the main character in F. S. Fitzgerald's book. This character was growing older conversely in this story.
6. Sixth planet of the Solar System.
7. A country of tulips.
8. It is a place where we keep garden tools.
9. It's scientifically proven eating this dainty brings out feelings of happiness and wellbeing.



Answer: Khajuraho

(It is a town in Madhya Pradesh in India, which is famous for its Hindu and Jain temples. These temples are renowned for their erotic sculptures.)

Natálie Žídková, G3.A