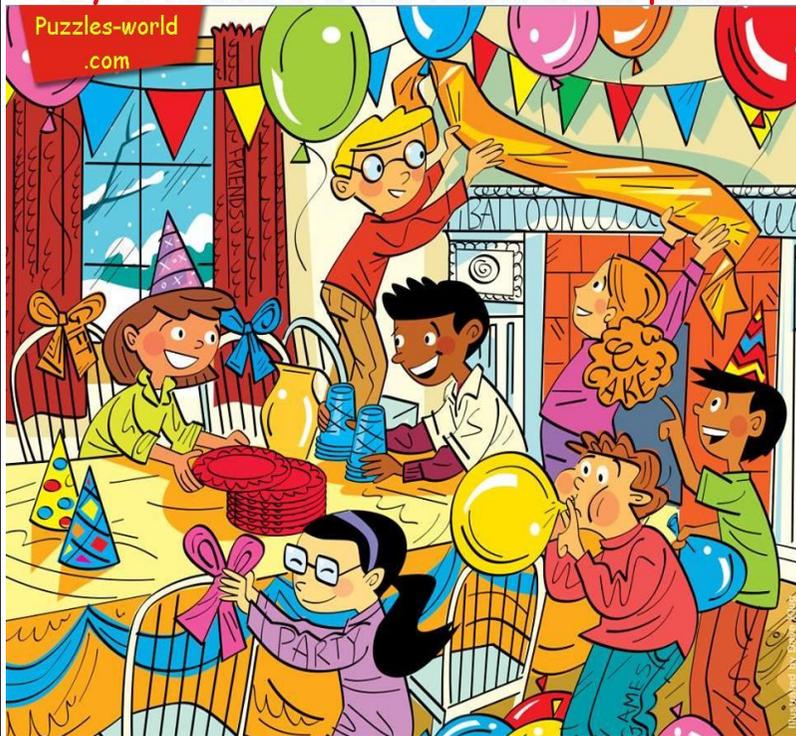


This is the last week before your tests. Yeah! Are you excited? I hope you are studying well. Remembering all of those useful facts. I remember when I had to study for tests in the summer. I would open my textbook, take out a pencil and some paper, and then just stare out of the window. It always happened. It was inevitable¹. Luckily, a lot of my tests were essay questions. I like those because even if you can't remember specific² facts³ you can still explain and write a lot. They were my favorite kind of tests. What about you?

Something Interesting (Weddings)

- Nearly all brides⁴ wear a white wedding dress now. This is because of Queen Victoria of the UK. Before she got married wedding dresses were many colors. Queen Victoria got married in white. People saw pictures of her wedding and she started a fashion that has lasted⁵.
- The music "here comes the bride" played at many weddings is actually part of the German opera Lohengrin by Richard Wagner. He was Adolph Hitler's favorite composer⁶.
- The global⁷ wedding industry⁸ was worth \$300,000,000,000 in 2016.
- The average wedding costs about \$30,000. However, expensive weddings cause debt⁹ and stress. People who spend less on weddings are less likely to¹⁰ divorce¹¹ than people who spend more.
- Twenty-three countries allow same-sex¹² weddings.

Try to Find All 6 Words Hidden in this puzzle



Last Week's Answers



Announcements

This is the start of Christian Week. There is a class leader meeting on Monday. Eiken is on Saturday.
Your tests are next week.
Good luck.

Prince Harry Marries Meghan Markle

I'm sure you already know this, but last week Prince Harry married Meghan Markle. The wedding was broadcast¹³ around the world. My wife watched it here in Japan. It was a very beautiful event, and everything appeared to go smoothly. I had to watch it here in Japan because I think they forgot to send me my invitation¹⁴. I'm sure it was just an oversight¹⁵ and they'll probably call me to apologize¹⁶ in the next few days.



The wedding was held in Windsor Castle. Prince Harry had to get permission¹⁷ from the Queen, his grandmother, to marry, to use the castle and to wear his uniform without shaving. Meghan Markle's father couldn't attend the wedding, so she was walked down the aisle by Prince Charles, Harry's father. She wore a white dress designed by Clare Waight Keller, a British designer, and, apparently¹⁸, it cost more than my house.

Meghan, however, will not become a princess. You can only be a prince or a princess if you are born into the royal family. She can be called HRH¹⁹ Princess Henry of Wales, if she uses her husband's name. She has also been made the Duchess of Essex. And, now she is royalty, she doesn't need to use a surname anymore. Harry's surname is Windsor-Mountbatten, but he goes by "Wales", which comes from his father's title²⁰, Prince of Wales. Very confusing²¹.



1. Inevitable 避けられない 2. Specific 明確な 3. Facts 情報 4. Bride 花嫁 5. Last 続く
6. Composer 作曲家 7. Global 世界中 8. Industry 産業 9. Debt 借金 10. Likely to ~可能性がある
11. Divorce 離婚 12. Same-sex 同性 13. Broadcast 放送 14. Invitation 招待状
15. Oversight 見落とし 16. Apologize 謝る 17. Permission 許可 18. Apparently どうやら～らしい
19. HRH (Her Royal Highness) 妃殿下 20. Title 敬称 21. Confusing 混乱させる

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Strange World Records

Do you own a toilet? Does it have a toilet seat? Probably. I expect it's made of plastic. They used to be made of wood. Big, heavy and wooden. Well, Kevin Shelley has the world record for breaking them with his head. Yep. You heard me right. Kevin Shelley broke 46 wooden toilet seats with his head in 1 minute. He is an elementary school teacher and a martial artist¹. We should see if we can break that record. We must have 40 or so toilets in this school. Are there any volunteers to try? If there are, come and see me. We can call the people at Guinness.



★ Places you should visit ★

If you have the time and the money you should visit the Redwood National Park² in California, USA. This park is home to the tallest species³ of tree in the world: the Giant Redwood. Redwoods can grow to over 100m tall and they live for thousands of years. A large part of America used to be covered in trees like this, but they were gradually⁴ cut down to build the growing cities of the American west coast. Now, you can only see them in protected places like this. The park is also home to many other types of flora and fauna⁵. If you do go to the park, you can walk along the paths, take guided tours, or just wander off⁶ into the wilderness⁷. Be warned though, if you do head the wrong way, we may never see you again.



★ A Strange World Food ★

Bird's Nest Soup

This is a soup made with a real bird's nest⁸. It is the nest of a type of swift⁹. The bird makes its nest using its own saliva¹⁰ which solidifies¹¹. They are very expensive. A kg of red bird's nests can cost up to \$10,000. The nests become red because they absorb¹² a mineral from the limestone¹³ walls the birds build them on.



Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me.

Carol Burnett

- 1.martial artist 武道家 2.national park 国立公園 3.species 類 4.gradually 徐々に
5.flora(植) and fauna(動) 動植物 6.wander off 迷子になる 7.wilderness 荒野 8.nest 巢
9.swift アマツバメ 10.saliva 唾液 11.solidify 固まる 12.absorb 吸収する 13.limestone 唾液