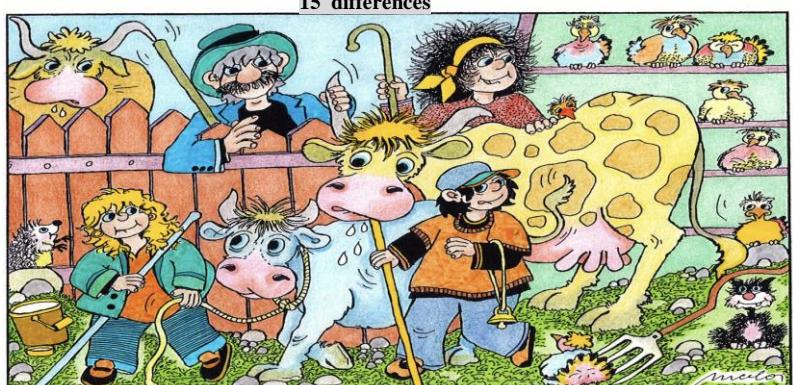


How are you all doing this week? Are you nearly ready for the school festival? Not long to go now. My class are starting to get ready, although you had a head start<sup>1</sup> on us. It's going to be fun. I know it's a lot of work and everyone gets stressed and tired, but the school festival is a lot of fun every year. I wonder if I will be able to find anything nice in the bazaar. I am usually beaten by the group of old ladies in running shoes waiting at the door when it starts. I am always amazed how fast old ladies can run when they really try.

### Something You Didn't Know (Soccer)

1. The word “soccer” was invented<sup>2</sup> in 1863. The word soccer came from Association Football<sup>3</sup>. association = soc = soccer.
2. The first sport that was similar to<sup>4</sup> modern soccer was cuju, played in China in 200BC<sup>5</sup>. The ball was filled with feathers<sup>6</sup>.
3. In England, games like soccer were played since 800AD<sup>7</sup>. In the 1860s the game was mostly<sup>8</sup> played between private schools<sup>9</sup>. They needed<sup>10</sup> to standardize<sup>11</sup> the rules so in 1863 they started the Football Association which had a rule book and teams.
4. Soccer is played and watched by more people in more countries than any other sport.
5. The top three richest sports franchises<sup>12</sup> in the world are soccer teams.



### Announcements

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade English major students have a meeting on Thursday. The short term and long term students will talk to each other to get advice.

### Japan beat Colombia

Last Tuesday, Japan pulled off<sup>13</sup> an unbelievable feat<sup>14</sup> and won their first game of the World Cup playoffs<sup>15</sup>! No one thought they could do it. The best people could have hoped for was a draw<sup>16</sup>, but the Japanese players excelled<sup>17</sup> and easily dominated<sup>18</sup> the Colombian side. Japan are currently ranked far down the FIFA rankings (61), while Colombia are 16<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully this is the sign of things to come. This could be Japan's best World Cup.



England (my country) also won their first game, but their group isn't as hard as Japan's, and no one was really surprised. If England and Japan both progress<sup>19</sup> to the next round, there is a chance that they may have to play a game against each other. If that happens, I will obviously be supporting England and my wife will support Japan. I wonder which team my daughter will support? Probably neither. She doesn't seem interested in soccer.



Japan have to win or draw the rest of the games in their group, they will probably continue to the next stage. It's going to be exciting. The Russian team are doing exceptionally<sup>20</sup> well. They have won their first two games, and they won the first game by beating Saudi Arabia by 5 goals to zero. Even with the home advantage<sup>21</sup>, they are doing very well. I wonder how far they will get. Obviously, they won't win. That's England. England are going to win the World Cup!

- 1. Head start 優先スタート
- 2. Invent 発明する
- 3. Association football イングランドサッカー協会
- 4. Similar to～に似ている
- 5. BC Before Christ 西暦紀元前
- 6. Feather 羽毛
- 7. AD anno Domini キリスト紀元
- 8. Mostly ほとんど
- 9. Private school 私立学校
- 10. Need 必要
- 11. Standardize 規格化する
- 12. Franchise フランチャイズ
- 13. Pull off～を上手くやり通す
- 14. Feat 功績
- 15. Playoff 決勝戦
- 16. Draw 引き分け
- 17. Excel～より秀でる
- 18. Dominate 支配する
- 19. Progress 続く
- 20. Exceptionally 非常に
- 21. Home advantage 地元の強み

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## Strange World Records

Once I reached 30, I noticed<sup>1</sup> that hair started to grow out of my ears. I don't know why. I trim<sup>2</sup> it. Once I reached 40, it grew even faster and I had to trim it more often. I still don't know why. I never once considered<sup>3</sup> just letting it grow wild. Radhakant Baijpal, a shopkeeper from India, decided to let his grow. It is now 25cm long. Guinness gave him the world record for the world's longest ear hair in 2009. That was 9 years ago. I cannot find current information for him, but I'm guessing his ear hair is now 30 or 35cm long. Wow! So, I finally have a goal. Steven Askew – longest ear hair in Hokusei!



I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.



Maya Angelou

# ★ Places you should visit ★

If you have the time and the money, you should definitely visit the pyramids at Giza. There used to be seven wonders of the world<sup>4</sup>. The pyramids are the only ancient<sup>5</sup> wonder remaining<sup>6</sup>. They were built about 4,500 years ago. They have lost some of their luster<sup>7</sup>, but they are still worth seeing. When they were first built, they were covered in white limestone<sup>8</sup>. This made them gleam<sup>9</sup> and they could be seen for miles around. Over the millennia<sup>10</sup>, that layer has been stolen, leaving them as they are now. People used to think they were built by slaves<sup>11</sup>, but evidence has shown that they were built by paid workers. When you visit, before you enter, spend few minutes thinking about how long they have been there. We are connected through time.



## ★ A Strange World Food ★

### Marmite - Vegemite

Now, this food is not actually strange for me. I have it on my toast most mornings. But, many people find it odd<sup>12</sup>. It is made from the left-over yeast used when brewing beer<sup>13</sup>. It is a sticky brown paste and is very salty. You usually eat it on toast, sometimes with cheese. If you have never tried it, you don't know what you are missing.



1.notice 気がつく 2.trim 切り取る 3.consider よく考える 4.Seven wonders of the world 世界の七不思議 5.ancient 古代の 6.remaining 残っている 7.luster 光沢 8.limestone 石灰岩 9.gleam 光る 10.millennia 千年 11.slave 奴隸 12.odd 不思議 13.brew beer ビールを醸造する