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## 用語集 & ディスカッション

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## Part 1

**Article 1 : For social media kids, cursive making comeback in U.S. schools**

Words & Phrases

[1]

- \*cursive adj.筆記体の
- \*text v.携帯でメッセージを送る
- \***write out** v.完全余すところなく書く
- \*print v. (筆記体でなく) 活字体で書く

[2]

- \***mandate** v.義務付ける
- \*proficiency n.熟達、技量

[3]

- \*penmanship n.(formal) 習字、書法
- \*proponent n.提案者、擁護者 (<=> opponent n.反対者)
- \*swoosh v.シューッという音をたてる
- \*humped adj.こぶのある、猫背の  
=> hump n.丸い丘、盛り上がり、(ラクダの) こぶ、
- \***when it come to** ~に関しては、~するとなると

[4]

- \***draw the line** 制限を設ける、限界を置く (=> 限度と判断した)
- \*voter n.有権者 => voter registration 有権者登録
- \*print out 活字体で書く

[5]

- \*script n.筆記体 (他には、「脚本、台本、手書き、文字」などの意味がある)

[6]

- \*borough [bə'ɔ:rou] n.(New York市の) 行政区  
=>New Yorkには5つの行政区(borough)がある (Manhattan, the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island)
- \***receptive** adj. (新しい考えなどに) 受容力のある、理解が早い; willing to listen to or to accept new ideas or suggestinos

[7]

- \*fluent adj.言語がすらすらと話せる (書ける、読める)

[8]

- \***historical** adj.歴史の、歴史に関する (=> historic adj.「(場所・建物が古くて) 歴史のある」と混同されやすいので注意)
- \*Declaration of Independence アメリカ独立宣言

[9]

- \***pinpoint** v.正確に示す
- \***fall out of favor** (= fall from favor) 嫌われる (favor は、「支持」)
- \*instruction n.教育 (「取り扱い説明、指示」などの意味もある)
- \*Common Core 各州共通基礎スタンダード

[10]

- \*skeptic n.疑い深い人、懐疑論者
- \*question v.疑う

\***take away from** (価値を) 落とす (to make the effort or value of something less) (= detract from (価値) を損なう)

[11]

\***banish** v. 追い払う

[12]

\***beam** 笑顔を見せる (to have a big happy smile on your face)

\***flex** v.(手足を) 曲げる

\***swoosh** v. シューツという音をたてる

[13]

\***fancy** おしゃれな (「高級な、派手な、(米) (食品) 極上の、(考え) 気まぐれな」などの意味もある)

\***doode** (infml) いたずら書きする

### Discussion

1. Do you have any words or phrases you don't understand in this article? Please share them.
2. What do you think of this article?
3. Do you know how to write in cursive? If not, why? If yes, proceed to the next question.
4. How does writing in cursive suit you? (How do you feel about writing in cursive?) Which do you prefer, writing in print or in cursive?
5. What's the importance of writing in cursive?
6. Which do you prefer, writing things on paper or on the computer? Why?
7. Can you write the uppercase of the cursive alphabet?

### Sample Answers:

2a. I didn't know that cursive was no longer being taught to kids in other parts of the U.S.

2b. I found this article interesting -- it's funny how something so small is making such a big fuss.

3a. Yes, I know how to write in cursive.

3b. Yes, I do. However, I haven't practiced it for ages.

4a. I prefer writing in cursive especially when I'm in a hurry. I like writing in cursive because it's classy and sophisticated. It's also easier to take down notes.

4b. I naturally write in cursive because I can write faster when I string the letters together. It's also fun to write nice letters in cursive sometimes, though that is more time-consuming!

5a. It's important to learn the basics of writing even if the world has evolved and kids are so preoccupied with gadgets.

5b. I don't necessarily think it is all that important.

6a. If I have to write down many things, I prefer typing than writing because it's more convenient and quick.

6b. I like writing when I'm journaling or writing a letter to a friend because it's more personal, but typing is great for work because it's fast and easy.

