



# November Newsletter - Issue 7

## EIKEN SPEAKING TESTS

Some Seirinkan students will be taking the speaking part of the EIKEN test in November. What are some important things to remember? **Here is some useful advice:**



**LEARN THE “PATTERN” OF YOUR TEST:** This is different for every level, and **you should know what you must do for YOUR test level.** So, what will you need to do first? Will you read a text aloud? After that, will you answer a question about the text? How do you answer those kinds of questions? Even if you are not a perfect speaker, **you will certainly get a higher score if you DO know what will happen in the speaking test.**

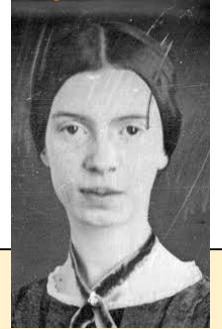
**PRACTICE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN:** Come to practice with the foreign **teachers as often as you can!** We are ready to help you during EIKEN Interview practice time, and also during **lunchtimes** (make sure you ask us when we are free to help you!).

**ON TEST DAY:** Don't forget to **relax and smile.** You can get some easy points if you are positive, have a **good, loud clear voice** and have **good manners.** Take deep breaths before you start. Try to enjoy the test! This will help you to have a **positive mood.**

## November Words

Emily Dickinson

Many writers have thought about November.  
Here are some of their words. Perhaps you agree with them?



“November is secret and silent” – Allison Uttley

“November. Crows are approaching. Wounded leaves fall to the ground” – Kristian Goldmund Aumann

“November always seems to me to be the Norway of the year” – Emily Dickinson

secret - 秘密  
silent - 静かに  
approaching - 近づいてくる  
wounded leaves - 傷ついた葉  
Norway - ノルウェー



# GUY FAWKES

**NIGHT:** Did you know that in the UK, **November 5<sup>th</sup>** is famous? It is the date when a man called **Guy Fawkes** tried to **blow up** the English **Parliament!** This happened in 1605. Guy Fawkes and his gang were stopped, and since that time, on **November 5<sup>th</sup>** people remember the event.

## THE UK'S NOVEMBER EVENT



The event is called **“Guy Fawkes Night”** or **“Bonfire Night”**. Local parks, schools and even gardens are lit with huge fires (**bonfires**), fireworks are enjoyed, and delicious festival foods such as cinder toffee, toffee apples are eaten. Potatoes are **baked** in the fires, and they taste great. Also, a **dummy** of **Guy Fawkes** is **burned!**

### USEFUL VOCABULARY

to blow up = 爆発する dummy=ダミー  
parliament = 議会 bonfire= 焚き火  
to burn= 燃やす to bake= 焼く

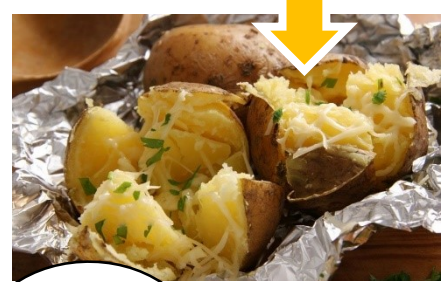


**Delicious cinder toffee, and toffee apples.**



**The “guy” is burned on a bonfire!**

Potatoes are baked in the bonfire. They are **VERY** tasty!



**English fact:** You have probably heard foreigners say **“Hi guys!”** or **“He’s a nice guy”**. **“Guy”** means **a man**. But, did you know that people probably say **“guy”** because of the **Guy Fawkes dummy** on the bonfire?

