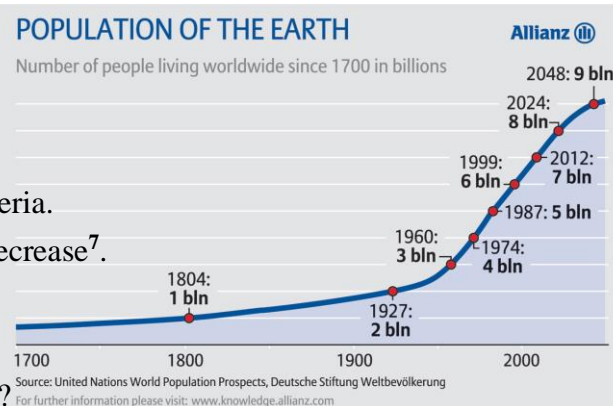


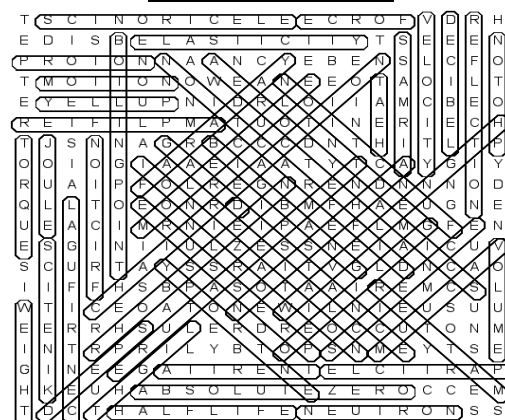
The third grade have arrived back safely. I hope they all remembered to buy me a lot of presents! This week we have a number of things happening. The first, and probably most important for all of you, is that tomorrow is a public holiday<sup>1</sup>. It is “culture day” so I expect all of you to dress in kimonos after breakfast and spend the morning doing the tea ceremony. After lunch you can do calligraphy<sup>2</sup> or a martial art<sup>3</sup> until you have a kaiseki<sup>4</sup> dinner. I am only joking but it is good sometimes to think about your culture and to practice it.

## Something You Didn't Know (Population<sup>5</sup> in 2050)

1. The world population will be 9 billion<sup>6</sup> people.
2. India will have the most people, 1.6 billion.
3. 1.5 billion people will be over 65.
4. Japan will only have 80 million people.
5. The top three countries will be India, China, Nigeria.
6. Japan, Russia and Germany's populations will decrease<sup>7</sup>.
7. After 2050 there are three different ways the population could change. It could continue<sup>8</sup> to grow, it could balance out<sup>9</sup>, it could fall. What will happen?



## Last Week's Answers



## Announcements

Tuesday is a holiday. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have holiday Monday and Wednesday. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade have tests on Wednesday. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades have English day on Sat.

## News

### China repeals One-Child Policy

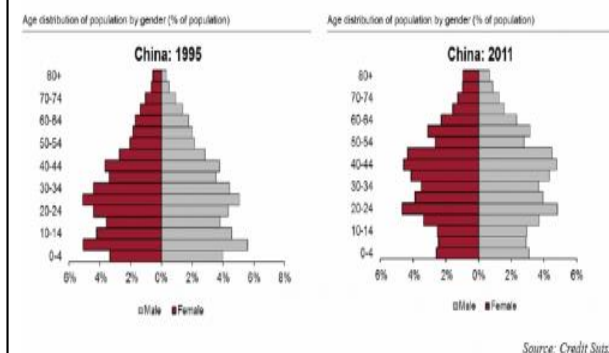
Last week China announced<sup>10</sup> that it was repealing<sup>11</sup> its one child policy<sup>12</sup>. The law<sup>13</sup> was made in 1979 and has been enforced<sup>14</sup> for over 30 years. The one child policy meant that married couples could only have one child. If they had more than one, they had to pay very heavy fines<sup>15</sup> or have an abortion<sup>16</sup>. The policy was controversial<sup>17</sup>.



In the 1970s China's population went over 800 million and by the end of the decade<sup>18</sup> it was about to cross<sup>19</sup> 1 billion people. The government<sup>20</sup> didn't know how to control it so they decided on<sup>21</sup> the one child policy. This rapidly<sup>22</sup> lowered<sup>23</sup> the birth rate<sup>23</sup> in the country and slowed the population growth. The population is expected to<sup>24</sup> peak<sup>25</sup> at 1.5 billion in 2030.



One of the problems China now faces<sup>26</sup> is an aging population<sup>27</sup>, the same as Japan. To try and solve<sup>28</sup> this problem, and bring more young people into the country, they have decided to cancel the one child policy. That means the population will start to grow again and who knows how high it will go before it tops out<sup>29</sup>.



**1.Public holiday** 祝日 **2.Calligraphy** 書道 **3.Martial art** 武術 **4.Kaiseki** 懐石料理 **5.Population** 人口 **6.Billion** 10億 **7.Decrease** 減る **8.Continue** 続く **9.Balance out** 釣り合う **10.Announce** 発表する **11.Repeal** 廃止する **12.One child policy** 一人っ子政策 **13.Law** 法律 **14.Enforce** 施行する **15.Heavy fine** 重い罰金 **16.Abortion** 妊娠中絶 **17.Controversial** 議論を引き起こす **18.Decade** 10年間 **19.Cross** なる(渡る) **20.Government** 政府 **21.Decide on** に決める **22.Rapidly** 早く **23.Birth rate** 生産率 **24.Expect to** ~になるつもりである **25.Peak** 最大になる **26.Face a problem** 問題に直面する **27.Solve** 解決する **28.Top out** 最高で