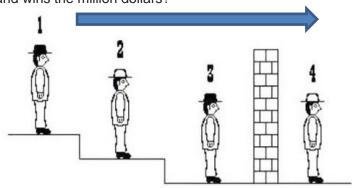


Well, I hope you all had a wonderful Golden Week. I'm afraid that I had one more day than all of you because my father was visiting from England so I took holiday last Friday. Sorry. And this week we have the long walk to Shikotsuko for the high school and Jozankei for the junior high school. I know most of you don't like it, and I know most of the teachers don't like it, but I love it! A day outside, walking in the sunshine! It's going to be wonderful. And when we get to the end we can have an ice cream and sit next to the lake. What could be better than that?

Something You Didn't Know (Soccer)

- 1. The word "soccer" was invented² in 1863. The word soccer came from Association Football³ association = soc = soccer.
- 2. The highest scoring game was when AS Adema beat⁴ Stade Olymique L'Emyrne (SOE) in 2002. The score was 149-0. The referee⁵ made a bad decision⁶ and in protest⁷ the SOE team scored own goals⁸. They scored one every 40 seconds until the end. The other team just watched.
- 3. The ancient Greeks⁹ played the first kind of soccer in about 400BC¹⁰. The Roman's used the first inflated¹¹ ball. It was a pig's stomach¹² inflated with air and was called a follis.
- 4. Soccer players run an average¹³ of 13km during¹⁴ a soccer game.
- 5. Soccer is played and watched by more people in more countries than any other sport.
- 6. The top three richest sports franchises¹⁵ in the world are soccer teams.

There are four men standing in a line. They need to find out which color their hats are. They know that two men have black hats and two have white. They can't see their own hat color and they can only can see forward. They can't see the person behind the wall. The man who knows his own hat color can shout it out and win a million dollars. Who shouts and wins the million dollars?



Last Week's Answers



Announcements

The long walk to Shikotsuko for the High School and to Jyozankei for the Junior High School is on Friday. It's going to be hot so bring a hat and lots of water to drink.

Leicester City Win the Premier League

I don't know how many of you are interested in¹⁶ soccer but I am, so this week's news is about Leicester City winning the English Premier League¹⁷ last week. At the start of the season Leicester were at the bottom of the league and they were facing relegation¹⁸ to the football league. Nobody expected them to¹⁹ survive²⁰. In the end they managed to²¹ do more than just survive.





In 2014 Leicester City managed to win enough games in the football league to be promoted to²² the Premier League. However, it is very difficult for teams that have just entered the league to win. This is because all of the teams in the premier league receive²³ a lot of money from TV rights²⁴ and various²⁵ sponsors. This means they can buy the best players.

Leicester City had almost no money and were definitely²⁶ the underdogs²⁷. Despite²⁸ this they managed to beat some of the richest teams and some of the best players in the world. Nobody could have predicted²⁹ it. Thanks to this win they will now receive more money and will be able to buy more expensive players. But, if they could win with this team, maybe they should stay with them and try to win again.



1.Afraid that~恐れている 2.Invent 発明する 3.Association football イングランドサッカー協会 4.Beat 打ち負かす 5.Referee 審判 6.Decision 決断 7.In protest 抗議して 8.Own goal オウンゴール 9.Ancient Greek 古代ギリシャ 10.BC 西暦 紀元前 11.Inflate 膨らませる 12.Pig's stomach 豚の胃 13.Average 平均 14.During の間 15.Franchise フランチャイズ 16.Interested in に興味がある 17.English Premier League イングランドプレミアリーグ 18.Relegation 追放 19.Expect to ~を期待する 20.Survive 生き残る 21.Manage to できるように 22.Promote to 昇格 23.Receive 受け取る 24.TV rights テレビ放送権 25.Various 色んな 26.Definitely 絶対 27.Underdog 勝ち目のない 28.Despite~なのに 29.Predict 予測する