













Wow! That was a good school festival. The PS shows were wonderful. Although, my ears still haven't stopped ringing¹. I know everybody is having fun, but I sometimes couldn't hear the music over the screaming. And the weather cleared up². It was perfect timing. I thought the whole day might get rained off³, but it was absolutely perfect. And so many people bought my class's cotton candy. I think we'll use the profits⁴ to buy a nice comfortable sofa for 6G. Or maybe a fridge full of cold drinks. What do you think?

Something You Don't Know (Sausages)

1. The word sausage comes from the Latin "salsus", which means salted⁵.
2. Traditionally butchers⁶ would salt the bits of meat that they didn't sell (scraps⁷, organ meat⁸, blood and fat) and salt them. Then they would put this meat into cleaned pieces of the animal's intestine⁹. This would help to preserve¹⁰ them and gave them their shape.
3. These days the meats are not salted as much, and the cases are synthetic¹¹.
4. In Japan, people call sausages frankfurters or wieners. The word "frankfurter" is for sausages made in Frankfurt, Germany, and "wiener" is for sausages made in Vienna, Austria.
5. A German immigrant¹² to the US, called Feuchtwanger, is supposed to have sold the first hotdog in 1880. His sausages were too hot for his customers to hold, so his wife suggested¹³ putting them in bread. Thanks to her, Joey Chestnut could eat 74 of them last week.

Last Week's Answers

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Announcements

Yesterday was a holiday, of course. It's a week for cleaning classrooms. The JHS have time to practice for their school festival from Thursday. Good luck to them.

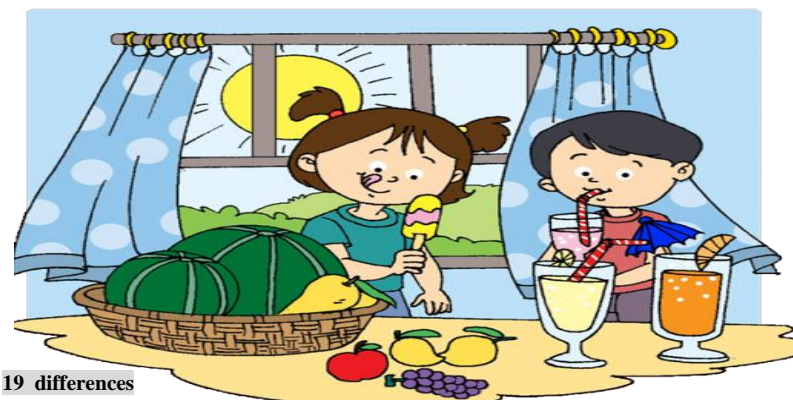
Nathan's July 4th Hotdog Competition

Last Wednesday, Joey "the Jaws¹⁴" Chestnut beat his own record and ate 74 hotdogs. 74! Have you ever tried to see how many hotdogs you can eat? I start to feel sick after about three. And he ate 74! Joey Chestnut has now won the competition 11 times. The yearly competition started in about 1970 and in the early days competitors didn't eat that many hotdogs in the twelve minutes. Very few people ate twenty.

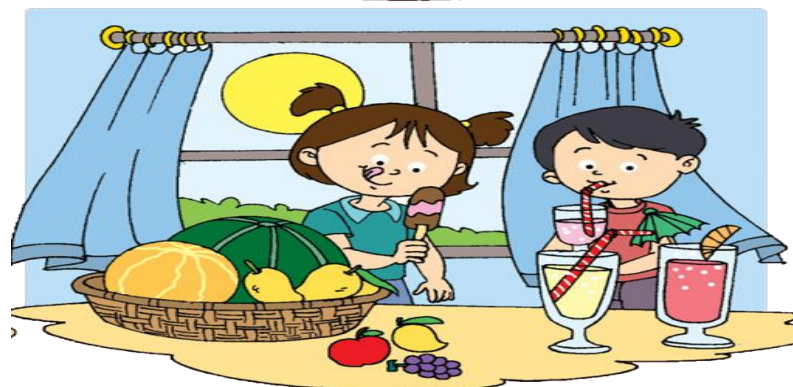


Then, in 2001 a new face came on the scene¹⁵ that changed the way competitive hotdog eating is done. Takeru Kobayashi from Japan ate 50 hotdogs. He smashed the competition¹⁶, almost doubling the second-place contestant. His method is to pull the sausages out of two hotdogs and swallow¹⁷ them together without chewing¹⁸. Then he scrunches¹⁹ the bread together and dips it in water to make it soggy²⁰. Then he swallows it.

