

Last week was quite an interesting week. There were so many people not here. There were only three teachers here in my grade, so I made myself head of the grade<sup>1</sup>. Nobody listened to me, though. LOL<sup>2</sup>. Well, the fifth grade are back. It sounds like they had a great time. Cambodia was hot and Kyoto was cold. In fact<sup>3</sup>, Kyoto was so cold that Mr. Hata bought himself a warm coat. You would think someone from the cold north of Japan would be stronger than that. And the third grade are still in Canada. They are having a great time.

### An Airplane Graveyard<sup>4</sup> on Google Maps 32 08'59.96" N, 110 50'09.03"W Tucson, Arizona



### Stone Gates Found on Google

400 stone “gates” have been discovered<sup>5</sup> in the Arabian Desert<sup>6</sup>. People had walked over them, but nobody had ever noticed<sup>7</sup> them. These are not vertical<sup>8</sup> gates, but horizontal<sup>9</sup> ones. They are impossible to<sup>10</sup> see from the ground because they are very low down and just look like a line of stones. These were probably built by nomadic<sup>11</sup> tribes<sup>12</sup>, possibly as far as 9,000 years ago.



In 2004, Dr. Abdullah Al-Saeed discovered the area and found the long lines of stones. He thought there might be something there, so he went home and opened up Google maps on his computer. From the satellite<sup>13</sup> he could clearly<sup>14</sup> see them and he spent years cataloging<sup>15</sup> all 400 of them. They are different lengths and different shapes and nobody really knows why they are there.



### Last Week's Answers



### Announcements

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade have a holiday on Monday. There is a class leader meeting on Wednesday. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade have an English skit contest on Thursday. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade come back from Canada on Friday.

One possibility<sup>16</sup> is hunting<sup>17</sup>. The “gates” are about a km long. One group of tribespeople<sup>18</sup> could have chased animals into the “gate” while another group waited to ambush<sup>19</sup> them. Whatever their use, we can say that this area was probably more fertile<sup>20</sup> thousands of years ago than it is now. Why don't you see what you can find on Google maps. You might be<sup>21</sup> surprised.



**1.Head of the grade** 学年主任 **2.LOL (Laugh Out Loud)** (声に出して笑う) 大笑いする **3.In fact** 実は **4.Graveyard** お墓 **5.Discover** 発見する **6.Arabian Desert** アラビア砂漠 **7.Notice** 気が付く **8.Vertical** 垂直な **9.Horizontal** 横 **10.Impossible to** ~するのは不可能 **11.Nomad** 遊牧民 ◆ 食料や牧草などを求めて季節によって移動し、定住地を持たない集団の一員 **12.Tribe** 家族 **13.Satellite** サテライト **14.Clearly** 明らかに **15.Catalogue** リストを作る **16.Possibility** ~の可能 **17.Hunt** 狩り **18.Tribespeople** 部族民 **19.Ambush** 待ち伏せする **20.Fertile** 肥えた **21.Might be** ~かもしれません

# ★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! The fifth grade students are coming back to school after their school trip this week, but the third grade students are still in Canada. I wish I could go on a trip to someplace warm, because it has gotten awfully<sup>1</sup> cold recently! Winter is coming! - Krystal

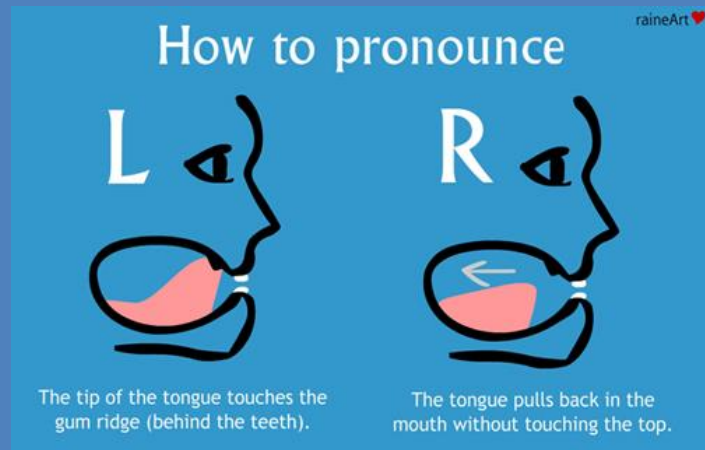


## ★ Dear Krystal ★

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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Write "Dear Krystal" on your question.** Anything is ok, and you can remain anonymous.

