

3/7/2016 (#38 this year)

I always hand out¹ my English News on a Monday, but I forgot this week you have tests. I'm sorry. I hope you can find time during² your endless³ hours of studying to read it. Nevertheless⁴, your tests will be over in a few days and then you will have no more tests for ... three months! I rather⁵ enjoy this time of year. Things are winding down⁶ and we are all starting to think about the coming year. It is a time of endings⁷ and a time of beginnings⁸. **I waited in the English department last Thursday at 12:45 but nobody came for chocolate. I guess you didn't crack my code⁹.**

Something You Didn't Know (Leonardo DiCaprio)

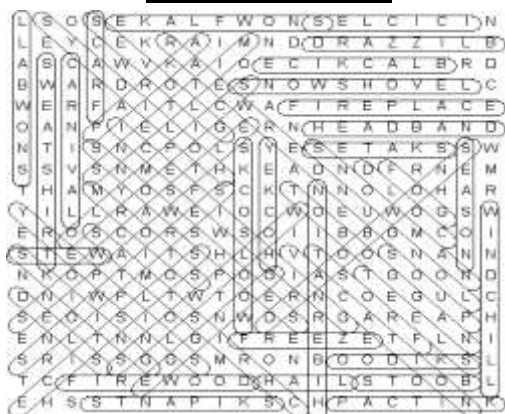
1. His mother is German and he speaks German fluently¹⁰. He also speaks some Italian.
2. His middle name¹¹ is Wilhelm.
3. He is called Leonardo because his mother was looking at a Leonardo da Vinci painting in an Italian art gallery when he first kicked.
4. DiCaprio is a dedicated¹² environmentalist¹³. He Has donated¹⁴ millions of dollars to environmental causes¹⁵ and he has even bought an island near Belize that he is going to turn into an eco-friendly¹⁶ resort. He used his acceptance speech¹⁷ at the Oscar ceremony¹⁸ to talk about his environmental worries and about how we have to start dealing with¹⁹ climate change²⁰.
5. He is 6 feet (182cm) tall – the same size as me.



15 differences



Last Week's Answers



Announcements

Tests on Monday and Tuesday. II grade Japanese speech contests on Thursday. III grade English speech contest on Thursday.

News

Leonardo DiCaprio wins Oscar

For a long time, many people have said that Leonardo DiCaprio should win an Oscar. And now he has. He is 41 years old and since he made his debut²¹ at the age of 16 he has been nominated²² 5 times. DiCaprio is one of the best actors of his generation²³ and he probably²⁴ should have won on each of those five occasions²⁵, but there was always someone else to take the golden statue.



The role²⁶ that won DiCaprio the Oscar was that of a wild²⁷ frontiersman²⁸ in *The Revenant*. He made a stellar performance²⁹ and the critics³⁰ have raved³¹ about his acting. However, critics have been raving about his acting ever since *Titanic*. He has played many different roles and nearly all of his movies have been hits with the public.



He has played a young rogue³² in *Titanic*, an eccentric³³ billionaire in *The Aviator*, a vicious³⁴ investor³⁵ in *The Wolf on Wall Street*, an Irish brawler³⁶ in *Gangs of New York*, an evil³⁷ plantation owner³⁸ in *Django Unchained*, and many other wonderful roles that people have loved.



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 11. Middle name ミドルネーム 12. Dedicated 熱心な 13. Environmentalist 環境保護主義者 14. Donate 寄付する
 15. Cause 大義 16. Eco-friendly 環境に優しい 17. Acceptance speech 受賞スピーチ 18. Oscar ceremony アカデミー賞贈呈式 19. Deal with 解決しようとする 20. Climate change 気候変動 21. Debut デビュー 22. Nominated ノミネートされる 23. Generation 時代 24. Probably かもしれない 25. Occasion 時 26. Role 役 27. Wild 野蛮
 28. Frontiersman 辺境の住民 29. Stellar performance 輝かしい業績 30. Critic 批評家 31. Rave ~を褒めちぎる
 32. Rogue 自分勝手に行動する 33. Eccentric 風変わりな人 34. Vicious 不道德な 35. Investor 投資家 36. Brawler 騒々しくけんかする人 37. Evil 悪魔な 38. Plantation owner プランテーション所有者