

Are you enjoying the ski classes? I went with the fourth grade last Friday and I had a lot of fun. I used to ski a lot but these days I don't go very often. I guess that I am getting old. Ha ha. I used to love going out every weekend, but now I just think it's too cold. So, the ski classes are a good opportunity<sup>1</sup> for me to go. I am not a good skier. I can ski from the top to the bottom and I am very fast, but I am not so good at turning. I taught myself and I picked up a lot of bad habits<sup>2</sup>. I think I will ask a professional to teach my daughter.

### Something You Didn't Know (Presidents<sup>3</sup>)

1. Donald Trump is the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the USA.
2. The 8<sup>th</sup> President, Martin Van Buren, was the first president to be born an American citizen<sup>4</sup>. Before him all presidents were born in a British colony<sup>5</sup>.
3. American presidents can only serve<sup>6</sup> 2 terms<sup>7</sup> (8 years) but the 32<sup>nd</sup> president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was elected<sup>8</sup> to 4 terms during the Second World War<sup>9</sup>. He was president for 12 years before he died in office<sup>10</sup>.
4. The 19<sup>th</sup> president, Rutherford B. Hayes, was the first president to use a telephone. His phone number was "1".
5. Four presidents have been assassinated<sup>11</sup>. The 16<sup>th</sup>, Abraham Lincoln, the 20<sup>th</sup>, James A. Garfield, the 25<sup>th</sup>, William McKinley and the 35<sup>th</sup> John F. Kennedy.



### Last Week's Answers

$$\text{Sheep} + \text{Frog} \times \text{Owl} = 24$$

$$\text{Apple} = 7$$

### 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.

### President Trump

At noon last Friday (2am Saturday morning for us here in Japan), Donald Trump became the 45<sup>th</sup> president of the United States of America. It has been a long process<sup>12</sup> and many people hoped this would never happen but it has. A lot of people boycotted<sup>13</sup> the ceremony and there was talk of violence<sup>14</sup> but in the end everything went ahead peacefully. Congratulations Mr. Trump.



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In his speech, President Trump talked about his goal for the next four years. He wants to bring Americans together and try to reinvigorate<sup>15</sup> poor areas of America. He hopes that he can bring jobs back from Asia and encourage multinational companies<sup>16</sup> to base themselves in America. It will be interesting to see if he can.

Hopefully he will grow into his role and will not try to run the US as a business. He has been a very unsuccessful businessman and it wouldn't be good if he used those "skills" to run the country. Hopefully he will also stop tweeting about everything that offends<sup>17</sup> him. A president has to have a thick skin<sup>18</sup> and rise above<sup>19</sup> petty<sup>20</sup> squabbles<sup>21</sup>. It will also be interesting to see what he does with his Trump business. There could be a large conflict of interests<sup>22</sup>.



- 1.Opportunity 良い機会 2.Pick up bad habits 悪い癖がつく 3.President 大統領 4.Citizen 国民  
5.Colony 植民地 6.Serve 務める 7.Term 任期 8.Elect 選ばれる 9.Second World War 第二次世界大戦  
10.Die in office 在職中に亡くなる 11.Assassinate 暗殺する 12.Process 進行 13.Boycott ~への参加を拒否する  
14.Violence 暴力 15.Reinvigorate 再活性化する 16.Multinational company 多国籍企業  
17.Offend 気分を害した 18.Thick skin 厚い皮 19.Rise above ~を超越する 20.Petty つまらない  
21.Squabble 言い争う 22.Conflict of interest 利害の衝突