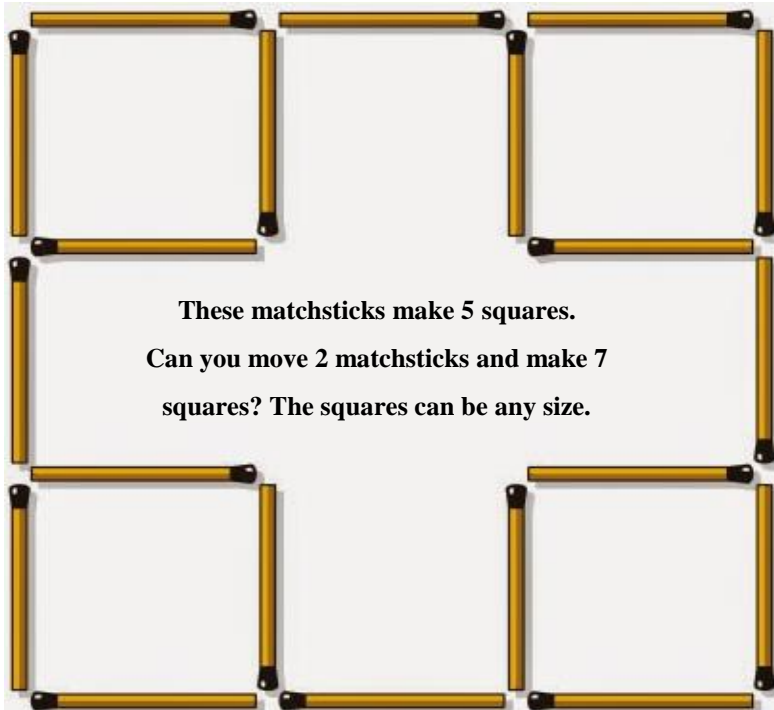


I know the fifth and sixth grade have started their tests and probably¹ have other things on their minds² but I thought I would make my English news anyway³. You can use it as a form of⁴ stress relief⁵. How are you? I ran a marathon yesterday and today my legs don't work properly⁶. But, that's ok because, now that I am getting older, I ache⁷ much more two days after sports than the day after, so tomorrow will be worse than today. If you see me struggling⁸, please give me a hand⁹ to walk up or down the stairs. Maybe you can carry my books.

Something You Didn't Know (Nuclear weapons¹⁰)

1. There have been 2084 nuclear bomb tests so far (official¹¹ tests only).
2. Only two bombs have ever been used in war, both dropped on Japan.
3. 9 countries have nuclear weapons: USA 7,700, Russia 8,500, UK 225, France 300, China 240, India 100, Pakistan 110, North Korea 10, Israel 200 (undeclared¹²). That is a total of 17,385!
4. The bomb dropped on Hiroshima was a 16 kiloton bomb. That means it was the same as 16,000 tons of TNT¹³. Modern bombs are equal to¹⁴ 1,200,000 tons of TNT. That means 17,385 bombs worldwide¹⁵ could destroy¹⁶ Hiroshima 1,303,875 times¹⁷.
5. America has spent over \$8.5 trillion¹⁸ to develop nuclear weapons.
6. After the first US nuclear bomb test, Robert Oppenheimer, the director of the Manhattan Project¹⁹ said, "I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds²⁰".



Last Week's Answers

Sorry – I only made 14!



Announcements

There are tests on Monday for the fifth and sixth grade. There are tests on Tuesday and Wednesday for the whole school. The sixth grade have more tests on Thursday. Yeah!

Obama visits Hiroshima

On the 27th of May, President Barack Obama became the first sitting American president²¹ to visit Hiroshima. Mr. Obama, along with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, laid a wreath²² at the peace memorial²³. Mr. Obama then made a poignant²⁴ speech before meeting two survivors²⁵ of the attack. He shook hands with Sunao Tsuboi (91) and hugged Shigeaki Mori (79).



Mr. Obama spoke about the need to make a world without nuclear bombs. Many people pointed out the irony²⁶ of this because the "nuclear football²⁷", the bag that the President can use to launch a nuclear strike²⁸, was never more than a few meters away from him. That and America has enough nuclear bombs to destroy every country on Earth.



Many Americans were angry because they thought Mr. Obama was going to apologize²⁹ for dropping the bombs on Japan to end World War 2. Mr. Obama didn't apologize, but he did say that we need to think about the future of our world. Some other people wondered if Mr. Abe would now visit Pearl Harbor, or Nanjing. Mr. Abe said he had no plans to make any visits there in the near future.



1. Probably 恐らく 2. Things on your mind 他の事を考えている 3. Anyway とにかく 4. Form of ~の種類 5. Stress relief 応力緩和 6. Properly ちゃんと 7. Ache 筋肉痛 8. Struggle 力を振り絞る 9. Give a hand 手伝い 10. Nuclear weapon 核兵器 11. Official 公式な 12. Undeclared 申告していない 13. TNT(trinitrotoluene) トリニトロトルエン 14. Equal to ~と同じ 15. Worldwide 世界中の 16. Destroy 破壊する 17. Times の倍 18. Trillion 一兆 19. Manhattan Project マンハッタン計画《米国》第二次世界大戦での核爆弾開発プロジェクト(1940-)。ニューメキシコ・ロスアラモス研究所で Robert Oppenheimer 博士主導のもと行われた。1945年、広島原爆を開発した。 20. I am become Death, destroyer of worlds 「我は死神なり、世界の破壊者なり」 21. Sitting president 現職米大統領 22. Wreath 花輪 23. Peace memorial 平和記念 24. Poignant 心が痛む 25. Survivor 生存者 26. Irony 皮肉 27. Nuclear football 核のフットボール ◆いざというときに核攻撃の命令を出すための装置で、米国大統領が携帯するもの。 28. Nuclear strike 核攻撃 29. Apologize 謝る