Dear Krystal,  
I have a problem pronouncing L and R in English. How can I pronounce<sup>2</sup> them correctly?

Answer:  
It would probably be easier for me to show you than to explain, so here's a diagram<sup>3</sup>:



## ★ Weekly Bible Verse ★

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish<sup>4</sup> but have

John 3:16 is one of the most famous verses from the Bible because it simply summarizes<sup>6</sup> the most important point of Christianity. God loves each one of us. However, we all do bad things in life, called sin. Sin separates us from God. So, God sent his only son, Jesus Christ, to earth. Jesus lived a perfect life and died on the cross for our sins. If we believe in Jesus, and ask for forgiveness for our sins, then we will not die. We will be able to live forever in heaven.



# ★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

**Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge** is the wife of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge. She was born as Catherine Elizabeth Middleton on January 9, 1982, in Reading, Berkshire, England. Her nickname is Kate. Her parents worked for British Airways, but started their own party supply company in 1987. She attended private school, and studied art history at the University of St Andrews. It was there that she met Prince William in 2001, and they started dating in 2003. The couple was often harassed by paparazzi. They broke up briefly in 2007, but reconciled<sup>7</sup>. Prince William proposed to Kate in Kenya in 2010 with a 12 karat sapphire engagement ring that belonged to his mother, Princess Diana. Their wedding on April 29, 2011 was televised, and it was watched by over 300 million people worldwide. Now, Kate and Prince William have two children, Prince George and Princess Charlotte, and she is pregnant with a third. Kate supports many charities for children, art, sports, and conservation<sup>8</sup>. She is also considered a fashion trendsetter<sup>9</sup>. For example, the blue dress she wore when announcing her engagement to Prince William sold out<sup>10</sup> within 24 hours! She is often included in magazines' "best-dressed" lists.

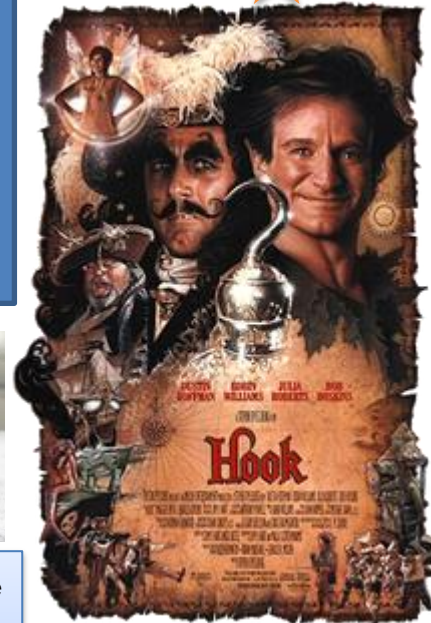


## ★ From the English Lounge ★

Tuesday Movie @ 16:30

Hook

Hook is an American fantasy film directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Robin Williams as Peter Pan. In this movie, Peter Pan is all grown up. He is a lawyer<sup>11</sup>, is married to Wendy's granddaughter, and has two children. He has forgotten about his childhood adventures in Neverland. However, his enemy, Captain Hook, kidnaps Peter's children. So, Peter has to return to Neverland to save them. Will Peter find his children? Will he be able to defeat<sup>12</sup> Captain Hook once and for all?



**New words:** 1. awful 大変 2. pronounce 発音する 3. diagram 図表 4. perish 死ぬ 5. everlasting 永久に続く 6. summarize 要約する 7. reconcile 仲直りする 8. conservation 保護 9. trendsetter 新しい流行を作る人 10. sell out 売り切れ 11. lawyer 弁護士 12. defeat 倒す