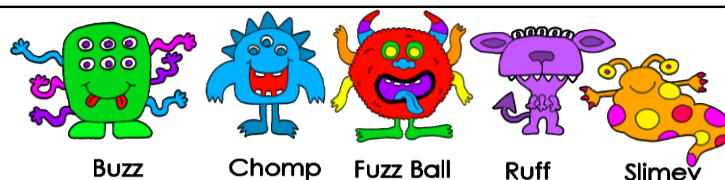


Did you have a good weekend? I had a barbecue with my family at Satoland. It was wonderful. The weather was nice and I ate a lot of meat. I love meat. I could give up vegetables, but I could never give up meat. What about you? I think it might be the last chance we have to do outside things as a family. My daughter and I will happily go out in the winter, but my wife won't. In the winter she huddles<sup>1</sup> under a blanket and won't leave the house unless she absolutely has to. Almost like a hibernating<sup>2</sup> bear.

## Something You Don't Know (Manga)

1. The characters for manga (漫画) are the same in Chinese and Korean.
2. The characters translate to English as "whimsical pictures".
3. 40% of all books sold in Japan are manga.
4. Manga is an English word. In Japan it means all comics, but in English it means Japanese comics.
5. Osamu Tezuka, the author of Astro Boy, wrote 150,000 pages in his life.
6. Dokaben is the longest running manga with 203 volumes.
7. One Piece is the most popular manga of all time. It has sold 440 million copies.
8. All manga are drawn by hand. This can take a very long time.
9. Assistants and wannabe<sup>3</sup> artists usually draw the backgrounds and less important parts.



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Buzz	Chomp	Fuzz Ball	Ruff	Slimey

### Clues

1. Slimey is the youngest of the weird monsters.
2. Chomp has been alive for an odd number of years.
3. Buzz has been alive for the same number of years as he has eyes.
4. Ruff is four years older than Buzz.

### Last Week's Answers



### Announcements

5F, the students who went to Australia, are going to make a presentation in the assembly on Monday morning. And there is nothing else this week. The tests are coming!

## Momoko Sakura Dies

Momoko Sakura has died at the age of 53. She was the creator of Chibi Maruko Chan. She died of breast cancer<sup>4</sup>. She became a manga artist in 1984, when she was only 19 years old. She started to draw Chibi Maruko Chan in 1986. The comic became extremely popular and was made into an animated TV series in 1990. The anime series has been translated and broadcast in 60 different countries.



Momoko Sakura is not her real name. She was a very private person and didn't reveal<sup>5</sup> very much about herself. She started writing and submitting<sup>6</sup> manga strips when she was still at high school. Many of the characters and stories are inspired by<sup>7</sup> events from her own life. She has written 15 volumes of the manga and they have sold over 31 million copies in Japan. It is the fifth best-selling manga in Japan.

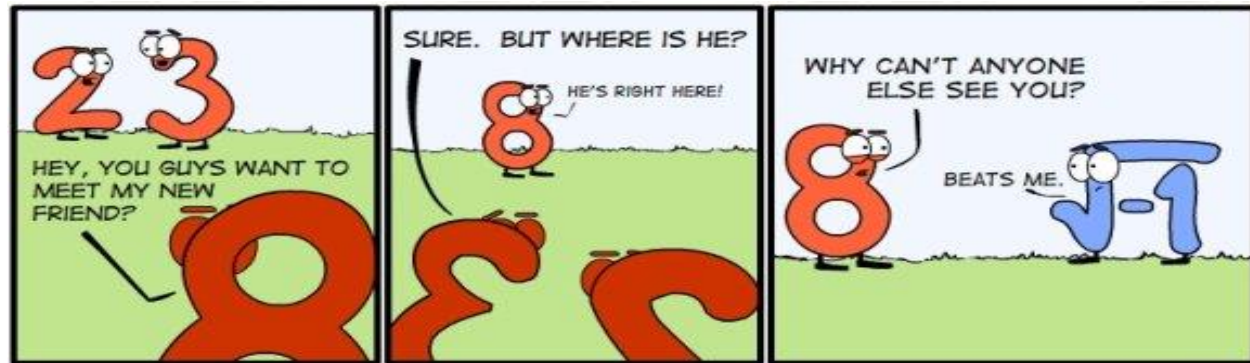
Sakura Momoko wrote the manga, but she is also the main character. It is the story of her life when she was a third grader in elementary school. The idea is that Chibi Maruko is drawing the cartoon. Ms. Sakura also wrote all of the Chibi Maruko chan movies. The production company<sup>8</sup> behind the anime say they will continue to make it. People around the world have expressed their sadness at Momoko Sakura's death. She was especially popular in China.



**1.Huddle** じゃがませる **2.Hibernate** 冬眠 **3.Wannabe** ~を目指している人 **4.Breast cancer** 乳がん **5.Reveal** 公開する **6.Submit** 提出する **7.Inspired by** ~に端を発する **8.Production company** 制作会社



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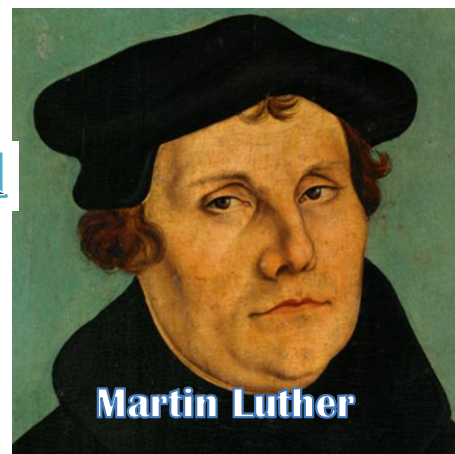


## World Records

Do you like coconuts? I bet you do. How do you break the shell to get to the sweet, soft flesh? I bet you use some kind of tool. You can buy coconut openers. Or, maybe you use a hammer. Not Abheesh P. Dominic from India. He doesn't use tools. Oh no. He uses his hands. And rightly so. And, I guess he likes coconuts because he smashed<sup>1</sup> 124 of them in a minute. He must really love coconuts. I wonder what he did with all the coconut meat. Maybe he made lots of Thai coconut curry.



Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.



# ★ Places you should visit ★

If you have the time and the money, you should definitely visit Lençóis Maranhenses in Brazil. The area is a national park filled with white sand dunes<sup>2</sup>. In the rainy season the spaces between the dunes fill with rain water and form beautiful blue freshwater lagoons<sup>3</sup>. You can enjoy many types of watersports here or you can just sit on the dunes and admire the view. In the very center of the park are two oases<sup>4</sup>. There are some hotels on the edge of the national park that you can stay in. The area is not actually a desert because it receives about 120cm of rain every year. You may have to walk a little bit to find a place that doesn't have many people. You can see many animals here as well. Four of them are listed as endangered species.



# ★ An Unhealthy Food ★

## Fried Mars Bar

There is a chocolate bar in the UK called a Mars Bar. It is called a Milky Way in the US. In England, some people didn't think the chocolate bar was unhealthy enough on its own, so they decided to deep fry it. In the same way as last week's fried butter, a frozen Mars Bar is dipped in batter and then deep fried. I must say it sounds a little more appetizing<sup>5</sup> than fried butter, but imagine what it will do to your heart.



- 1.Smash つぶす 2.Sand dune 砂丘 3.Freshwater Lagoon 淡水潟 4.Oasis オアシス  
5.Appetizing 食欲をそそる