

Wow! That was an incredible¹ English play! Did you enjoy it? What was your favorite scene? What was your favorite song? Who was your favorite character? All of 6F worked very hard for very long to bring the show to you. We had fun and we hope you did too.



Something You Didn't Know (Trash)

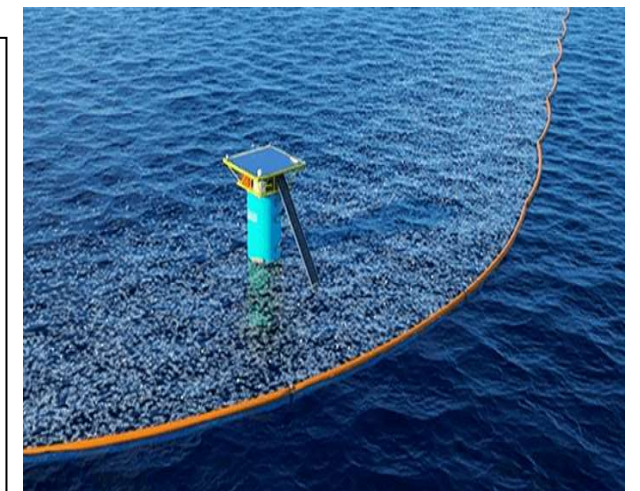
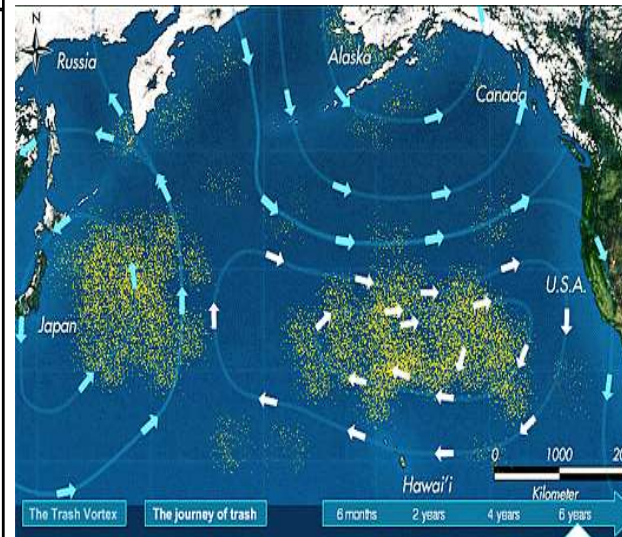
1. Every year 3.8 million trees are cut down to make disposable² chopsticks.
2. The world uses and throws away³ 1 trillion⁴ plastic bags every year.
3. Plastic bags are a problem because they don't biodegrade⁵ (get eaten by microbes⁶) but they do photodegrade⁷ (ultraviolet light⁸ from the sun can break up the polyethylene⁹ bag's polymer chains¹⁰) which can take over 1,000 years.
4. American's throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.
5. The average person in a developed country¹¹ produces 2kg of trash a day.
6. Each ton of recycled¹² paper can save 2m³ of landfill¹³, 17 trees, 27,000 liters of water, 1,500 liters of oil and 4,100kwh¹⁴ of electricity.
7. Japan is the third largest producer of trash, but recycles more than any other country.

Trillions of Pieces of Trash Floating in the Sea

Last week, a study¹⁵ of human made trash in the world's oceans, estimated¹⁶ that there were over 5.5 trillion pieces of trash floating¹⁷ on the surface¹⁸ of the sea. These are the pieces we can see. There are probably hundreds of trillions, or maybe even quadrillions¹⁹ more on the seabed²⁰. Most of those pieces are tiny²¹ and either lay on the sea floor or are suspended²² in the water.



Sea currents²³ push these pieces of trash together until they form trash islands that are bigger than many countries. Because there are so many pieces of trash, fish and other sea creatures²⁴ eat them. These plastics are poisons²⁵ and we don't know what harm²⁶ they do to these animals. And then, of course, we eat the fish. So, we are consuming²⁷ our own trash. We are poisoning ourselves.



There are three possible solutions²⁸.

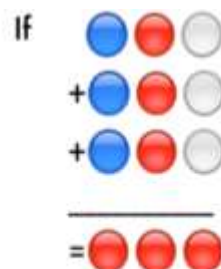
1. We can stop throwing trash in the sea.
2. We can try to fish all of the trash out of the sea.
3. We can find a way to make the plastic trash break down, without releasing toxins²⁹ into the sea. None of these solutions are easy, but if we don't do something soon, the sea will be unsafe for any of the animals living there. And the sea is 72% of our planet!

IF .. THEN .. ????



Monday = 617
 Tuesday = 729
 Wednesday = 9312
 Thursday = 8412
 Friday = 6511
 Saturday = 8614
 Sunday = ????

Last Week's Answers



What numbers are $\bullet \bullet \bullet$?

