






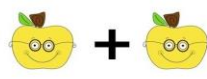



Did you have a good Christmas vacation? What did you do? Did Santa bring you anything nice? In the UK, where I'm from, Christmas is usually more important for families than New Year's Day. On Christmas Day, families gather¹, give each other presents, and have a very very large lunch, usually with turkey. On New Year's Eve, people usually go out with their friends to parties and watch the countdown. Japan is usually the other way around. And, now here we are in 2017. Have you made any new year's resolutions²? I have made the same ones I make every year.

Something You Didn't Know (Star Wars)

1. Star Wars is only the fifth highest grossing series of movies but it has a Guinness Record for the most successful film merchandising franchise³. The movies have grossed⁴ \$8.9 billion but the merchandise has made⁵ close to \$40 billion.
2. When George Lucas made the first movie there was a very low budget⁶. He knew they wouldn't have enough money for his director's salary⁷ so he agreed to take a percentage of the profits⁸ and merchandise⁹. He didn't know it but that deal¹⁰ has made him billions of dollars.
3. The man who plays Darth Vader and the man who does his voice are two different people. The actor, David Prowse, is very tall but his accent¹¹ was not scary. His voice was done by James Earl Jones. A third actor was used when we see Darth Vader's face at the end of the movie.
4. Disney bought Star Wars in 2012 for \$4 billion.

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Can You Find The Answer?

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Last Week's Answers



Announcements

Mon is the opening ceremony. The JHS have tests on Monday. On Tuesday the HS have tests. On Wednesday we have the 6 送会 which will be a lot of fun.

Princess Leia Dies

This news is a little bit old and you have probably already seen it on the TV, but I thought I would write about it. On December 27th, 2016, Carrie Fisher died. She was 60 years old. She died four days after having a heart attack¹² on a plane from London to Los Angeles. Her mother, the actress Debbie Reynolds, had a stroke¹³ and died one day after her daughter.



Carrie Fisher was best known for her role as Princess Leia in the first three Star Wars movies. She reprised her role¹⁴ last year in the most recent installment¹⁵ and was supposed to appear again in the movie coming out this year. She was 21 when she was cast as Princess Leia and she never expected the movie to become as big and famous as it did.



She was most famous as Princess Leia but she did many other things in her life. She was in other movies, she was an author, a screenwriter and a public speaker¹⁶. She suffered from bi-polar disorder¹⁷ and she was a drug addict¹⁸ and an alcoholic¹⁹ for many years. When she recovered²⁰ she spoke about her experiences and tried to help people. Sometimes she had difficulty living with her fame but as she got older she came to terms with²¹ it. She will be missed.



- 1.Gather** 集まる **2.Resolution** 抱負 **3.Franchise** シリーズ **4.Gross** ~の総収益を挙げる **5.Make** 稼ぐ
6.Budget 予算 **7.Salary** 給料 **8.Profit** 利益 **9.Merchandise** 映画の関連商品 **10.Deal** 政策 **11.Accent** 訛り
12.Heart attack 心臓麻痺 **13.Stroke** 脳卒中 **14.Reprise a role** ~の役をもう一度演じる
15.Installment 連載の1回分 **16.Public speaker** 講演者 **17.Bi-polar disorder** 双極性障害◆複数の躁病エピソードと、通例幾つかの大鬱病エピソードを伴う双極性I型障害 **18.Drug addict** 麻薬中毒者
19.Alcoholic アルコール依存症者 **20.Recover** 復活 **21.Come to terms with** 受け入れる