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Hello everyone! The first semester¹ finishes this week. That means that half of the school year is over. Time flies, doesn't it? It's short, but I hope everyone has a safe and fun-filled autumn vacation. Let's give the second semester everything we've got! - Krystal



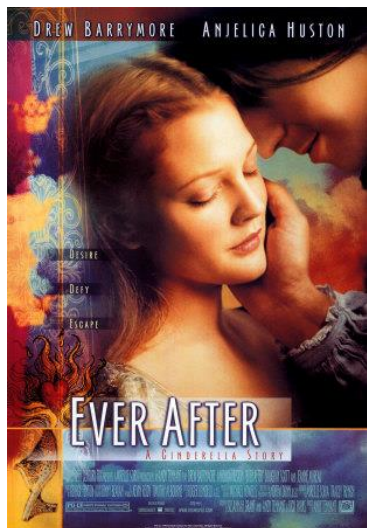
★ Dear Krystal ★

Do you have questions about English? Do you need some advice about a problem in your life? If so, **put your questions in the pink envelope near the English Board on the 2nd floor. Write "Dear Krystal" on your question.** Anything is ok, and you can remain anonymous.

Dear Krystal,
My best friend is a flake². We make plans to meet somewhere on the weekend, but she is often very late, or she cancels last minute³. It's so frustrating⁴! But I really love my best friend and want to hang out with her! What should I do?

Answer:
There are a few reasons why people flake on others. She might actually be an introvert⁵ who prefers spending time at home. She might be very busy. She might not have good time management skills. Or maybe she doesn't value the friendship as much as you do. If she doesn't like going out, try spending time with her at home. If she's busy, try to be patient⁶ and let her make plans when it's convenient for her. If she's always late, don't wait for her and she will learn she has to be on time to see you. And if she doesn't value the friendship, let her go.★

★ From the English Lounge ★



Tuesday Movie @ 16:30

Ever After: A Cinderella Story

Ever After: A Cinderella Story is a romantic historical fiction⁷ based on the fairy tale, Cinderella. It takes place in 16th century France. The main character, Danielle, lives a hard life with her evil step-mother and two step-sisters. She meets the handsome Prince Henry, who is unhappily engaged to the Spanish princess, Gabriella. Will Danielle and Prince Henry find true love together? Find out on Tuesday at 16:30 in the English Lounge!

★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

Lady Gaga is an American singer and songwriter. She was born as Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta on March 28, 1986 in New York City. She is from an Italian-American family and attended a private, all-girls Catholic school. She started playing the piano when she was four years old, and starred in⁸ many school musicals. She studied music at New York University, but dropped out⁹ to pursue her music career. Her debut album, *The Fame*, was released in 2008. Her hit single, *Poker Face*, made her famous all over the world. Her second album, *The Fame Monster*, was released in 2009. The music video for her song, *Bad Romance*, became the first video on YouTube to reach one billion views. She released three more albums, *Artpop* (2013), *Cheek to Cheek* (2014), and *Joanne* (2016). She is one of the best-selling artists of all time. She is not only known for her music, but also for her philanthropy¹⁰ and social activism¹¹. She raised \$1.5 million for the victims of the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami in 2011, and fights for LGBT¹² rights and to end bullying. She is also a fashion icon. She suffers from a condition¹³ called fibromyalgia¹⁴, and recently has had to cancel concerts due to pain.



★ Horoscopes ★

Aries ♈ March 21-April 19 You have much creativity this week. Write a story or draw some pictures.	Taurus ♉ April 20-May 20 You should read a good book this week.	Gemini ♊ May 21-June 20 Be patient and avoid confrontation this week.
Cancer ♋ June 21-July 22 You will feel a lot of stress this week. Talk to a friend to relax.	Leo ♌ July 23-Aug 22 Keep news to yourself until everything is confirmed this week.	Virgo ♍ Aug 23-Sept 22 Spend your money wisely this week. You don't need anything lavish ¹⁵ .
Libra ♎ Sept 23-Oct 22 You have a lot of energy this week. Why don't you try something new?	Scorpio ♏ Oct 23-Nov 21 Spend as much time by yourself as possible this week.	Sagittarius ♐ Nov 22-Dec 21 You're ready to make a change this week. Do your best!
Capricorn ♑ Dec 22-Jan 19 Spend some extra time on your appearance this week.	Aquarius ♒ Jan 20-Feb 18 You should treat yourself to something nice this week.	Pisces ♓ Feb 19-March 20 You will have lots of self-confidence this week.

New words: 1. semester 学期 2. flake ドタキャンをよくする人 3. last minute ぎりぎり 4. frustrating いらいらさせる 5. introvert 内向的な人 6. patient 他人に寛容である 7. historical fiction 歴史小説 (映画) 8. star in 主演する 9. drop out 退学する 10. philanthropy 慈善活動 11. social activism 社会貢献活動 12. LGBT 女性同性愛者 (レズビアン、Lesbian)、男性同性愛者 (ゲイ、Gay)、両性愛者 (バイセクシュアル、Bisexual)、トランスジェンダー (Transgender) 13. condition 病気 14. fibromyalgia 全身の骨格筋に激しい痛みやこわばりが生じるリウマチ性疾患 15. lavish 豪華な