His record increased year by year until Joey Chestnut arrived. Chestnut beat Kobayashi in 2007 by 66 hotdogs to 63. Since then, Joey Chestnut has refined his technique²¹ and has managed to eat 74 hotdogs. That means he is eating one hotdog every 9.7 seconds. I think we should try to beat this record ourselves. Maybe in next year's school festival. All we need is one class to make hotdogs and some willing people to participate. I'll try.



19 differences



- 1.Ringing ears 耳鳴り 2.Clear up 天気が良くなる 3.Rain off 雨で中止 4.Profit 利益 5.Salted 塩付け
6.Butcher 肉屋 7.Scraps~の断片 8.Organ meat 内臓肉 9.Intestine 腸 10.Preserve 保存する
11.Synthetic 人工の 12.Immigrant 移民者 13.Suggest~を提案する 14.Jaw 顎 15.New face on the scene つもの大会に新しい人が来ました 16.Smash the competition 相手を潰す 17.Swallow 飲み込む
18.Chew 噛む 19.Scrunch うずくまる 20.Soggy ずぶぬれの 21.Refine a technique 技術を改良する

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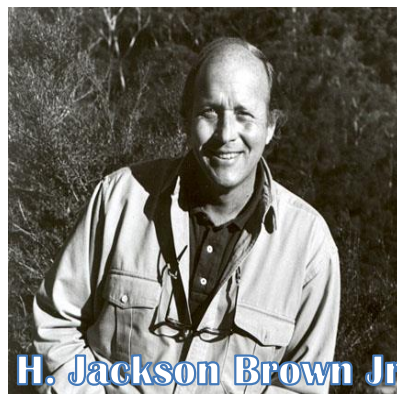


Strange World Records

I once took a ride in a motorized rickshaw¹ in India. There was the driver, me and four of my friends. It was pretty tight². But, that was nothing compared to how the people who got this world record must have felt. The record was broken in Russia. 41 people managed to squeeze themselves into³ a Toyota Rav 4. Imagine being the first person in! You have to wait until all the others are in, and then wait for them all to get out again. All the time with your face stuck in someone's sweaty armpit⁴. Also, I heard that 41 got in, but only 40 came out again! What happened to number 41?



Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.



H. Jackson Brown Jr

★ Places you should visit ★

If you have the time and the money, you should definitely visit Vaadhoo Island in the Maldives. The island is beautiful in itself, but it is most famous for the sea of stars. At night, the sea lights up and looks like it is reflecting all of the stars above. In fact, they are not stars but a phytoplankton⁵ called dinoflagellates. The Maldives is a chain of 26 islands located off the south west coast of India. The Republic of Maldives⁶ is the lowest country in the world with an average height above sea level of 1.5m. The highest point on all of the islands is 2.4m. Rising sea levels will cause a lot of problems for the chain of islands, and a large percentage of it could be underwater by the end of the century. The Maldives has pledged to be carbon neutral⁷ by 2019. We should too.



★ A Strange World Food ★

Pancake drink

This is something from Japan. I have never seen it, but I'd love to try it. I'm not entirely sure what it is. It's some kind of thick drink that tastes like pancakes. I can't really imagine what that would taste like. A really milky pancake? Maybe it would taste like the pancake batter⁸ you make before you cook the pancakes. If any of you have tried it, come and tell me what it tastes like. I'm very interested.



1. motorized rickshaw 電人力車 2. tight きつい 3. squeeze into 無理に押し込む 4. armpit 脇
 5. phytoplankton プランクトン 6. The Republic of Maldives 技術を改良する 6. Carbon neutral 植物由来の原料の場合、燃やして炭酸ガスを放出しても、その炭酸ガス中の炭素は元来植物が光合成によって大気中の炭酸ガスから取り込んだものなので、大気中の炭酸ガス濃度は常に一定に保たれる。このような炭素循環の考え方をカーボンニュートラルという。