7a. I forgot some.

7b. Yes I do.

## Article 2 : SCIENCE & HEALTH

### Words & Phrases

■ Yellow cabs are safer, study finds.

\***significantly** adv. 著しく

\***hue** n. 色合い

\***end up** 最後には～ということになる

\***canary** n. カナリア

\***fender** n. (自動車の) フェンダー => fender bender 軽い追突事故 (fenderをbend(曲げる))

\***diverge** (fml) 分岐する

\***accentuate** v. 目立たせる

■ Short, white men more likely to go bald: study

\***enhance** v. (質、価値など) 高める

\***premature** adj. 普通より早い

\***diminutive** adj. (fml) 小さい、小柄の

\***descent** n. 家系、血統

\***gene** n. 遺伝子

■ Bottled water overtakes soda in U.S.

\***overtake** v. 追い越す

\***carbonated** adj. 炭酸を含ませた、(carbonateは、「v.炭酸塩化する」)  
=> carbonated soft drinks 炭酸入り清涼飲料

\***sugar beverages** 糖分の多い飲料

\***in a bid to** ～しようとして (bidは、「努力、企て」)

■ City noise linked to hearing loss: study

\***decibel** n. デシベル (音の強さの単位)

\***degrade** v. 悪化させる、品位を下げる

\***likewise** adj. 同じように

\***afflict** v. 悩ませる

\***necessarily** adv. (否定文) 必ずしも～でない

\***din** n. 不快な音、騒音

\*infection n. 感染

■Vaccine created to protect Ebola-ravaged chimps

\***ravage** 荒らす、(健康) 損なう

\*chimp = chimpanzee チンパンジー

\***shield** v. 保護する

\*endangered adj. 絶滅の危機にさらされた

\***wipe out** v. 一掃する、絶滅させる

\*orally adv. 口で

\*traumatic adj. ト라우マになる

\*darting n. 矢による(注入) (dart n. 矢 v. 矢のように飛んでいく)

\*bushmeat n. 野生動物の肉

\***take part in** 参加する

■Woman who thought she was fat had 63-kg tumor

\*resign v. 身を任せる(to accept something unpleasant) (「辞める、辞任する」などの意味もある)

\*plump adj. ぽっちゃりした (fatの遠回し語)

\***deteriorate** v. 悪化する

\***astound** v. びっくり仰天させる(to surprise someone very much)

\*ovarian adj. => ovary n. 卵巣

\*cyst n. 嚢(のう) 胞

\*tumor n. 腫瘍

\*tissue n. (細胞の) 組織

### Discussion

1. Do you have any words or phrases you don't understand in this article?

Please share them.

2. What do you think of the articles? Which one did you like the best?

Sample Answers:

2a. I find the articles interesting, eye-opening and informative. I like the article about the woman who thought she was fat and found out that she had a tumor.

2b. I found the articles interesting! The article on short, white men being more likely to go bald cracked me up, because I do know a few short, white men who are going bald faster than their friends are!

\*crack up 大笑いする

### **Yellow cabs are safer, study finds**

1. What do you think of the idea that yellow cabs are safer?

2. Do you think it's always safe to use a cab? Why?
3. Are you picky when riding a cab? Why?

Sample Answers:

1a. I think the reason why they say it's safer is because it's more visible than dark-colored cabs in either day and night.

1b. I think it makes sense, even though I hadn't thought of it before reading the article.

2a. I think you can never assure the safety of a person. People should always be cautious.

2b. I don't think it's always safe to use a cab -- I only use services where I can see on an app that the person driving has positive reviews and is a verified driver.

3a. Yes, I always choose a popular cab. So that when there's trouble, it's easy to report to the authorities.

3b. Yes, as I said in my previous answer, I only use services where I can see automatically, that the driver is verified. Then again, I have traveled abroad without an app and just used any cab -- so sometimes I'm not so picky!

### **Short, white men more likely to go bald: study**

1. What's your opinion about short, white men that are more likely to go bald?
2. What can you do to prevent getting bald?
3. How do you think baldness affects people?

