

I've gone with a baseball theme¹ for this week's English News. Although², to be honest³ with you, I'm not really a baseball fan. I like watching the big matches like the Japan Series, but I'm not usually interested in baseball. The same goes for soccer. I love the World Cup, but I don't watch the regular⁴ matches. My wife loves soccer. She screams⁵ so loudly when Japan score a goal that she scares our cat half to death⁶ and my daughter starts to cry. I still have scratch marks⁷ in my leg from the last game because the cat was sleeping on my lap⁸ at the time.


Something You Didn't Know (Goats⁹)

- Goats were one of the first animals to be tamed¹⁰ by humans, about 9,000 years ago.
- Goat meat is the most consumed meat¹¹ in the world.
- Goats can be taught their name and they come when called.
- Their lifespan¹² is about the same as a dog.
- Each goat has a unique¹³ call and scent. This is how they are recognized by¹⁴ their mother.
- Goat's pupils¹⁵ are rectangular¹⁶, not round like ours. This enables¹⁷ them to see up to 320° around them without having to move. Humans can see about 200°.
- Goats are herd¹⁸ animals and will become depressed¹⁹ if they are on their own.
- Goats are very good climbers and can climb trees and even rock walls.
- The average²⁰ goat gives birth to two kids²¹ a year.



Last Week's Answers

42	12	17	25	9
+7	+5	+22	+31	+8
H	A	V	E	A
49	17	39	56	17



30	11	22	40	6	32	20	33	11
+20	+11	+16	+10	+6	+15	+27	+23	+7
F	U	N	F	I	L	L	E	D
50	22	38	50	12	47	47	56	18

33	10	30	25	12	14	15	26	25
+16	+7	+17	+22	+14	+20	+41	+30	+13
H	A	L	L	O	W	E	E	N
49	17	47	47	26	34	56	56	38

Announcements

The music majors and the 3rd have presentations. The 2nd grade English speech competition is (possibly) on Thurs. There is an open day on Saturday.

2 Baseball Teams Win!

Last week two baseball teams on two different continents²² claimed a victory²³. The Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters won the Japan Series and the Chicago Cubs won the World Series. (It is called the World Series but in reality²⁴, only teams from the USA take part. When the name was coined²⁵ people hoped baseball would become a worldwide game but it never did.)



The Nippon Ham Fighters managed to²⁶ beat the Hiroshima Carp by 10 runs to 4. This was the first time they won the championship since 2006, a gap of ten years. The Chicago Cubs managed to beat the Cleveland Indians by 8 runs to 7. This was the first time they had won since 1908, a gap of 108 years. Both teams were obviously²⁷ extremely²⁸ happy.

The Cubs had to overcome²⁹ a curse³⁰ to win their victory. The curse was apparently³¹ put on them by an inn³² owner in 1945. He went to watch a game with his pet goat. His goat smelled so bad that fans complained³³ and he was asked to leave. On the way he cursed the team and said they would never win another World Series. They did, but it took a long long time. The curse is known as the "curse of the billy goat".



- 1.Theme テーマ 2.Although～ではあるが 3.To be honest 正直に言うと 4.Regular 普通 5.Scream 叫ぶ 6.Scare half to death を死ぬほど怖がらせる 7.Scratch mark 爪跡 8.Lap 膝 9.Goat ヤギ 10.Tame 飼いならず 11.Most consumed meat 世界で一番食べられた肉 12.Lifespan 寿命 13.Unique ただ一つだけの 14.Recognized by に識別される 15.Pupil 瞳孔 16.Rectangular 長方形の 17.Enable できるようになる 18.Herd 群れ 19.Depressed 鬱 20.Average 平均的に 21.Kid 子ヤギ 22.Continent 大陸 23.Claim a victory 勝利を取める 24.In reality 実は 25.Coin a name 名前を考える 26.Manage to できる 27.Obviously 明らかに 28.Extremely 非常に 29.Overcome 乗り越える 30.Curse のろい 31.Apparently～らしい 32.Inn 宿屋 33.Complain 文句を言う