

# Year of the Tiger (Chinese Zodiac)

Were you born during a Year of the Tiger?  
You were if you were born in one of these years:  
1902, 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, and 1998.



People that are born in the Year of the Tiger are generally well liked because of their charismatic personalities. Often, failing at a given duty or being unproductive in his personal or professional life can cause a Tiger to experience a deep sense of depression. A Tiger is always at their happiest when they endeavour to climb the ladder of success. Attaining the top spot is his foremost purpose; being in a position of power is her ultimate goal. They are quick learners, need to be challenged and often prefer to work alone. Some Tigers tend to change careers more frequently because they get bored quite easily. They are natural born leaders and perform at their best if working towards positions of power and influence. So once there is no further room for progression, they will often move on to something else.

Anyone that is born in the Year of the Tiger is usually straightforward and outgoing by nature. They will never give up no matter how aggravated they may become. But, they are also full of suspicion and at times will take hasty action. Never lose sight of the fact that Tigers are smart and instinctive.

People born in the Year of the Tiger always take pride in being different from others, and normally demonstrate their originality best in their homes. Their homes are typically filled with exotic possessions. It is no surprise that one of the Tiger's favourite gemstones is the cat's eye, but tigers also love the sparkle of rubies and diamonds. They like to spend money, and also to share it. They can be very impulsive spenders because they know they can at all times make more.

Source: <http://www.yearofthetiger.net/>

## I just had to share this photo with you!



The photo has been my favourite since a friend of mine emailed me several years ago. I heard that not only polar bears but even the notorious grisly bears can be friendly towards dogs. If you are interested to see more, you can view on YouTube. Just search "Polar bear and dog." This sort of picture can trigger a great conversation with your learner. If you have a favourite video clip, you might want to try for your tutoring session.

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## Want a worksheet?

Go to the website!

[www.englishlanguage.org.nz](http://www.englishlanguage.org.nz)

You can

- Download teaching Worksheets
- Find the 'Give it a Go' book (we have copies in the resource room)
- Upload and share your Teaching
- Use Tutor Help "Ask for Advice"
- Use the Tutor Bulletin Board

So here's how

1. Go onto the website
2. Click Login at the top right-hand side of the screen
3. Click on Tutor login
4. User name is **esolht**
5. Password is **communicate**



# Newsletters for Tutors and Learners

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## Important Dates for your Diary

**Mon 1 March**  
Resource Room  
open from 1-2pm

**Tue 2 March**  
Office closed. Yuka is away to attend a meeting at the national office. Resource room is not available

**Mon 8 March**  
Taranaki Anniversary Day  
Office Closed

**Thu 25 March**  
AGM and Pot Luck Dinner at 6pm at the centre

## Annual General Meeting You are invited to join us for our AGM in March

Date: Thursday 25 March 2010  
Time: 6pm  
Venue: Room 44, 16 Lemon Street



### Business:

- Confirmation of the minutes of AGM 2009
- Receipt and confirmation of 2009 Annual Report and Financial Statement
- Election of officers
- Appointment of an auditor
- General business

Followed by Pot Luck dinner (please bring a plate of food to share. No soup please)

RSVP 759-1118 by 23 March

## Have you started your tutoring this year yet?

Now children are back to school, and people are settling back to the routine. If you had a long summer break from tutoring, please phone your learner and set a date to start. Your learner might be waiting anxiously. Please ring the office if you are not tutoring this term. Then I can start arranging a new tutor for the learner. Please keep me informed.

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### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday : 9am—3pm  
Resource Room Tuesday: 1—2pm (other times by appointment)

## From the office

Hello Kia Ora Konnichiwa everyone

Welcome to English Language Partners Taranaki 2010 newsletter. For those who are new to our centre, we issue newsletters four times a year. After a long break, I came back to the office fully charged and energized and am ready for the busy year ahead of us.

All of Social English and E4E (English for Employees) classes have already started and there are several new faces. Some students have come back after having a couple of years of absence. If you know anyone who is working and needs ESOL tuition, s/he might want to join our E4E (English For Employee) class. Please tell him/her about the programme.

Also, we are starting Volunteer Tutor Training on 5 March. The course is on Fridays (9am –1pm). Please give this information to anyone who might be interested in the community.

