

Back to school! It was a great summer vacation but I always think it is too short. Students in England have a holiday from the beginning of July to the beginning of September. I think I write the same thing after every vacation. Maybe if I write it enough times the principal¹ will decide to change our school calendar and give us extremely² long vacations. I know I would be happy but I'm not sure what your parents would think. I don't mean about you losing classes, I mean about you being at home and being under their feet³ for so long! Ha ha.

Something You Didn't Know (The Olympics)

1. The Olympics began as a religious festival⁴ in ancient Greece⁵ in 776BC. In 393AD, when Christianity⁶ took hold⁷, it was banned⁸ for being a pagan⁹ festival. It started again in 1896.
2. The first Olympic games of modern times¹⁰ was held in Greece.
3. When countries enter the Olympic stadium for the opening ceremony, Greece is always the first country and the host nation¹¹ (in this case, Brazil) always goes last.
4. This year's Olympics will probably¹² cost Brazil about \$11,500,000,000. Wow!
5. 10,500 athletes from 206 countries will take part in this year's games.
6. London is the only city to host the Olympic Games three times: 1908, 1948 and 2012.
7. "Gold" medals are not really made of gold. They are made of silver and coated¹³ with gold. The last solid gold¹⁴ medals were given out at the 1912 Olympics.

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BATH	FETCH	JUMP	ROLL OVER
BONE	FOOD	KENNEL	SHAMPOO
BOWLS	FRIEND	LEASH	SLEEP
CANINE	GROOM	LICK	TRAIN
CHASE	GROWL	LOYAL	TREATS
CHEW TOY	GUARD	OWNER	TRIM NAILS
COLLAR	HAIR	PANT	WAG TAIL
COMPANION	HARNESS	PAWS	WALK
FAITHFUL	HOUSE	PLAY	WATER

Last Week's Answers



Announcements

5F are not here on Mon and Tues. The JHS festival is on Thurs and Fri. The 4th grade Midori is on Thurs and Fri. The 5th grade go to Hokusei University on Fri.

Usain Bolt Makes the Triple Triple

The Olympics finished yesterday (or this morning, Japan time) and there are so many stories I could choose to write about. I've chosen three. First, Michael Phelps, the American swimmer, came out of retirement¹⁵ to win 5 gold medals at Rio. That brings his total of Olympic medals to 28: 23 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze. He is the most decorated Olympian of all time¹⁶.



Second, Kaori Icho of Japan managed to¹⁷ win gold in the under 58kg wrestling. That means she has now won gold in four Olympics in a row¹⁸: Athens, Beijing, London and Rio. She is the first woman to ever do this. She is 32 years old now but I really hope she can come back in 2020 and win gold in Tokyo. That would be an amazing feat¹⁹!

And, third, Usain Bolt managed to win the triple²⁰ triple. He has won gold medals in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay at three Olympics in a row. He is the fastest man in the world at the moment. He says that he will retire after this Olympics. I hope that he tries the long jump. With his speed and a little training, he could probably break the world record²¹. Anyway, whatever he does, he has certainly had an amazing career.



- 1.Principal 校長先生 2.Extremely 非常に 3.Under foot 邪魔になる 4.Religious festival 宗教的祝祭 5.Ancient Greece 古ギリシア 6.Christianity キリスト教 7.Take hold 支配する 8.Ban 禁止する 9.Pagan 異教徒 10.Modern times 現代 11.Host nation 主催国 12.Probably 可能性がある 13.Coat 金ぬつき 14.Solid gold 純金 15.Come out of retirement 引退を撤回する 16.The most decorated Olympian of all time 最も多くのメダルを獲得したオリンピック選手 17.Manage to できるようになる 18.In a row 連続 19.Feat 功績 20.Triple 3回 21.Break a world record 世界記録を破る
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