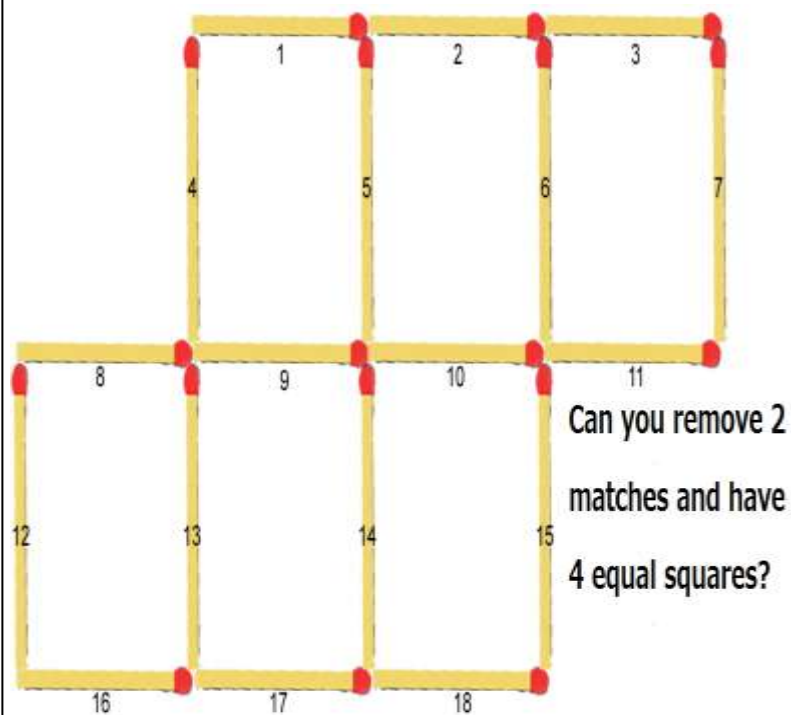


What crazy<sup>1</sup> weather we had last week. Although<sup>2</sup>, we were lucky because it was much worse on the far east<sup>3</sup> of Hokkaido. Do you think there are more typhoons than there used to be? Or do you just think the media makes more of them than they used to?

The music department had their yearly<sup>4</sup> concert last year. It was excellent. Every year I look forward to going. I like classical music but the students play so well that I am always overwhelmed<sup>5</sup>. They are all young but they play like professionals.

### Something You Didn't Know (Google)

1. It seems like<sup>6</sup> Google has been here forever<sup>7</sup> but it only started in January 1996.
2. The name Google comes from googol<sup>8</sup> which is a 1 with 100 zeroes.
3. Larry Brin and Sergei Page tried to sell Google in 1999 for \$1,000,000 but couldn't. The company is now worth<sup>9</sup> \$370 billion<sup>10</sup>.
4. There are over 3.5 billion searches<sup>11</sup> every day. That is over 70 petabytes<sup>12</sup> of data.
5. 1petabyte(PB)=1024gigabytes(GB)=1,048,576megabytes(MB)=1,073,741,824kilobytes(KB)
6. Google has indexed<sup>13</sup> over 30 trillion<sup>14</sup> pages.
7. Google's average search time is 500ms<sup>15</sup>.
8. Google's mission<sup>16</sup> is to have 100% of information<sup>17</sup> available<sup>18</sup> 100% of the time.



### Last Week's Answers



### Announcements

The third grade have tests on Wed. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade English Majors have Eltis on Thurs. The Kanji Kentei in on Friday. There is an open day on Saturday.

### News

#### Man Buys Google.com for \$12

Last week Sanmey Ved, a student at Babson College in Massachusetts, managed to<sup>19</sup> buy the world's most expensive domain name for only \$12. The student was looking on Google's site for available google domain names. Suddenly he found that google.com was available for purchase<sup>20</sup>. He jumped at the chance<sup>21</sup>. He says that he paid \$12.



The company have a rewards program<sup>27</sup> for people who help them find mistakes in their software and they offered<sup>28</sup> Sanmey a reward. He said he didn't want the money and they should give it to charity<sup>29</sup>. Google doubled the reward! Incidentally<sup>30</sup>, if you wanted to buy google.com right now it would cost you about \$79 billion.



He thought it must be a joke. Why would the world's most powerful domain name<sup>22</sup> be available? But the transaction<sup>23</sup> was confirmed<sup>24</sup> and his credit card was charged. He had become the owner of google.com! Now, Sanmey is a good person. This was obviously<sup>25</sup> someone's mistake and rather than trying to ransom<sup>26</sup> Google for lots of money he called them.



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5.Overwhelmed 圧倒された 6.Seems like~のように感じる 7.Forever 永遠 8.Googol10の100乗 9.Worth~ドルの値打ちがある 10.Billion 10億 11.Search 検索 12.Petabyte ペタバイト 13.Index~を索引に載せる 14.Trillion 10兆 15.Ms (millisecond) 1000分の1秒 16.Mission~を見つける 17.Information 情報 18.Available 有効な 19.Manage to~ができる 20.Purchase 買う 21.Jump at a chance to 好機に飛び付く 22.The world's most powerful domain name 世界の最も力強いドメイン 23.Transaction 取引 24.Confirm 確認する 25.Obviously 明らかに 26.Ransom 身請けする 27.Rewards program 報酬プログラム 28.Offer 申し出す 29.Charity 慈善 30.Incidentally ところで