Sample Answers:

1a. I haven't seen a short white man who's bald. I think there's a lot of explanations why men and women are getting bald and this article gave us one.

1b. I find it funny. A lot of men really take it personally when they go bald, but it's just hair!

2a. You have to consult the doctor first to find out the medicines or procedure to prevent it.

2b. I'm not sure you always can -- it depends on how much of your balding is due to genetics.

3a. For some, they lose confidence and for others they like being bald. I think it depends on the perception of the person.

3b. I've seen a lot of men lose confidence or feel insecure, but I have plenty of friends who also don't care. One friend took it as an excuse to wear cool hats!

**Bottled water overtakes soda in U.S**

1. Which do you prefer, drinking water or soda? And why?
2. What do you think of water having more sales than soda?
3. Do you think people are more health conscious lately? Why?

Sample Answers:

1a.I prefer drinking water because it helps flush away the toxins in our body. Drinking water feels refreshing and hydrating rather than drinking soda which can even get your blood sugar up.

1b.I really don't like drinking water unless I've been working out and I'm really thirsty. Then again, I know how bad soda is for you, so typically I drink sparkling flavored water and natural sodas, like ginger ale, which have less artificial ingredients and sugars.

2a.I guess it's good news that people have more water intake than soda. Water is the only liquid that could quench thirst.

2b.I was really surprised. I've always thought buying bottled water was sort of stupid because it wastes so much plastic and you could just reuse a bottle from home.

3a.I think so too because there are some diseases caused by what we eat and drink. I believe everyone should be a little health conscious to avoid getting diseases.

3b.Not really. I have some friends who are very health-conscious and others who don't care at all and could eat fast food for every meal. I'm not sure if there is a trend of people being more or less healthy -- if anything, it seems like people care less.

\*if anything どちらかと言うと

**City noise linked to hearing loss: study**

1. What do you think about noise pollution affecting hearing loss?
2. Have you experienced noise pollution? What do you think must be done to reduce noise pollution?
3. If you have to stay in a noisy place, what would you do?

Sample Answers:

1a.I have experienced being in a loud place like a concert and definitely, after that, it affected my hearing so having been exposed to noise pollution will definitely be a cause of hearing loss to people.

1b.I think it makes sense.

2a.I haven't experienced noise pollution. I think people should not be exposed to it to prevent hearing loss.

2b.I'm not sure how you can reduce noise pollution in a busy city, unless machines are made differently.

3a.I think it's best to wear earplugs to reduce the noise but if I won't be in such a place for long, I often just bear the noise.

3b.It depends on how noisy it was. Usually I drown it out with music -- which is technically more noise! Though earplugs are a good idea if you're at a loud concert and worried about hearing damage, for instance.

### **Vaccine created to protect Ebola-ravaged chimps**

1. Do you think it's better to give the chimps the vaccine orally than darting? why?
2. Can you name endangered species?
3. How do people try to save endangered species?

\*dart (矢などを) 射る

Sample Answers:

1a.It's a lot better -- at least they won't get hurt. They could have vaccines without them being aware of it.

1b.Orally -- it's more controlled.

2a.There are many endangered species and I can name seven: elephant, gorilla, tiger, whale, penguin, dolphin, and panda.

2b.Yes, I recently wrote an article about endangered species and species that have already gone extinct.

3a.We can save endangered species by taking care of our planet, preventing global warming from getting worse and avoiding disturbing their habitats.

3b.You can try to save endangered species with conservation of their habitat, protection of their breeding grounds, and promotion of their health. A really important thing is stopping pollution, global warming, poaching, and other human harms.

### Woman who thought she was fat had 63 kg tumor

1. What's the importance of having a check-up?
2. How are you taking care of your body?
3. What do you think you should do to live longer?

Sample Answers:

1a.It's important that we should get a check-up whenever we feel unusual in our body. Unlike what happened to the woman who everyone thought was fat but had later found out what added to her weight was actually a huge tumor. Luckily, the tumor was removed and she survived.