(148+148+148=444) 1 4 8

Announcements

We have Easter assembly on Monday. On Thursday, the HS will learn about the school festival. On Friday, each grade has different activities.

- 1.Incredible すごく 2.Disposable 使い捨て 3.Throw away 捨てる 4.Trillion 1兆 5.Biodegrade 生物分解する 6.Microbe 微生物 7.Photodegrade 光生物分解する 8.Ultraviolet light 紫外線 9.Polyethylene ポリエチレン 10.Polymer chain ポリマー鎖 11.Developed country 先進国 12.Recycle リサイクル 13.Landfill 埋め立てごみ 14.kwh キロワット時 15.Study 知識の獲得 16.Estimate 評価する 17.Float 浮かぶ 18.Surface 水面 19.Quadrillion 1000兆 20.Seabed 海底 21.Tiny 小さい 22.Suspend 浮遊させる 23.Sea current 海流 24.Sea creature 海の生き物 25.Poison 毒 26.Harm 害する 27.Consume 食べる 28.Solution 解決 29.Release toxin 毒素を放出する

★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! Are you all used to your new classes and teachers? I'm starting to get used to my new classes, but I still haven't memorized¹ everyone's names yet. It might take me until June to get them right, so please forgive me if I mess up! - Krystal

★ Teacher Interview ★

This week's teacher interview is with **Ms. Yuri Ogasawara**. She is a new English teacher at this school. Wouldn't you like to know a little more about her? If so, then read on!



Q: What do you usually do in your free time?

A: In my free time I often go to live concerts, and I also play the alto sax.

Q: Who is your favorite Japanese celebrity?

A: It's hard to choose just one, but I want to be like Fumino Kimura and Narumi Yasuda. They are so dignified². In addition, I usually listen to Yuzu and Yu Takahashi's songs.

Q: What is your impression³ of Hokusei so far⁴?

A: I like how this school focuses⁵ on English education, and the students are free to be themselves. When I was in university, I met some graduates of this school, and they were really kind and interesting people.

Q: Do you believe in ghosts?

A: No, I don't want to believe in them. (laughs)



Q: What is your favorite ramen flavor?

A: I like salt and miso ramen. I sometimes go to ramen restaurants called *Enjin* and *Daidaiya*.

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

A: Don't be afraid of making mistakes. Also, find something you enjoy about English, for example, music, books, magazines, or plays. ★

★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

This week's celebrity is **Adam Levine**. Adam Levine is an American singer and songwriter. He is the lead vocalist of the band, Maroon 5. He was born in Los Angeles, California, on March 18, 1979. When he was in high school, he formed a band called Kara's Flowers. The band was unsuccessful⁶, so they changed their musical style to pop rock and their name to Maroon 5. They became very popular, and their song, "Moves Like Jagger", is one of the best-selling singles worldwide. Adam Levine is famous for his *false*to⁷ singing. He appears as a judge⁸ and a vocal coach on the popular TV talent contest, *The Voice*. He is frequently included in magazines' "sexiest men" lists.



★ Horoscopes ★

<p>Aries ♈ March 21-April 19</p> <p>You want to change your look this week. Try a new hairstyle or outfit.</p>	<p>Taurus ♉ April 20-May 20</p> <p>You long to be outdoors this week. A walk through the park would be nice.</p>	<p>Gemini ♊ May 21-June 20</p> <p>You'll receive a lot of compliments⁹ this week. Good for you!</p>
<p>Cancer ♋ June 21-July 22</p> <p>Something will make you angry this week. Try to keep calm.</p>	<p>Leo ♌ July 23-Aug 22</p> <p>You'll make lots of plans with your friends this week. How exciting!</p>	<p>Virgo ♍ Aug 23-Sept 22</p> <p>Try not to be so serious and have some fun this week!</p>
<p>Libra ♎ Sept 23-Oct 22</p> <p>You will get an unexpected¹⁰ gift from a friend this week.</p>	<p>Scorpio ♏ Oct 23-Nov 21</p> <p>This will be a great week for you at school. Study hard!</p>	<p>Sagittarius ♐ Nov 22-Dec 21</p> <p>You'll be thinking so much that you'll have trouble sleeping this week.</p>
<p>Capricorn ♑ Dec 22-Jan 19</p> <p>You'll be very cheerful this week, and your smile will make everyone smile.</p>	<p>Aquarius ♒ Jan 20-Feb 18</p> <p>You'll have some problems with technology this week.</p>	<p>Pieces ♓ Feb 19-March 20</p> <p>You really want to hear a good story. Watch a movie or read a book.</p>

New words: 1. memorize 暗記する 2. dignified 凜としている 3. impression 印象
4. so far 今まで 5. focus on 力を入れて 6. unsuccessful 不成功の 7. falsetto 裏声
8. judge 審査員 9. compliment 褒め言葉 10. unexpected 予期しない