

Slip of the Tongue

Hello, everyone. I'm very honored to join this competition. I hope you will enjoy my speech.

Let me ask you something first. Have you ever made such a silly mistake before like calling female teachers "mom" or "mother"? I'm sure you totally didn't know what brought you say that, however, such ridiculous mistakes could break the ice. At the same time, they could embarrass you. This time, I'd like to share with you such mistakes I made in English.

Some friends and I planned to have a meeting regarding English. And I prepared a bunch of cards for a game during the meeting. I just made more elaborate cards than the friends expected. So I gave the friends an e-mail saying;

The cards I made were so evaluate.

One of the friends told me later that she tried consulting dictionaries to see if the word 'evaluate' would have such a meaning. Yes, she evaluated the meaning of the word 'evaluate'.

Another friend, who came from another country, asked me how to operate an appliance. I was supposed to say 'check the instructions'. However, instead of that, the words sprung up from my mouth were;

Check the constructions. I'm not sure what made me say that.

She smirked and replied to me, 'Will the supervisor at the construction site give me some instructions?' Yes. She was smarter than I was.

Here is my last and most terrible mistake. The friend, the 'constructions' friend, in my car, she was mumbling about her pimples on her face while looking at the mirror in her hand. She said 'damn pimples!' in Japanese at the time. I, driving, gently tried cheering her up in English;

'Wrinkles are a symbol of being young'.

She slapped me in the face and groaned, "I don't have any!"

Yes, be careful with your words.

That's all. Thank you for listening.