

This is the last week before the tests. Are you all getting ready? Are you all studying? Are you all burning the candle at both ends<sup>1</sup>? I hope you are studying but don't forget that sleep is also important. Studies have shown<sup>2</sup> that a lack of<sup>3</sup> sleep can stop you remembering things and can also slow down your thinking process<sup>4</sup>. You might think that studying is more important than sleeping, but if you don't sleep enough you won't remember what you have studied. Anyway, good luck. It will soon be over and then you can enjoy the school festival.

### Something You Didn't Know (Walt Disney)

1. Before Mickey Mouse, Disney made Oswald the Lucky Rabbit. He was working at a different studio and when he left he wasn't allowed to<sup>5</sup> take Oswald with him so he came up with Mickey.
2. Until 1947 Walt Disney did the voice for Mickey Mouse.
3. Mickey Mouse's original<sup>6</sup> name was Mortimer Mouse. Walt Disney's wife thought the name was too pompous<sup>7</sup> so she persuaded him to<sup>8</sup> change it.
4. Disney had an apartment<sup>9</sup> over the firehouse<sup>10</sup> on Main Street in Disneyland California. He liked to work there and enjoyed watching people enjoy his park. Everything has been left untouched<sup>11</sup> since he died, like a shrine<sup>12</sup>.
5. His full name was Walter Elias Disney.



### 15 differences



### Last Week's Answers

This one is easy. Take one tablet from bottle A, two from bottle B, three from bottle C and four from bottle D. Put them on the scales. That is ten (1+2+3+4) tablets. If the weight is 10.1g you know bottle A is poisoned. If it is 10.2g you know it's bottle B, 10.3g bottle C and 10.4g bottle D. Easy.



### Announcements

There is nothing happening this week. All of the students off playing sports have come back and everyone is quietly studying. Good luck.

### Rare Disney Items at Auction

A rare Disney auction<sup>13</sup> has been announced<sup>14</sup> for next month. Many things are going on sale and the auction house expects<sup>15</sup> a lot of big sales. If you have a lot of money and you fancy<sup>16</sup> some Mickey Mouse memorabilia<sup>17</sup> then you should head along to<sup>18</sup> Van Eaton Galleries in California. The auction opens on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June so you should start saving your pocket money<sup>19</sup>.



Some of the most expensive items will be one of the first Mickey Mouse dolls, signed on the foot by Walt Disney, and the original score<sup>20</sup> from the first Mickey Mouse song, "Minnie's Yoo-hoo" from 1929. These two items are expected to go for<sup>21</sup> \$50,000 and \$20,000 respectively<sup>22</sup>. That is a lot for a doll. I buy my daughter's dolls at the 100 yen shop.



Recently<sup>23</sup> people buy old toys as an investment<sup>24</sup> and not to play with. The most expensive toys are the ones that are never taken out of their boxes. They are in pristine condition<sup>25</sup> but what is the point of a toy that no one ever plays with. I wonder what Walt Disney would say if he knew how much money Disney things were worth now. He would probably be very happy. I think he liked money a lot.



1. Burn the candle at both ends 昼も夜も忙しい生活をする(ろうそくの両端に火をつける) 2. Studies have shown 研究からもわかるように 3. A lack of ~が足りない 4. Thinking process 思考過程 5. Allow to ~に...することを許す 6. Original 最初の 7. Pompous 偉そうな 8. Persuade ~ to ~を説得する 9. Apartment アパート 10. Firehouse 消防署 11. Leave untouched ~をそのままにしておく 12. Shrine 聖地 13. Rare ~ auction 珍しい~のオークション 14. Announced 発表した 15. Expect 期待する 16. Fancy 欲しい 17. Memorabilia 記憶すべき記念品 18. Head along to ~向かう 19. Pocket money お小遣い 20. Score 楽譜 21. Go for ~の値段で売れる 22. Respectively それぞれ 23. Recently 最近 24. Investment 投資 25. Pristine condition 新品同様