

Invitation to ACES(Akita Communicative English Studies)

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This is from the 218th ACES Communication Session held on Sunday, October 25th, 2009. We invited Mr. Tim Ernst as a guest speaker. His topic was "The Art of Telling Lies." All the participants enjoyed listening to what Tim had to say and thinking about telling a lie and discussing it. The following is the summary of his presentation.

Tim explained to us that the person we lie to the most is actually ourselves. For example: "I'm not getting fat!", "I'm still young.", "It wasn't that expensive!" Yes, we do all tell lies to ourselves.

Tim also explained to us that the game of poker is often referred to as the "Liars' game." That a good poker player is a good liar and how the term, "poker face" also refers to someone who is skilled at lying. He also explained the definition of a lie as being the intent to deceive, to mislead, to misinform and to misdirect. He told us that there were basically two types of lies, lies to hide something and lies to gain advantage. And that a liar must have a good memory as it is easier to remember the truth than a lie. Lies often have to be compounded to be believed. He then showed us samples of these.

Tim also recommended some movies he had seen on the theme of lying or deceiving. The three of them were; "Liar Liar!" starring Jim Carey, "Deception" starring Hugh Jackman and his favorite, "The Village" written and directed by M Knight Shyamalan. Tim claims this last one is a perfect example of how a lie is used to control an entire village.

Lastly, Tim played a game with us, which demonstrated the art of lying. He gave each of us a card with a question and a situation at the top and the truthful answer at the bottom. He then asked us to tell us all the situation (wife to husband, friend to neighbor, lovers) and asked the question. He showed how to answer using a lie and to see if it was a plausible one. Finally, he left us with this last question to answer: Is not telling the whole truth actually a lie?

All the participants enjoyed Tim's presentation. At the ACES session you can enjoy presentations on different topics by different guest speakers each time. The session is held twice a month starting at 10:00am, on the second Saturday and the fourth Sunday.

More information: <http://www.edinet.ne.jp/~takeshis/images/AES06/AEStop.html>

2008年11月～2009年10月までの ACES 活動内容

No.	Date	Guest's name	Topic	D/S	attendance
197	2008.11.08	Mr. Chris Collins	Holiday Season: Thanksgiving and Christmas	N	7
198	2008.11.23	Mr. Roddie MacDonald	Japanese Agriculture: Problems and Solutions	N	9
199	2008.12.13	Mr. Matthew Bryson	An Invasive Species in New Zealand: The Possum	N	9
200	2008.12.21	Mr. Ronald Adcock	What is Your Image of What is American Food?	N	12
201	2009.01.10	Mr. Wayne Malcolm	What Will be the Headlines for 2009—Japan and Abroad	S	9
202	2009.02.01	Mr. Tim Ernst	Being Left-Handed	N	8
203	2009.02.14	Miss Phylcia Bishop	Social Behavior Within Cultures	S	9
204	2009.03.14	Mr. Thorfinn Tait	Births, Marriages and Deaths	N	5
205	2009.03.22	Miss Bolorchimeg Byamba	Mongolia	N	7
206	2009.04.11	Mr. Alex Miner	What's the Real Deal With Blood Type and Personality?	N	12
207	2009.04.26	Mr. Peter Legg	The History of the Search for a Reliable Method of Navigation at Sea	N	8
208	2009.05.09	Mr. Shane Knight	Cartel Conduct in Business	N	8
209	2009.05.24	Mr. Roddie MacDonald	International Aid for Developing Countries	N	15
210	2009.06.13	Ms. Heather Mulhern	Happiness is a Serious Problem	S	13
211	2009.06.28	Mr. Shane Knight	Economic Recession and Its Causes	N	10
212	2009.07.11	Mr. Wayne Malcolm	The Unnaturalness of Something So Natural	N	8
213	2009.07.26	Mr. Thorfinn Tait	Politeness and Formality in English and Japanese	D	7
214	2009.08.23	Mr. Anders Lundberg	Cognitive Dissonance	N	7
215	2009.09.12	Ms. Rebecca Oishi	Ways We Hope That Akita Can Improve As A Place To Live	N	8
216	2009.09.27	Ms. Terri Lee Nagahashi	Marmots, Mare's Milk and Mutton	N	7
217	2009.10.10	Mr. Wayne Malcolm	Using Art to Awaken Passive Vocabulary and Utilize Active Vocabulary	S	9
218	2009.10.25	Mr. Tim Ernst	The Art of Telling Lies	N	9

cf. D: Discussion S: Impromptu Speech N: No D/S Sessions