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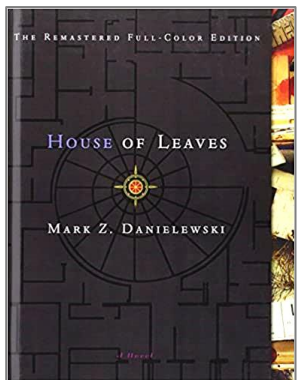
## Meeting “New” Students – Josh Fandel

I think everyone knows that Valeria-sensei has gone to Toryo High School for the month of October. Because of this, in October I will teach ALL of the students at Daini High School—1<sup>st</sup> year students, 2<sup>nd</sup> year students, and (sometimes) 3<sup>rd</sup> year students.

The first week of October, I taught the 2<sup>nd</sup>-year students for the first time. I was really nervous and overwhelmed because I met all 404 students in 2 days. I was worried I would make a mistake! The students were all very nice, though. I’m having fun teaching them.

Outside of school, I haven’t done many interesting things. I love horror movies and horror TV shows though. Since it’s almost Halloween, I’ve been watching a lot of them.

If you like horror and have Netflix, I recommend *The Haunting of Hill House*. It’s really scary and creepy!



My favorite scary book is called *House of Leaves*. It’s about a haunted house, but it’s also a love story. The book is very beautiful and interesting to look at! I have it at my desk if you want to see it!



## New School, Old Friends – Valeria Magallan

I have been so happy with this early fall weather. It’s sunny, but it is not too hot, and the nice cool breeze feels wonderful. Now, I can’t wait to see the leaves change color!

Anyways... some of you may have noticed that I haven’t been at Daini for most of the weeks in October. This is because I have been teaching at Toryo H.S. Due to the coronavirus, new ALTs have not been able to come to Japan, and many schools don’t have an ALT. I have met so many teachers and students this past few weeks.

Teaching at a new place has been an interesting experience.

The other day, I visited a volleyball match between Daini and Toryo and I enjoyed seeing that students from different schools

can be good friends. I think this is uncommon in the USA, so I was very happy to see it! It is important to keep in touch with old friends, so this weekend, if you have time, you should send a short message to a friend you haven’t seen in a while. ☺

I hope to see ya soon!



Teaching at Toryo H.S.

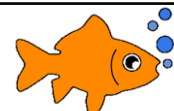
## Halloween Riddles

- ① I’m tall when I’m young. I’m short when I’m old. Every Halloween, I stand up inside Jack-o’-lanterns. What am I?
- ② Why don’t skeletons like parties?

Answers on the second page

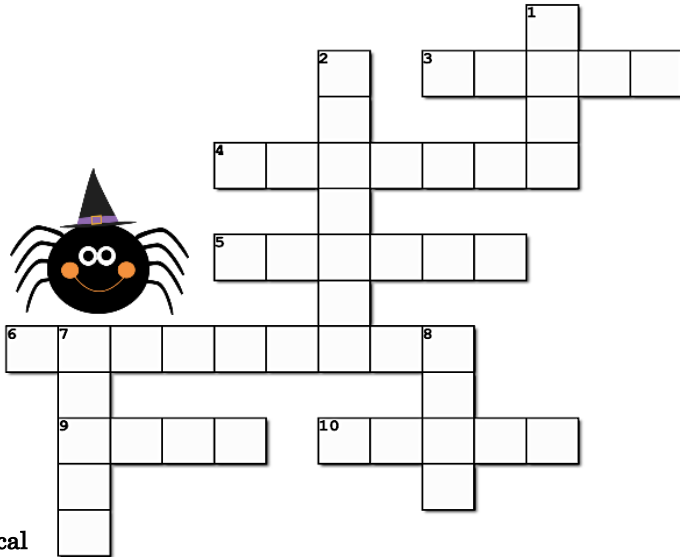
## ALT English Whiteboard!

The English whiteboard is outside the teacher’s room. Please use it if you want to meet with the ALTs! Some students used it, and we talked about pets and anime at lunchtime. It was so much fun!



## Crossword Puzzle #2

Read the clues and fill in the boxes with the correct words.



### Down/Vertical

- 1 The opposite of the sun is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 It feeds on blood.
- 7 This fruit comes in many colors, but the most common is red.
- 8 A cat has \_\_\_\_\_ lives. (hint: how many?)

### Across/Horizontal

- 3 The spirit of a dead person.
- 4 An orange vegetable (not a carrot)
- 5 It has eight legs.
- 6 This holiday is celebrated on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ing guitar is fun.
- 10 It is sweet and we say "Trick or Treat" to get it.

## Eikaiwa Pointers

今回の表現は **Fair enough.**

心から納得はいかないけれど、「そういうことなら仕方ないか」「そりゃそうだな」「まあ、いいだろう」という感じです。言いたいことは分かる、の「なるほど」って感じかな(^^)!

*Kumi and Daniel are students at Dainikko University. (^^)*

Kumi: I'm sorry I'm late!

Daniel: What happened?

Kumi: Well, let me explain. When I left my apartment, it was unexpectedly cold so I went back inside again to find a sweater to put on. It took a while.

Daniel: **Fair enough.** Now let's run to the auditorium. We don't want to miss Dr. Lancaster's lecture.

Kumi: Okay, let's go.

面白い表現や英語独特の言い回しを今後も掲載していきます。

### Riddles'

② They have no body to dance with!

### Answers

① I am a candle.

## Crime Puzzle Story #2 – Tied Up

Jonathan was talking to Officer Kautchya\* when Dr. Quicksolve arrived. Jonathan was the Duckett family's butler. "I went out about 2 hours ago to get groceries. When I got back home, I had just reached the door when a man came out of the shadows with a gun. He was tall and thin. He held the gun in his left hand. He made me let him into the house, then he tied me up. I heard him stealing things for almost half an hour. He was putting stuff into the Duckets' car, because I heard him go out and come in many times. Finally, I heard the door lock. I couldn't get untied, but I was able to the gag off my mouth and shout. A guy walking by the house heard me and ran in here to untie me. Boy, was I glad to see him. As soon as I was untied, I called the police."

"Did you know the man who untied you?" Dr. Quicksolve asked. "No, I've never seen him before, and he left quickly," Jonathan answered.

"I'm afraid you've tied yourself up in lies, Jonathan," Dr. Quicksolve said.

**Why does Dr. Quicksolve think Jonathan is lying?  
The answer will come next time.**

\*This name sounds like "Caught You," but said very fast.



## Lady Hope – ANSWER

Mr. Kaynine said he named the dog Lady Hope *that morning*, so very few people would know the dog's name. However, the note calls the dog "Lady," so the writer knows her name. One of the people who knows the name of the dog is probably Mr. Bones, so he is probably involved in stealing the dog.