

Welcome back from your four and a half day weekend. Did you have fun? We had the entrance exams here at school. Hopefully¹ we are going to get many new students to our school. The more the merrier². And the snow is melting³. I do enjoy the warmer weather and the lighter evenings but I don't enjoy having to dive⁴ out of the way of the spray⁶ from cars as they race through enormous⁷ puddles⁸. Although, last year, my wife and I got sprayed. The car pulled up a few meters away and a little old lady jumped out with a towel, saying, "sorry, sorry." Some people are so nice.

Something You Didn't Know (Roses⁹)

1. There are over 150 different species¹⁰ of rose and there is a 35 million year old rose fossil¹¹.
2. One rose, called the happy rose, is multicolored¹² and costs about 5,000 yen.
3. Most roses you buy in the shops have come from Kenya¹³, Colombia¹⁴ or Ecuador¹⁵. 54% of the land in Ecuador is filled with roses..
4. The roses are kept very cold, but not frozen, so they don't wilt¹⁶.
5. About 600 million roses are sold worldwide¹⁷ on Valentine's Day.
6. Roses are edible¹⁸ and rose water and rose syrup are used in food.
7. One rose consumes¹⁹ 13L of water to bloom²⁰.
8. All roses have five petals²¹, except for²² the Rosa Sericea which has 4.



Last Week's Answers



Announcements

IV and V music department have tests on Tuesday. JHS have demo classes on Wednesday. And that is it. It will be a quiet week. Good luck studying.

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News

A Rose By Any Other Name

Last week 25,000 roses were planted²³ in Hong Kong's Tamar Park. It was Valentine's Day and roses are traditionally²⁴ the flower associated with²⁵ that celebration²⁶. However, these roses were not red they were bright white. They shone²⁷ like 25,000 small points of light²⁸ in the darkness and lit up the whole of the park. It was a beautiful sight to see. Many couples came.



The roses were obviously²⁹ not real. Each one has petals made of a waterproof material³⁰ and in the middle is an LED light. The lights are switched off during the day, but at night the entire³¹ park lights up. It has become a very popular place to visit. The flowers were planted by a Korean team and it took them six months. When will they come to Sapporo?



This is the second flower garden in the world. The first one was planted in Seoul. It has 25,550 roses and was opened on August 15th 2015, however it does not have a romantic meaning³². This was the 70th anniversary³³ of the liberation³⁴ of Korea and 365 days x 70 years is 25,550.



- 1.Hopefully うまくいけば 2.The more the merrier 多ければますます愉快 3.Melt 溶ける
4.Dive 飛び込む 5.Out of the way of 常道を離れて 6.Spray 噴霧 7.Enormous 巨大な
8.Puddle 水たまり 9.Rose 薔薇 10.Species 種 11.Fossil 化石 12.Multicolored 多色
13.Kenya ケニア 14.Colombia コロンビア 15.Ecuador エクアドル 16.Wilt しおれる
17.Worldwide 世界中 18.Edible 食べられる 19.Consume 消費する 20.Bloom 花が咲く
21.Petal 花弁 22.Except for ~以外 23.Plant 植える 24.Traditionally 伝統的に
25.Associated with ~と関係がある 26.Celebration お祝い 27.Shine 光る 28.Point of light 明るい光の点 29.Obviously 明らかに 30.Waterproof material 防水材 31.Entire 全体の 32.Romantic meaning ロマンチック目的 33.Anniversary 記念日 34.Liberation 解放