1b.It's important to get a check-up to make sure you are in good health and to avoid preventable illnesses.

2a.I must eat healthy like fruits and vegetables, balanced diet, have a enough sleep, drink lots of water and avoid junk food, soft drinks and stress.

2b.I eat fairly healthy and work out regularly -- running, lifting weights, biking, swimming, etc.

3a.Eating healthy foods, having enough sleep, keeping away from stress, having a happy and positive outlook on life, in short, having a healthy lifestyle from the inside out would make you live long.

3b.To live longer, I need to smoke less and reduce my stress in life! Otherwise, I'm pretty healthy.

### Article 3 : Getting together

#### Words & Phrases

\***on one's mind** 気にかかっている

\***delicate** adj.(問題・状況) 慎重な扱いを要する、デリケートな、扱いにくい

\***How could I forget?** どうしてその事が忘れられるのでしょうか (=> 「覚えている」という意味)

\***impersonally** adj. (=> im + personally(個人的に)) 個人的でなく、そっけなく、温かみがなく

- \***clinically** adj.医学的にみて、臨床的に見て => 本文では、文脈から「客観的に」という意味になっている
- \***go out of fashion** 時代遅れになる、はやらなくなる
- \***morality** [məˈræləti] (発音注意) n.道徳、倫理
- \***fall out of love** 好きでなくなる
- \***compatible** adj.気が合う(they have a good relationship) (<=> incompatible 気が合わない)
- \***no wonder** (that) + (文) 不思議ではない、当然だ
- \***well-paid** adj. 給料の良い
- \***odds** n. 見込み
- \***ever** (if節の中で) いつか

### Discussion

1. Do you have any words or phrases you don't understand in this article? Please share them.
2. What do you think of this article?
3. What is your opinion about marriage?
4. What's your opinion about living together?
5. Why do you think other people choose not to get married?
6. What do you think is the key ingredient to having a lifelong partnership?
7. If you're single or in a relationship, are you thinking of getting married in the future?

\***ingredient** n.構成要素

Sample Answers:

- 2a. This article is thought-provoking and worth discussing. I believe many people have a say to this topic.
- 2b. I find it really interesting. Marriage is an idea I have struggled with for a long time, as I see so many marriages failing with divorce -- or just resulting in two unhappy people -- that sometimes I question whether I want to get married ever.
- 3a. Since I'm a Catholic, marriage is a sacred thing for me. It's a commitment before God between a man and a woman who want to live with each other for the rest of their lives and build a family of their own. It's sad that some people don't take marriage seriously.
- 3b. I think marriage is an outdated institution that people idealize unnecessarily. What matters and what keeps two people together is love and commitment, not some legal contract. I'd like to have a lifelong love someday, but I am also a realist!

4a. For me, living together or trial marriage takes away the mystery and thrill of a married life.

4b. I think it's fine. I think people should be allowed to do whatever they want. I know plenty of people who are not married who live together very happily.

5a. Some couples chose not to get married because they are afraid of commitment.

5b. People choose not to get married for all sorts of reasons. Some people want multiple loves in their life, others don't want a lifelong commitment, and others don't think marriage is necessary for a happy, committed relationship.

6a. I think true friendship is the key ingredient to having a lifelong partnership. I would have to agree with David in the article. In this life, some become idealistic rather than being realistic. Romance remains through true friendship and lasts for a lifetime. I've heard stories of couples who started out as really good friends and their relationship even became stronger when they got married. I think it's the most romantic thing in the world.

6b. I'm not sure because I've never had one! It seems like so many things are important, and compatibility is such a mystery! If I had to guess, though, based on marriages I've seen, it seems that companionship is really important. You have to just enjoy being with the other person. For me, the most lovely part of a great relationship is just having someone to come home to on an ordinary day.

7a. I'm single and dreaming of getting married one day to the right man.

7b. I'm single, but I'd like to get married someday and have kids. I trust the universe to figure it out for me!

\*have a say in = have an opinion