

Welcome back. Happy New Year. Did you have a good vacation? What? I'm too late? You've already been back at school a week? Oh no! Ha ha. What with one thing and another (me being lazy), I didn't make an English News last week. Still, we have many more weeks until the end of the year, so don't be too disappointed¹. You are all off skiing this week and next. I do envy² you. Out in the cold, the wind, the snow, while I'm sat here in the warm teacher's room with a cup of coffee. I wish I could go with you. Maybe.

Something Interesting (Meteorites³)

1. A meteorite is a meteor that survives its journey through our atmosphere⁴ and impacts⁵ Earth.
2. Meteorites are usually made of iron or stone.
3. About 7,000 meteorites of up to 1kg hit Earth every year. Many thousands more never make it through our atmosphere. Meteors of 1km diameter⁶ hit Earth about once every 500,000 years.
4. The Hoba meteorite in Namibia is the largest meteorite ever found on Earth. It is made of iron and weighs 66 tons. Because it is solid iron, it didn't break up on impact.
5. Most meteorites start in the asteroid belt⁷ between Mars and Jupiter. These rocks come from the beginning of the solar system⁸.
6. The Fukang Meteorite, \$2,000,000 is the most expensive meteorite ever sold. Good luck hunting⁹. If you find one, bring it to me!



\$20,000 Reward for Meteorite

Last week, a meteorite crashed down¹⁰ in Michigan, USA. It landed at about 8pm and it lit up¹¹ the skies as it burned¹² when it came into contact with our atmosphere. When the meteorite struck the earth, it registered¹³ as a 2 on the Richter Scale¹⁴. The meteorite would have been broken up into thousands of small pieces when it impacted the ground. People will be lucky to find any.



At first light¹⁵ hunters were out looking for it. Straight away some people posted pictures of themselves with small pieces. There was snow on the ground, so it may be difficult to find the pieces as they will probably have been buried¹⁶. Darryl Pitt, a meteorite museum curator¹⁷ from New York, has offered¹⁸ a \$20,000 reward¹⁹ for a 1kg piece of the meteorite.



Most of these have a match, except for three in each picture. Which three?

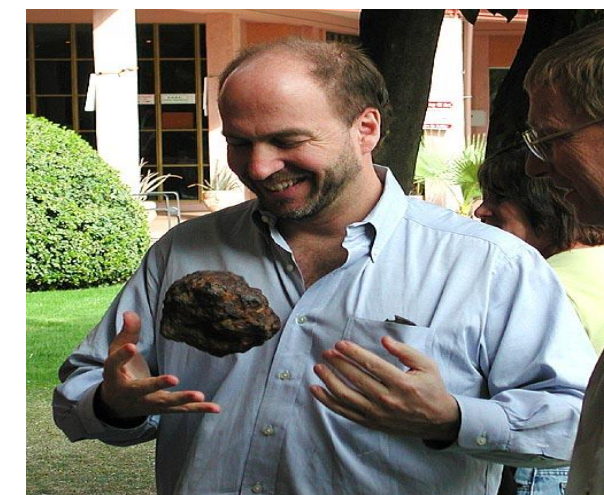
Last Week's Answers



Announcements

Skiing for JHS on Monday, fifth grade on Tuesday, fourth grade on Thursday and fifth grade on Friday. Other than that, not a lot happening. It's going to be a very quiet week. Good luck.

People will be lucky to find pieces of the meteorite that are that big, but you never know. Mr. Pitt is not only a museum curator, but also a dealer²⁰ of meteorites. In 2009, he sold a 100-piece collection he owned for about \$5 million. If anybody finds a big piece of meteorite, they may do better to sell it themselves instead of giving it to Mr. Pitt for the reward money.



1. Disappointed がっかりする 2. Envy うらやましがする 3. Meteorite 隕石 4. Atmosphere 大気 5. Impact 激突する 6. Diameter 直径 7. Asteroid belt 小惑星帯 ◆小惑星が密集している火星軌道と木星軌道の間の領域 8. Solar system 太陽系 9. Hunt 探し 10. Crash down 大きな音を立てて落とす 11. Light up 明るくする 12. Burn 燃える 13. Register 記録される 14. Richter Scale リヒター [リクター] ・スケール [値] ◆地震で放出されたエネルギーを、10を底とする対数値で表すもの。通例 1~9 の範囲に入り、数値が 1 上がるとエネルギー量は 32 倍になる。1979 年からはモーメント・マグニチュード・スケール (moment magnitude scale) が使われるようになった。◆【語源】1935 年にアメリカの物理学者・地震学者 Charles Francis Richter が開発したことから。 15. First light 夜明け 16. Bury 埋める 17. Curator 館長 18. Offer 提供する 19. Reward 報奨金 20. Dealer 販売業者

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Hello everyone! Happy New Year! I hope 2018 is a great year for all of you! Did you have a nice winter vacation? What did you do? I had a quiet winter vacation relaxing at home with my cats and my husband. - Krystal

★ New Year's Resolutions ★

Here are the top 10 most popular New Year's Resolutions for 2018 according to a YouGov survey.

- Eat better — 37 percent
- Exercise more — 37 percent
- Spend less money — 37 percent
- Self-care (e.g. getting more sleep) — 24 percent
- Read more books — 18 percent
- Learn a new skill — 15 percent
- Get a new job — 14 percent
- Make new friends — 13 percent
- New hobby — 13 percent
- Focus more on appearance — 12 percent

What are your New Year's Resolutions?

★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

Shawn Mendes is a Canadian singer and songwriter. He was born on August 8, 1998 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. His father is Portuguese, and his mother is English. He learned how to play the guitar by watching YouTube tutorials, and he became famous in 2013 when he began posting song covers on the video-sharing application Vine. The following year, he caught the attention of artist managers Andrew Gertler and Island Records A&R Ziggy Chareton, which led to him signing a deal with the record label. Mendes went on to release an EP in July 2014 and his debut studio album *Handwritten* (2015), whose single "Stitches" reached the top 10 in the US and Canada, and number one in the United Kingdom. His second album, *Illuminate* (2016), was preceded by the single "Treat You Better". Both albums debuted atop of the US Billboard 200, making Mendes one of five artists to ever debut at number one before the age of eighteen. He released the single "There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back" on April 20, 2017, which was his third single to reach the top 10 in the US. His acoustic folk sound is also popular with adult listeners, which is rare for an artist under 20. Mendes has headlined three world tours: *#ShawnsFirstHeadlines*, *Shawn Mendes World Tour* and the *Illuminate World Tour*.



★ From the English Lounge ★

Tuesday Movie @ 16:30

Check the blackboard outside the English Lounge for this week's movie!

Do you have any movie requests?

Let us know!

New words: New Year's Resolution 新年の抱負 2 Corinthians コリントの信徒への手紙二 reflect 反省する renew 新たにする Portuguese ポルトガル人 tutorial チュートリアル rare 珍しい

2 Corinthians 5:17

The new year is a time to reflect on yourself and make changes. So, it's a great time to renew your faith in Jesus Christ. When you choose to let Jesus into your heart, the mistakes the old you made are forgiven, and you become a new person. It's like being reborn. Jesus loves you and wants you to be the best person you can be, so ask for his support to become the new you!

Happy New Year!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)