3/14/2016 (#39 this year)

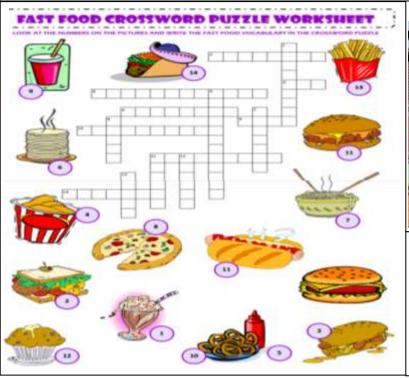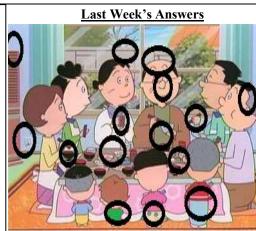It's White Day today! Did you get lots of chocolates? I read somewhere that men are supposed to[1] repay[2] triple[3] the chocolates they received[4] on Valentine's Day. Did they? I know I didn't. I also found out that White Day started in 1978. It used to be the case that[5] only women gave chocolates and someone decided that men should give them too, hence[6] White Day. That sounds like a noble[7] idea but the day was created[8] by the National Confectionery Industry Association[9]. Possibly a slight[10] conflict of interests[11].

Something You Didn't Know (Email)

1. The "e" in email stands for[12] electronic[13]. It was e-mail but now we write email.
2. In English @ is written as "at". In Dutch[14], it's apestaart — "monkey's tail." In Swedish, it's snabel-a — "A" with an elephant's trunk[15]. And in Italian, it's chiocciolina — "small snail[16]".
3. There are approximately[17] 204 million emails sent every minute!
4. More than 70% of those emails are spam[18]. The word spam was first used for junk[19] email in 1993. Someone accidentally[20] sent the same message to 200 people. Spam is a fake meat[21] in a can but the word spam is taken from Monty Python's Flying Circus. There is a scene in a café where the only thing on the menu is spam. Spam, spam, spam, spam and spam.
5. There are about 3 billion registered[22] email addresses.

Last Week's Answers

Announcements

Classes finish on either Wednesday or Thursday. The JHS have activities on Thursday so I guess JHS classes finish on Wednesday. HS have ball sports on Friday.

News
Ray Tomlinson Dies

You are probably all reading this thinking, "who is Ray Tomlinson?" Well, you may never have heard his name but you have certainly[23] used something that he invented[24]. In fact, I guarantee[25] that you use it many times every day. What is it? Still haven't guessed[26]? He invented the email. He is the guy[27] that came up with the "@" in the middle of the email address.

He died on the 5th of March at the age of 74. He was an American computer programmer[28]. He worked for a number of different computer companies[29] throughout[30] his life but he is most famous for his invention. His job was to rewrite a program that sent messages from one user to another user on the same computer. A pretty simple[31] job, for him.

He rewrote the code[32] so that users could send messages from one computer to another. He chose the "@" to show that the user is "at" a different server[32] to the one the user is on. He sent the first email in 1971 as a test and it was probably "QWERTYUIOP". He never knew how popular it would be.

1.**Supposed to** するはず 2.**Repay** 返礼 3.**Triple** 三倍 4.**Receive** 受け取る 5.**The case that**〜のことは事実である 6.**Hence** だから 7.**Noble** 貴族の 8.**Create** 創造する 9.**National Confectionery Industry Association** 全国製菓工業協会 10.**Slight** ほんのわずかな 11.**Conflict of interest** 利益相反 12.**Stand for**〜の意味がある 13.**Electronic** 電子 14.**Dutch** オランダ語 15.**Trunk** 象の鼻 16.**Snail** カタツムリ 17.**Approximately** 大体 18.**Spam** スパム 19.**Junk** 迷惑メール 20.**Accidentally** 偶然に 21.**Fake meat** 偽の肉 22.**Registered** 登録された 23.**Certainly** 絶対 24.**Invent** 発明する 25.**Guarantee** 絶対にだと保証する 26.**Guess**〜と推測する 27.**Guy** 男 28.**Programmer** プログラマ 29.**Company** 会社 30.**Throughout**〜の間中ずっと 31.**Pretty simple** けっこ簡単 32.**Rewrite code** コードを修正する