

Call 機物語

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具卡式公用電話，我在旁笑得前俯後仰，不能克制，路過的人一定會以為我是瘋子，而蠟筆小弘一默許我的作爲的幫兇，竟然要跟黃酸仔說出實情我趕緊阻止他，卻不幸被黃酸仔看見，剎時他就明白是怎麼一回事；不過他卻仍在旁觀看蔡童回 Call，卻電話一直無人接聽。我走了過去，幫蔡童解了這道疑難，然後……下場如何也不必說了。

(一)去年10月底連假中的某天傍晚，回到南部家中的我，窮極無聊，電話拿了起来，試試黃酸仔的新 Call 機，可是我想不出有話跟他講，好吧，給他家的電話號碼。上來台北後，我問他：「你10月某日大約幾點，是不是你家人 Call 你？」他想了想說：「是呀！」「那你有沒有打電話回去呢？」我問。「有呀！不過我家人說，我幹麼打電話回去，又沒人找我。」黃酸仔回答。我聽了之後忍不住笑道：「那……是我 Call 的。」馬上，一隻腳飛向我來。

(二)二月底的星期二山下課，中午吃完飯，窩在今日書局（城區部旁邊）看書。沒多久，我忍多不了裡面擁擠的人潮，便邀蠟筆小弘出來，而黃酸仔和蔡董正沈迷於書中的黃金屋和顏如玉，無視我的呼喚。好吧！我只好用 Call 機 Call 他們出來了。我分別 Call 給他們家裡和租住處的電話，然

時互虧互糗，大家從不以爲意，就因爲我們是好同學、好朋友，像兄弟一樣，同爲兄弟隊的死忠球迷（不過蠟筆小弘還未被我們感化）；兄弟隊已成爲我們共同話題之一。的確，喜愛兄弟的球迷，就像我們般，充滿對朋友的熱情以及重情義；兄弟象的球迷才會如此多，正因一四海之內皆兄弟。兄弟一條心，再創金冠軍。

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選舉文化再造

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臺灣歷史上最大的一次選舉，終於在朝野政黨叫陣、候選人叫罵、聽眾叫囂、腳叫價的混亂聲中結束了。戰況空前激烈，選情格外熾熱。剛開放的電子天空倉皇地介入湊熱鬧，平面媒體也隨風起舞，令人眼花撩亂。

激烈的角逐過去了，當大家從激情回到冷靜後，應該重新思考未來的走向，爲什麼，愈選舉，臺灣的社會就愈不公？爲什麼，愈選舉，金權黑道就愈猖狂？有一半以上的選民打從心中發出這樣的悲歎。

當政治變成商品，關係代替了法律，當民主成了激化族群對立的工具，民意成了逃避責任的護身符，選舉便成爲災難。民主是臺灣必須走的路。但是，要如何才能走出真正的民主呢？

首先，落實民主法治是當務之急，在校園內實際參與開會、選舉的活動，推廣誠實運動、道德觀念，一個高品質的選舉文化，需要高素質的選民參與。因此，要徹底改善選舉品質，必先從教育選民著手。

近來，「黑道治縣」、「金權治國」的說法喧騰一時，甚

英語問答廊

QUESTION AND ANSWER COLUMN

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Q: How can I get foreign pen pals? I joined the International Pen Pals Club before. Although some of them replied me, yet our friendship didn't last long. I don't know if it is because they think my English is poor. I believe I treated them with my sincerity. Could you tell me the reasons or still other better ways to have foreign pen pals?

A: There are usually a few names and addresses of potential pen pals in the Sunday "China News" Newspapers. You might want to try them as a new source. I cannot tell you why your correspondents stopped writing. There can be dozens of reasons that have nothing to do with you or your English ability. Try again and don't give up. Remember: "you can meet a million people before you find a friend."

Q: I don't mean to be rude, but I really want to know why women in Taiwan say "M.C." instead of "period" or "menstrual period?" And where does "M.C." come from?

A: I don't know what women in Taiwan say or why they say it, but "to have my period" or "having my period" is the most common way to express this "I'm having my period."

Q: What's the meaning of "chill out?" I saw it from the lyrics. I can't find it in my dictionary.

A: "Chill out" and "chill" are slang for "relax" or "take it easy." If you are hot (angry), you need to get cold (to relax) or to chill out.

Q: What's the difference between © and ®?

A: I don't know what you mean. What is the context? Where did you find it?

© can mean copyrighted-as in copyrighted material.

® can mean registered as in trademark registered.

Q: Can you explain the sentence for me: "You don't have a bottle of hot sauce on ya, don't ya?" ---It's from the movie "Hard Target."

A: "Ya" is a lazy way of saying "you." Hot sauce is a hot or spicy condiment to put on food, made of chili peppers. This sentence is the same as saying, "Do you have a bottle of hot sauce?" The expression "to have something on oneself" means "to have something"

E.g.

I have five dollars on me.

= I have five dollars.

臺灣則不然，我們的民心、民性對政治較激情、較狂熱；再者，全面的民主開放為時尚短，所以，目前執政黨要與黑金派心協力下，能使黑金派收斂，那麼，反暴力、反賄選行動，將可成爲我們的民主政力，並以理性的態度去營造一個充滿歡樂而祥和的選舉文化。

此外，落實選罷法，限定候選人參選金額，避免造成資源浪費，也是一大課題，走在民主的路上，面對未來立委選舉、總統大選……，我期待，每個人都能以一顆包容的心多聽聽不同的聲音、不同的意見，並以理性的態度去營造一個充滿歡樂而

