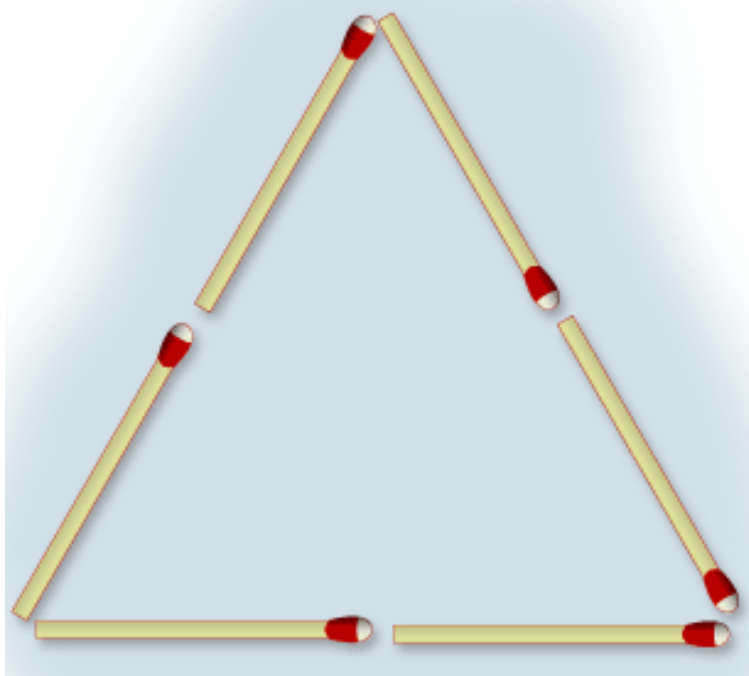


It's my father's birthday today! He is 66 years old and, to be honest<sup>1</sup>, I very nearly<sup>2</sup> forgot. I remembered just in time and bought him a present from Amazon. He is a very difficult person to buy presents for because if there is ever anything he wants, he just goes out and buys it. Oh well. Happy birthday Dad. And this week you all have tests. Everyone is always so happy in test week. Students don't like studying and taking tests. Teachers don't like making and marking<sup>3</sup> tests. And yet, four times a year we all do it. Good luck everyone.

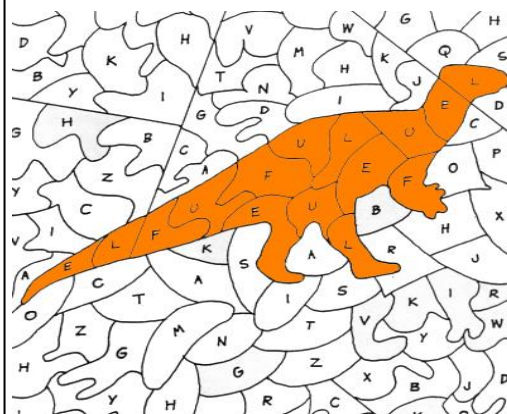
### Something You Didn't Know (The Toilet)

1. Mohenjo-Daro, an ancient settlement<sup>4</sup> in Pakistan, probably had the first toilets and sewage system<sup>5</sup> from about 2,500BC<sup>6</sup>. That's 4,516 years ago. However, only the very rich had them.
2. At about the same time, and also in Pakistan, the Harappan civilization<sup>7</sup> had a type of flushing<sup>8</sup> toilet. There was a system of<sup>9</sup> flowing water<sup>10</sup> in each house that was directed<sup>11</sup> down the toilet.
3. Toilet paper was invented in China in the 6<sup>th</sup> century.
4. The first sitting toilet was invented<sup>12</sup> by a cabinet maker<sup>13</sup>, John Harrington, in 1596. It didn't catch on<sup>14</sup> until Joseph Bramah improved upon<sup>15</sup> its plumbing<sup>16</sup> in 1850. The sitting toilet was supposed to<sup>17</sup> be more dignified<sup>18</sup> than squatting<sup>19</sup>, but squatting is supposed to be healthier.
5. The average person<sup>20</sup> spends about 3 years of their life sitting on the toilet.
6. Approximately<sup>21</sup> 40,000 Americans injure<sup>22</sup> themselves on the toilet each year.

Can you rearrange these matches to make 8 triangles?



### Last Week's Answers



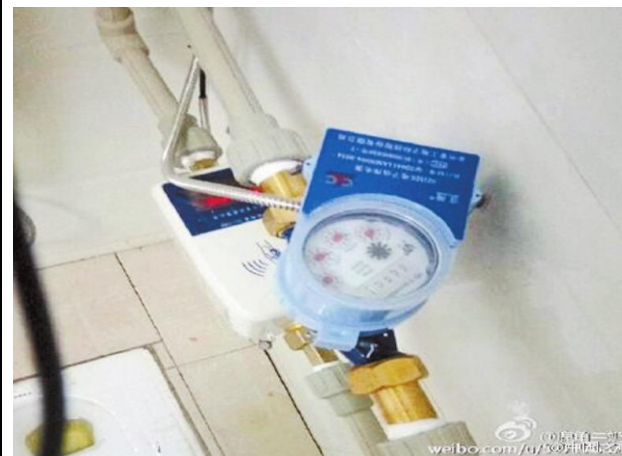
### Announcements

Tests on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

It's going to get a little bit cooler this week. Good luck.

### Chinese Students Charged For Flushing

Kunming Health Vocational College<sup>23</sup> in China has started charging<sup>24</sup> students if they flush the toilet too much. Students are given a card at the beginning of the month. Each time they use the toilet they have to swipe<sup>25</sup> the card through a card reader before they can flush it. They are allowed<sup>26</sup> to use 3,000 liters of water every month. If they go over that limit<sup>27</sup> they must pay.



The idea has had both positive and negative reactions. Kunming area has had a severe drought<sup>28</sup> that has lasted four years so far. Many people think that any method<sup>29</sup> of encouraging<sup>30</sup> people to use less water is good. They also think that this will make the college students think of other ways to save water as well. Maybe they will be more ecological<sup>31</sup> people.

Critics<sup>32</sup> of the idea say that the college is trying to control people too much. They also say that this system will encourage people not to flush the toilet after they finish. I don't think it's bad, though. An old toilet uses 26 liters of water in one flush. A modern Japanese toilet uses only 3.8 liters of water per flush. Maybe Japan should donate<sup>33</sup> some toilets to the Kunming Health Vocational College.



- 1.To be honest 正直に言う 2.Very nearly すんでのことで 3.Mark 採点 4.Ancient settlement 古代集落 5.Sewage system 下水設備 6.BC 下水設備 7.Civilization 文明 8.Flush 流す 9.System of~の系 10.Flowing water 実は 11.Direct 固体 12.Invent ハニカム構造 13.Cabinet maker 非常に 14.Catch on 流行する 15.Improve upon 下水設備 16.Plumbing 配管 17.Supposed to~のはず 18.Dignified 威厳のある 19.Squat しゃがむ 20.Average person 普通の人 21.Approximately 大体 22.Injure けがをさせる 23.Vocational college 専門学校 24.Charge 請求する 25.Swipe 機械に通す 26.Allow to~に。。。 27.Limit 制限する 28.Severe drought ひどい干ばつ 29.Method 方法 30.Encourage 促す 31.Ecological 環境保護 32.Critic 批評家 33.Donate 寄付する