

9/24/2015 (#18 this year)

Did you enjoy your silver week? We have two days of school and then we are back on holiday again. I do like this system. I think we should only have two days of school every two weeks. What would you do with all of that free time? Would you get bored¹? I'm pretty sure² I could find something to fill the time³. I'm going down to Tokyo next week. I am going to take my daughter to Disneyland for the first time. It should be fun, presuming⁴ the coming typhoon holds off⁵. If you don't see me on Wednesday then I am still in Tokyo.

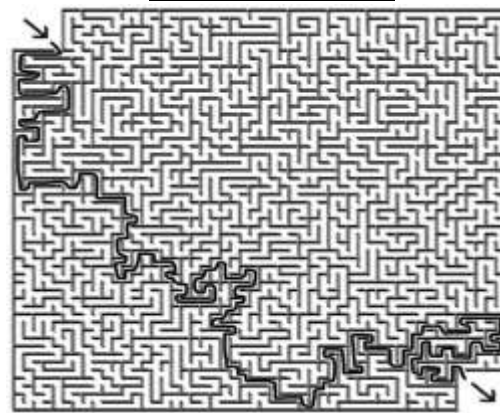
Something You Don't Know (Rugby⁶)

1. The ancient Greeks⁷ played a game called Episkyros, which was similar⁸ to rugby.
2. The modern game of rugby started at Rugby School, Rugby, England in 1823.
3. There is a story that a boy, William Webb Ellis, caught a ball during a soccer match and ran with it, starting the game of rugby. This is probably⁹ not true but the rugby world cup trophy¹⁰ is called the Webb Ellis Cup in honor of¹¹ him.
4. The rugby world cup game with the highest number of points was in 1995 when New Zealand beat¹² Japan by 145 points to 7.
5. The first rugby balls were plum-shaped¹³ because they were made of pig bladders¹⁴.
6. There are two different sets of rules¹⁵ from rugby: rugby league and rugby union.

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ACORN	EQUINOX	NOVEMBER	SEPTEMBER
APPLE	FALL	OCTOBER	SHORTER DAYS
BIRD MIGRATION	FARMING	ORANGE LEAVES	SQUASH
BLOWING LEAVES	FEAST	PIE	SWEET POTATOES
BLUSTERY DAY	FROST	PUMPKIN	THANKSGIVING
CANNING	HALLOWEEN	RAKE	TURKEY
CHESTNUTS	HARVEST	RED LEAVES	WINDY
CHILLY	HAYSTACK	SCARECROW	YELLOW LEAVES
COLD	HICKORY NUTS	SCHOOL	
CROPS	LONGER NIGHTS	SEASON	

Last Week's Answers



Announcements

This is a very short week. On Thursday, today, we have normal school. Friday there is a closing ceremony, cleaning and then LHR.

News

Japan wins first rugby match world cup game in 24 years

Last Sunday the Japanese rugby team took on¹⁶ the might of¹⁷ the South African rugby team. Japan had not won a world cup match in 24 years. South Africa are the team predicted¹⁸ to win the whole¹⁹ world cup. This upset²⁰ was completely²¹ unexpected²² and has taken the rugby world by surprise²³.



At the start of the game the odds of²⁴ Japan were winning were 66-1. They were the underdogs²⁵. South Africa were ahead²⁶ for most of the game but as the final minutes ticked down²⁷ Karne Hesketh crossed the line to score a try²⁸ and win the match 32-34! Even the Japanese team couldn't believe it. I don't think anybody could believe it.

Japan play Scotland on Wednesday evening (tonight as I write this) so by the time you are reading they could have won another game. I hope they go on to win the whole world cup. The next world cup, in 2019, will be held in Japan. It would be nice for the host nation²⁹ to be the defending champions³⁰. I cannot wait for the game.



1. Get bored 退屈する 2. Pretty sure ~にまず間違いないと思う 3. Fill the time 時間を潰す
4. Presuming 生意気な 5. Hold off 寄せ付けない 6. Rugby ラグビー 7. Ancient Greeks 古代ギリシャ人
8. Similar 似ている 9. Probably 可能性が高い 10. Rugby world cup trophy ラグビーw杯トロフィー
11. In honor of ~に敬意を表して 12. Beat 負かす 13. Plum-shaped プラム形
14. Pig bladder 豚の膀胱 15. Set of rules 一連の規則 16. Take on ~と対戦する 17. The might of ~の力
18. Predicted 予測される 19. The whole ~の全て 20. Upset 意外な結果 21. Completely 完全に
22. Unexpected 意外なこと 23. Take by surprise (人) の不意を襲う 24. The odds of ~を得る確率
25. Underdog 勝ち目のない 26. Ahead 勝ち越して 27. Tick down 勝ち越して
28. Try トライ 29. Host nation 開催国 30. Defending champion 前回優勝者