

Last week I didn't welcome back 6G, so I am going to do that now. Welcome back. So far<sup>1</sup> only 29 out of the class of 46 have come back. The rest of them will come back over the next few weeks. That does make it a little bit difficult to teach because you have to do the same thing over and over<sup>2</sup>, but it is wonderful to have them back. I do enjoy talking to them and hearing about their experiences and their adventures. If you get chance, you should go and talk to them as well. Anyway, welcome back and good luck with the future.

### Something you didn't know about Ichiro

1. He was born October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1973. He is 42 years old.
2. He is the 13<sup>th</sup> highest paid baseball player in the MLB. He has career earnings<sup>3</sup> of over \$150 million. His yearly salary<sup>4</sup> has declined<sup>5</sup> as he has become older.
3. Ichiro bats left handed but throws right handed. He is right handed but his father trained him to bat with his left hand to confuse<sup>6</sup> pitchers.
4. His dog is called Ikkyu. It is a combination<sup>7</sup> of his name and his wife's name (Yumi).
5. He has won 10 golden glove awards<sup>8</sup> in a row<sup>9</sup>.
6. In Ichiro's contract<sup>10</sup> he has a translator<sup>11</sup> at all times. He actually<sup>12</sup> speaks pretty good<sup>13</sup> English but he prefers to<sup>14</sup> use a translator because he wants people to understand *exactly*<sup>15</sup> what he wants to say. He is very philosophical<sup>16</sup> and many people say his Japanese is hard to understand, too.

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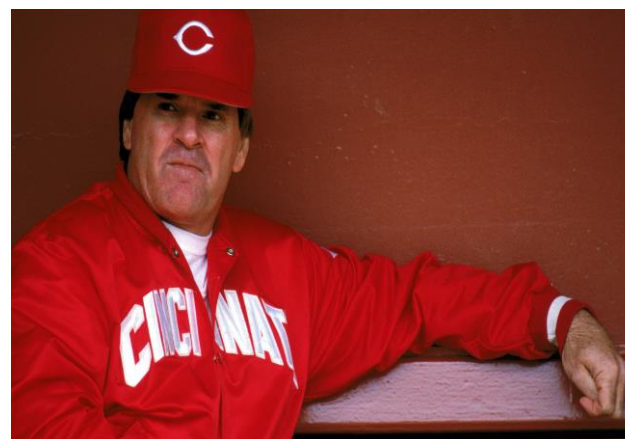
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So, the next line would be:

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### Ichiro Breaks Record

Last week, Ichiro Suzuki hit his 4257<sup>th</sup> career hit. This was enough to break the record<sup>17</sup> held by Pete Rose and to make Ichiro the top hitting baseball player ever. Ichiro is now 42 years old and he plays for the Miami Marlins. Ichiro said that breaking the record was not his goal. He loves playing baseball and he wants to do as well as he can for his fans.



Many people, including<sup>18</sup> Pete Rose, don't agree that Ichiro has broken the record. They say that he has only scored 2977 hits since he joined the MLB and that any runs he hit in the Japanese baseball league shouldn't be counted<sup>19</sup>. Pete Rose said that the Japanese baseball league is much easier than the MLB so it wasn't fair<sup>20</sup> to count those hits as well.

However you look at it, Ichiro has had a stunning<sup>21</sup> career and is one of the best baseball players ever. He has also had a very long career. I wonder if he has any plans to<sup>22</sup> retire<sup>23</sup>. Each time I see him in a photograph he has a little more grey hair on his head. If he decides to play on then I hope he can get another 1279 hits because then he will have beaten<sup>24</sup> Pete Rose in the MLB as well, and no one will be able to complain<sup>25</sup>.



1. So far 今まで 2. Over and over 何度も繰り返して 3. Career earnings 生涯獲得賞金 4. Salary 年収 5. Decline 減る 6. Confuse 混乱させる 7. Combination 組み合わせる 8. Golden glove award ゴールデン・グラブ賞 ◆プロ野球で守備の名手に贈られる賞 9. In a row 連続 10. Contract 契約 11. Translator 通訳者 12. Actually 実は 13. Pretty good かなり良い 14. Prefer to ~の方がいい 15. Exactly 正確に 16. Philosophical 哲学的に 17. Break a record 記録を破る 18. Include 含む 19. Count 見なす 20. Fair 公平 21. Stunning 驚くほどすごい 22. Plan to ~するつもりである 23. Retire 引退 24. Beat 打ち負かす 25. Complain 文句を言う 26. One one 一つの1. 上の列を説明しています。123 だったら一つの1、一つの2と一つの3で111213 ですね。