

6/15/2015 (#9 this year)

The weather hasn't been very pleasant<sup>1</sup> recently. You would be forgiven for thinking that<sup>2</sup> it wasn't June. Still, next week looks like it is going to be nicer. Last Friday the dormitory<sup>3</sup> students played dodgeball and other games in the gym. They had a lot of fun and they are all very good at sports. I'm not very good at dodgeball. I can see the ball coming but my reaction times<sup>4</sup> are so slow that by the time my brain has shouted "move!!" the ball has hit me in the face.

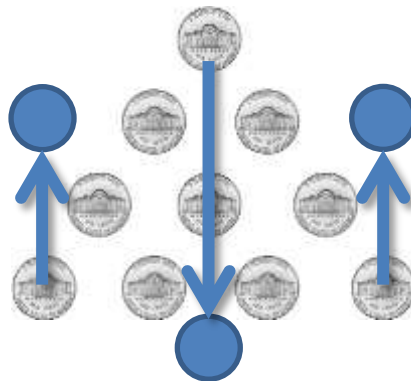
### Something You Don't Know (Moai<sup>5</sup>)

1. There are 887 statues<sup>6</sup>. The tallest is 10m and weighs<sup>7</sup> 82 tons. There is an unfinished<sup>8</sup> statue which would have been 21m high and weighed 270 tons.
2. They were made between 1250 and 1500. At this time all of the trees had been cut down on the island. There was a food shortage<sup>9</sup> and the civilization<sup>10</sup> collapsed<sup>11</sup>. In the wars all of the standing Moai were toppled over<sup>12</sup>.
3. 11 of the Moai have been taken to other countries.
4. The figures are a world heritage site<sup>13</sup>. In 2008 a Finnish<sup>14</sup> tourist broke a piece of ear off and was fined<sup>15</sup> \$17,000.



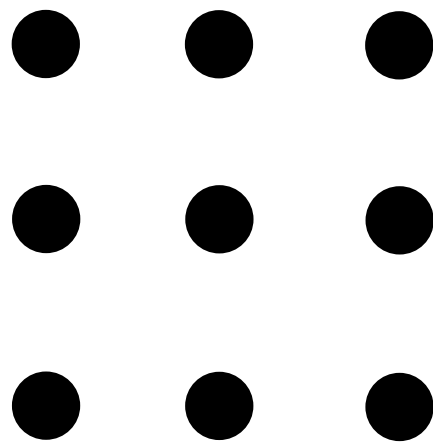
Unfinished Moai

### Last Week's Answers



### Announcements

Student teachers are here for three weeks from today. I and Ii have demo classes on Wednesday. V grade English major students have a workshop on Saturday.



Can you connect all 9 dots with only four continuous lines? Each line must start where the last one ends.

### News

### Easter Island Head Statues Have Bodies And Tattoos

This news is a few<sup>16</sup> years old but it has only just become popular across the Internet. In 2012 a group of archaeologists<sup>17</sup> dug<sup>18</sup> down to see what was underneath<sup>19</sup> the giant head statues, called Moai, that cover the Easter Islands. They found that the heads had stone bodies.



These bodies were buried deep<sup>20</sup> in the earth. What surprised the archaeologists was that these bodies were covered in carvings<sup>21</sup> of tattoos<sup>22</sup>. The people that lived on the islands had the same kind of tattoos. The tattoos are intricate<sup>23</sup> and have many symbols<sup>24</sup> that the archaeologists don't yet understand.



These pictures are three years old but they suddenly went viral<sup>25</sup> on the Internet last week, being viewed by over a million people in a day. Many people are surprised that the Moai have bodies because the most famous images of the Moai show only heads. I would love to go and see them one day.



- 1.Pleasant 心地良い 2.Forgiven for thinking that [that 以下] と疑っ [思っ] ても仕方がない 3.Dormitory 寮 4.Reaction time 反応時間 5.Moai モアイ像 6.Statue 像 7.Weigh 重さ 8.Unfinished 未完成 9.Food shortage 食糧不足 10.Civilization 文明 11.Collapse 崩壊 12.Topple over 倒す 13.World heritage site ユネスコ世界遺産地 14.Finnish フィンランドの 15.Fine 罰金払う 16.Few 少し 17.Archaeologist 考古学者 18.Dig 掘る 19.Underneath ~の下 20.Buried deep 奥の方に埋もれている 21.Carving 彫刻 22.Tattoo 入れ墨 23.Intricate 込み入った 24.Symbol 記号 25.Go viral 急速に広まる (ウイルスのような増やし方)