**Yuka Kobayashi**

## Annual General Meeting - English Language Partners – Taranaki

### From The Chairman

The Annual General Meeting of English Language Partners Taranaki is to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 6pm, at our premises in Liardet Street.

All teachers, volunteers and students are very welcome to come along and participate, and find out what the organization has achieved over the past year and what is planned for this year.

The committee is also looking for new members to assist in the governance of the organization. The committee is there to ensure the policies of the organization are adhered to, that we work within budgets and support Yuka as the Manager.

The tasks are not onerous, attending a Board meeting once every month for about 90 minutes to ask questions and read background papers. About 3 or 4 hours a month

I also note Paul Butterworth the Treasurer is resigning. Any volunteers will be very welcome. The Treasurer does not do the accounts but checks what is done, whether we are on budget or not, and reports to the Board each month. The Treasurer has a big input with Yuka in assisting prepare the annual Budget. It is very useful if the Treasurer has an accounting qualification.

Please have a think about how you can help the continued success of English Language Partners Taranaki.

Bob Waugh  
Chairman

### Overdue resources:

Please return or renew the resources which are overdue. Reminders went out last year, but still some books are still not returned. Please ring the office if you need to have it longer than one month.



### Missing Resource:

***“Listening to New Zealand” Beginner book and CD set #25 is missing.***

***Please ring the office if you have one.***  
The book is very popular and in a big demand.

### Free Desk

Do you need a study/office desk? The wooden desk has three drawers on each side (76cm Wide and 1.56m Length). Please call John 756-9112 after 6.30pm if you want it.



Congratulations!

Roween Ko and Erin Lee got married on 1 January this year!



## New Driving Rules



Since 1 November 2009 using a mobile phone to make, receive or end a call when driving are illegal. You cannot create, send, or read text messages at any time while you are driving. If you are get caught using the mobile phone while driving, you will have to pay \$50 fine and lose 25 demerit points.

Some exceptions are if

- the driver does not have to hold or manipulate the phone to do so (i.e. the phone is completely voice activated), or
- the mobile phone is securely mounted to the vehicle and the driver manipulates the phone infrequently and briefly.

Tutors, please discuss this with your learner if s/he knows about this change.

For more information, please visit [www.nzta.govt.nz/about/road-user-rule-info.html](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/about/road-user-rule-info.html)

## Citizenship



At the moment, if you received permanent residency or had successful application accepted by Immigration before 21 April 2005, you could be eligible for a grant of citizenship after living here for three years.

If you applied for and received permanent residence on or after 21 April 2005, you have to be resident in New Zealand for five years before becoming eligible for a grant of citizenship.

*From 21 April 2010, everyone will have to be resident for five years before becoming eligible for a grant of citizenship, no matter when they got permanent residence. That mans that if you meet the three-year requirement and don't put in an application before 21 April this year, you will not be eligible until you have lived here for five years, not three.*

Check the date when you received permanent residency, and if the date is before 21 April 2005, you might want to apply for your citizenship before 21 April if you are ready. You need to be able to understand and speak English well enough to be able to manage independently in everyday situations, such as shopping, in a work-place or at school. An interviewer from the Citizenship Office usually comes to New Plymouth to have a conversation with you. If your English needs improving they will give you another interview date in about six months time so that you can practice more.

For further information, you can visit the Citizenship website [www.citizenship.govt.nz](http://www.citizenship.govt.nz) where you can get more information and check whether you are eligible for citizenship by using the Online Calculation Tool. You can also ring 0800 22 5151 the Citizenship Office. Ask for an interpreter on the phone if you would like.

**Taranaki Salute???** I learned something new when I was looking at Max Cryer's "The Godzone Dictionary"

**Taranaki Salute:** Gumboots being stamped in order to shake off cow dung (which itself is known as Taranaki top dressing).

Other local expressions form this lush and lovely dairying province include Taranaki Sunshine (rain and drizzle), Taranaki violins (the sound of cow-bells) and Taranaki drive (a method of felling one tree deliberately so it falls on another and eventually results in several trees falling).

**Taranaki wool:** A kind of fungus that grows on rotting logs. Huge amounts were exported to China in the 1870s by a New Plymouth merchant and entrepreneur named Chew Chong, who later turned his attention to New Zealand butter. He sent a shipment of this to Britain in 1885, and is thus credited with starting New Zealand's dairy export industry.