

Welcome back, or, if you are a new student, welcome to Hokusei. This is going to be a fun and exciting year. I always like the first few weeks of the school year. Everything is new and full of promise¹ and possibility². The snow is melting, the weather is getting warmer and the days are getting longer. If you are new and feeling nervous, don't worry. Hokusei is a very friendly place and you will soon feel at home. You will probably get lost, but you'll soon get the hang of it³. The school is basically an "L" shape. You'll get it. Don't give up. And all of you, have a great year.

Something You Don't Know (Ships)

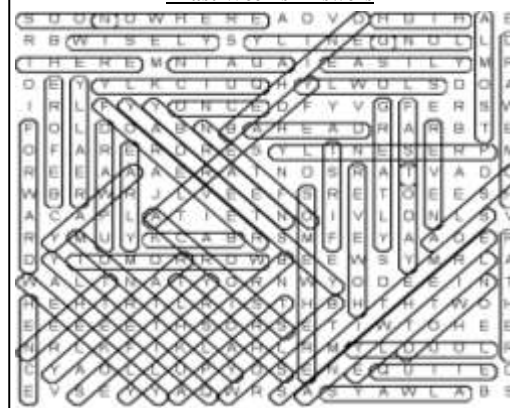
1. The longest ship in the world is an oil tanker⁴ called the Seawise Giant. It is 460m long and it can hold 3,200,000 barrels of oil⁵. It is so heavy that it takes 8.85km to be able to stop. That's about the same difference as⁶ from here to Hokusei University.
2. The largest navy⁷ ship is the USS Nimitz, an aircraft carrier⁸. It is 333m long and can carry over 90 planes. America has 19 aircraft carriers.
3. The fastest ever boat is the Spirit of Australia. It made a water speed record of 512km/h in 1978. That has never been beaten.
4. The Allure of the Seas is the largest passenger ship⁹. It can carry 6,292 passengers. It is also the world's most expensive ship. It cost \$1,200,000,000.
5. There are about 51,400 merchant ships¹⁰ in the world and 16,900 of these are large carriers.



20 differences



Last Week's Answers



Announcements

1A have midori on Mon, 1B are on Thurs. The HS have a new club show rehearsal on Tues and Wed. Health checks and photos are on Wed. The HS new club show is on Thurs afternoon.

Huge Korean Ship Disappears in Atlantic

Last week, a South Korean freighter¹¹ disappeared¹² in the South Atlantic ocean¹³. Two survivors¹⁴ have been found and there are 22 crew members unaccounted for¹⁵. It looks like the ship broke apart and sank¹⁶ 3,700km off the coast of Uruguay. The two survivors, who are both Filipino, were found floating in a life raft¹⁷. They said that the captain of the ship announced water was entering the ship and they evacuated¹⁷. Then the ship broke up.



So far nothing but oil, debris¹⁸ and a few floating life rafts have been found. Nobody knows why the ship went down as the weather was not very bad and the sea was calm¹⁹. The ship is a VLOC (Very Large Ore²⁰ Carrier) and was transporting 260,000 tons of iron ore from Brazil to China.

These days, ships are very hi-tech²¹, and the chance of²² one disappearing is very low. Solving the mystery of why this ship went down will be very important. I hope they will find more survivors.

1.Full of promise 前途有望である 2.Possibility 可能性 3.Get the hang of~のこつがわかる
4.Oil tanker 石油輸送船 5.Barrel of oil バレルの石油 6.Same difference as~と大して変わらない
7.Navy 海軍 8.Aircraft carrier 航空母艦 9.Passenger ship 航空母艦 10.Merchant ship 商船
11.Freighter 貨物船 12.Disappear 消える 13.Atlantic Ocean 大西洋 14.Survivor 生き残った人
15.Unaccounted for 行方不明で 16.Sink 沈む 17.Life raft 救命コムボート 18.Debris 破片
19.Calm 静まる 20.Ore 鉱石 21.Hi-tech (high technology) ハイテック 22.Chance of~の確率

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I would like the weekly English News, please.

Name _____ Grade _____ Class _____ No. _____

★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! This is Page 2 of the English News! Every week, Page 2 will bring you teacher interviews, horoscopes¹, celebrity profiles, and so on. This is a new section, so if you have something you'd like to see, please let Krystal know!

★ Teacher Interview ★

This week's teacher interview is with Ms. Krystal Sato. She is an English teacher who teaches junior high and a few English department courses. Let's see what she had to say!



Q: What was your favorite subject when you were in school?

A: I didn't really have a favorite subject, but I was good at math, science, and French. But, I've forgotten all the French I studied! (laughs)

Q: And what was your least favorite subject?

A: I'm terrible at sports, so I always hated P.E. class. But I tried my best, so I still got a decent² grade.

Q: What is your favorite part about teaching at Hokusei?

A: The students are really fun to teach. Also, because there are only girls, everyone can relax and be themselves. I think it's a great atmosphere³.

Q: If you won the lottery⁴, what would you do with the money?

A: That's an interesting question. I think I'd buy a new house and travel around the world, and then save the rest for my future.

Q: What album have you been listening to lately?

A: I've been listening to the new Bruno Mars album, *24K Magic*, a lot.



Q: Finally, what advice do you have for students studying English?

A: Don't be afraid of making mistakes, because mistakes are part of learning. The more you practice, the better you'll get. I promise. ★

★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

This week's celebrities are the pop music group, One Direction. The four members are, from left to right, Harry Styles, Niall Horan, Liam Payne, and Louis Tomlinson. Zayn Malik was a member of the group, but he quit in 2015. They are from London, England. They have released⁵ five albums and many hit singles.



★ Horoscopes ★

Aries ♈ March 21-April 19 You will have many great ideas this week. Try writing them down..	Taurus ♉ April 20-May 20 You will have a lot of stress this week. Take some time to relax.	Gemini ♊ May 21-June 20 You will be feeling outgoing ⁶ this week, so you'll make new friends.
Cancer ♋ June 21-July 22 You will have a great opportunity ⁷ this week. Try your best to succeed at it.	Leo ♌ July 23-August 22 You will study hard and learn many new things this week.	Virgo ♍ August 23-September 22 You will have a wonderful new experience this week.
Libra ♎ September 23-October 22 You will have a disagreement ⁸ with family this week.	Scorpio ♏ October 23-November 21 You will feel tired of your daily routine ⁹ . It's time for a change.	Sagittarius ♐ November 22-December 21 You will find an exciting new hobby this week.
Capricorn ♑ December 22-January 19 You will change your mind about many things this week.	Aquarius ♒ January 20-February 18 You will get some money this week and buy something nice.	Pieces ♑ February 19-March 20 You will be very busy this week. Try to stay organized ¹⁰ .

New words: 1. horoscope 星占い 2. decent まともな 3. atmosphere 雰囲気 4. lottery 宝くじ 5. release リリース 6. outgoing 社交的な 7. opportunity 機会 8. disagreement 意見の相違 9. routine 日常生活 10. organized 几帳面な