

8/24/2015 (#15 this year)

Did you have a good summer vacation? It was nice, but too short. When I was at high school in England we had 8 weeks of summer vacation! I went to Australia this summer with 5F. We had a great time. I loved Adelaide and I would happily¹ live there. My wife doesn't agree² with me though. She wants to stay in Japan. Every year a list of the top ten most livable cities in the world³ is produced⁴ and Adelaide always comes in the top five. Maybe I will go there when I retire⁵. Maybe...

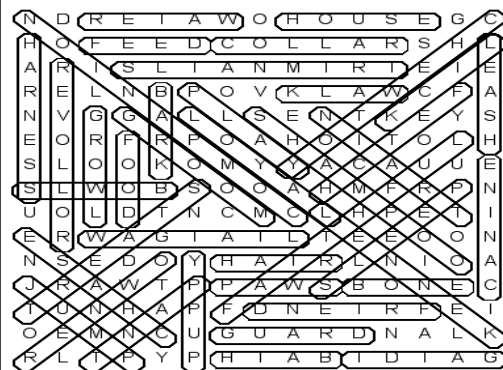
Something You Don't Know (Centenarians⁶)

1. The world population⁷ passed 7 billion⁸ on 12th March 2012. It is expected to⁹ reach 8 billion in the spring of 2024. It took 123 years to go from 1 to 2 billion.
2. 7.9% of the world's population is aged over 65. However, Japan is 25% right now and increasing¹⁰. It is predicted to be¹¹ 38% by 2050.
3. There are about 315,000 people over 100 in the world. 55,000 of them live in Japan.
4. 83% of people how live past 100 are female¹². This is very unfair¹³! Ha ha.
5. By 2050 Japan could have over 500,000 centenarians.
6. The oldest ever person was 122. This will probably rise in the future as medical technology¹⁴ improves¹⁵.



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Last Week's Answers



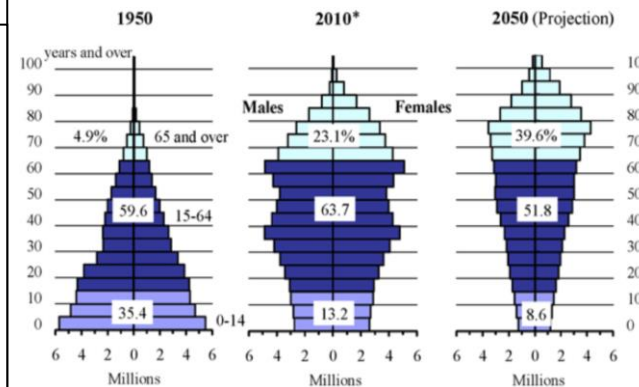
Announcements

The junior high school festival is on this Thursday and Friday. They have no afternoon classes all week to get ready. There are no announcements for the high school.

News

Japan to stop gifts to centenarians

The Japanese government¹⁶ is considering¹⁷ stopping the gift it gives to centenarians, people who have turned 100¹⁸ years old, because it is becoming too expensive. At the moment, if you turn 100, the government will give you a solid silver¹⁹ sake dish²⁰. Each one²¹ of these costs 8,000 yen.



The system was first started in 1950 when 153 people turned 100. However, because more people are living longer, this year 29,357 people will turn 100. In 2018 39,000 people will turn 100! That means the government has to spend about 300 million yen to buy all of the gifts. They say it is too much.

The government hasn't decided²² what it will do instead²³. A lot of people are complaining²⁴ about the government's decision because 300 million yen is not a lot of money to thank these people for their contribution to²⁵ Japan. It is also less than many politicians²⁶ spend.



- 1.Happily 喜んで 2.Agree 賛成する 3.The top ten most livable cities in the world 世界で最も住みやすい都市のトップテン 4.Produce 作り出します 5.Retire 退職する 6.Centenarian 100歳 7.World population 世界人口 8.Billion 10億 9.Expected to ~するはずだ 10.Increase 増える 11.Predicted to be ~と予想される 12.Female 女 13.Unfair 不公平 14.Medical technology 医療技術 15.Improve よくなる 16.Government 政府 17.Consider 考える 18.Turn 100 100歳になる 19.Solid silver 純銀 20.Sake dish 日本酒のさら 21.Each one 客 22.Decide 決める 23.Instead 代わりに 24.Complain 文句言う 25.Contribute to ~に貢献する 26.Politician 政治家

I hope you all live until you are one hundred years old!