

This is the last English news of the year. I made it to #42. I guess that means we were at school for 42 Mondays out of last year. In England, private schools¹ have a lot more holiday than we do in Japan. An average private school has about 37 weeks of school. That would be nice. Ha ha. And, most schools in the UK don't have club activities through the vacations. When a school is closed, it is closed. Students that do sports do them with independent² clubs. More vacation time is nice for the students but it is probably not so nice for the parents. Ha ha.

Something You Don't Know (Saudi Arabia's Laws Against Women³)

- All women must have a male guardian⁴ who is a relative⁵. Girls and women cannot travel, open a bank account⁶, get a job or have surgery⁷ without permission⁸ from their male guardians.
- Women cannot expose⁹ parts of their bodies, wear nice clothes or makeup. They must cover¹⁰ everything with the head to toe¹¹ abaya¹².
- Women cannot get a divorce¹³ without their husband's¹⁴ permission. Husbands can divorce their wives whenever they want, and with no reason.
- In court¹⁵ a woman's word¹⁶ is not as good as a man's. One man's word is worth two women's.
- Women cannot meet or interact¹⁷ with men who are not in their family.
- Women are not allowed to¹⁸ drive cars.
- Women inherit¹⁹ less than a man. E.g. a brother inherits 75% and the sister 25%. And so on...²⁰

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ALMOST	DOWN	HOWever	QUIETLY	THEN
ALREADY	EARLY	LITTLE	RARELY	THERE
ALSO	EASILY	LONG	RATHER	TODAY
ALWAYS	FAST	LOUDLY	REALLY	TOMORROW
ANYWHERE	FIRST	MONTHLY	SHORT	UPWARD
APART	FOREVER	NEARBY	SHORTLY	WEEKLY
AWAY	FORWARD	NEVER	SLOWLY	WISELY
BACK	GENTLY	NOWHERE	SOFTLY	YESTERDAY
BEFORE	GREATLY	OFTEN		

Last Week's Answers



Announcements

The high school have ball sports today. The junior high school have their graduation tomorrow. On Thursday, there is the closing ceremony, cleaning, LHR and then you go home.

King of Saudi Arabia Visits Japan

Last week, Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdul-aziz al Saud visited Japan. But, he didn't turn up²¹ on his own with a rucksack, the way I would. He came in a fleet²² of ten planes. He brought over 1,200 people and 459 tons of luggage²³! My luggage allowance²⁴ is usually 20kg! Included in his luggage were a toothbrush, towels, a spare pair of shoes and two golden escalators.



The King is 81 years old and he is not very sprightly²⁵. You can understand that he might have trouble with the stairs at the airport, but to bring your own golden escalators is a little excessive²⁶. He also has a staff of 1,200 people. The Japanese government has had to source²⁷ 1,000 limousines from all across Japan to ferry²⁸ them around.

The King is in Japan to discuss trade²⁹. Japan imports³⁰ the majority³¹ of its oil from Saudi Arabia. Recently the price of oil has dropped and Saudi Arabia wants to move from being an oil producing country³² to more of a manufacturing country³³. Good luck to them. Maybe, if they do change their economy³⁴, they can also think about their strict laws on women, state sponsorship of terrorism³⁵, mass public executions³⁶ and human rights³⁷.



- Private school 私立学校
- Independent 校外
- Saudi Arabia's laws against women サウジアラビアの女性に関する法律
- Male guardian 男性保護者
- Relative 親戚
- Bank account 銀行口座
- Surgery 手術
- Permission 許可
- Expose 見せる
- Cover 隠す
- Head to toe てっぺんからつま先まで
- Abaya アラビア半島の女性の全身を覆う伝統的な衣装
- Divorce 離婚
- Husband 旦那
- Court 裁判所
- Word 証言
- Interact ふれあい
- Allowed to ~することを許される
- Inherit 相続する
- And so on ~など
- Turn up 着く
- Fleet 飛行隊
- Luggage 旅行かばん
- Luggage allowance 荷物の重量制限
- Sprightly 陽気な
- Excessive やり過ぎの
- Source 探し出す
- Ferry 運ぶ
- Trade 貿易
- Import 輸入
- The majority 大多数
- Oil producing country 石油産出国
- Manufacturing country 工業国
- Economy 経済
- State sponsorship of terrorism 政府がテロを支援する
- Mass public executions 大量公開処刑
- Human rights 人権