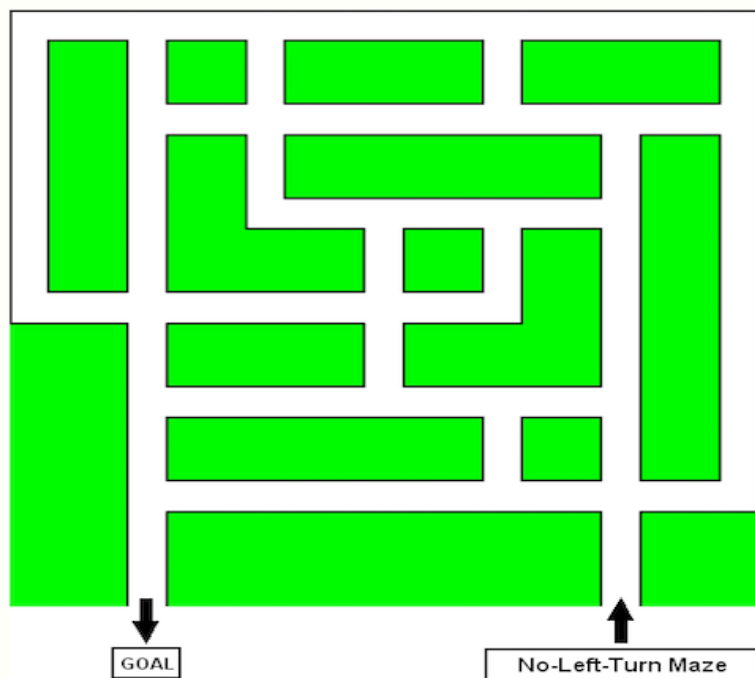


Most of you are wearing your summer uniforms today. Do you feel summery? They certainly¹ look lighter and more cheerful than your winter uniforms. Hopefully the weather will take notice² and improve³. It was pretty horrible⁴ over the weekend. Mr. Akimoto and I ran the Chitose marathon in the rain, wind and cold. We both felt pretty miserable⁵. We both finished, but by the time I crossed the finish line, he was already back in his house in Sapporo drinking a glass of beer and relaxing. He is too fast. I don't think he is human. Ha ha.

Something You Didn't Know (Planes⁶)

1. The Wright brothers flew the first airplane in 1903 for 40m. Today, the newest Boeing 787 can fly 16,000km on a single tank of fuel⁷.
2. The world's fastest airplane is the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, flying at 3,529 km/h. A commercial passenger jet⁸ travels at about 900km/h.
3. Around the world, about 10 million people fly every day.
4. The longest non-stop flight⁹ is Auckland to Qatar. It is 14,534km and takes 18 hours! The shortest flight is between two islands off the coast of Scotland. It is 2.7km and takes 53 seconds!
5. A 747 can actually¹⁰ travel quite far with no engines. A 747 has a glide ratio¹¹ of 17:1. That means it can glide 17km forward for every 1km in height. From the average flying altitude¹² of 10,000m, it could safely glide for 170km. This has saved people's lives.

You cannot turn left!!



Last Week's Answers

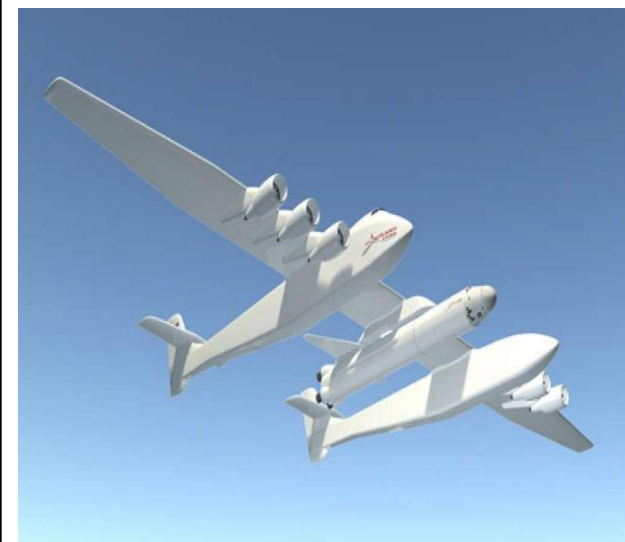


Announcements

Tests on Monday for the 5th and 6th grade. Tests on Tuesday and Wednesday for everybody. Benesse tests on Thursday and Friday for the 6th grade. Good luck everybody.

World's Largest Plane

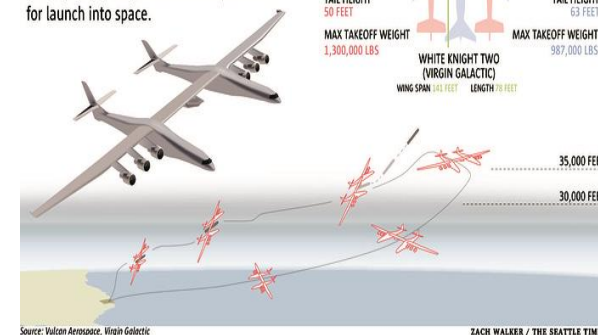
Last week the world's largest plane was brought out of its hangar¹³ for the first time. The plane has a wingspan¹⁴ of 117m and has 6 Boeing 747 jet engines. It has 28 wheels and is 15m high. The plane is powerful enough to carry 590 tons. It has been built by Paul Allen, the co-founder¹⁵ of Microsoft, and will be used by his new company, Stratolaunch.



The plane has two bodies and a gap in the middle. In the gap it will carry a rocket. This is why it has to be so powerful. The plane will carry rockets to an altitude of about 11,000 m and then release¹⁶ them. These rockets will carry satellites¹⁷ or supplies¹⁸ for the international space station¹⁹. The rockets will enter a low earth orbit²⁰ and slowly rise until they are at the same height as the space station.

Up until now, the only way to launch²¹ a satellite was by rocket launched from the ground. This is very expensive and the parts of the rocket can usually not be reused²². To send 1kg into space costs a lot of money. With this new method²³, the rockets are launched from a high altitude and don't need as much fuel. It will be a lot cheaper and will mean more can be done in space.

Engineers call it 'the Roc' Nicknamed after a giant mythical bird, the six-engine plane has a larger wingspan than any previous aircraft. The Stratolaunch is designed to carry a rocket to 35,000 feet for launch into space.



- 1.Certainly 必ず 2.Take notice ~に気づく 3.Improve よくなる 4.Horrible ひどい 5.Miserable わずかな 6.Plane 飛行機 7.A single tank of fuel タンク満タンを一回 8.Commercial passenger jet 乗客を乗せた商用ジェット機 9.Non-stop flight 直便 10.Actually 実は 11.Glide ratio 滑空比 12.Altitude 高さ 13.Hangar 格納庫 14.Wingspan 翼長 15.Co-founder 共同創立者 16.Release 離れる 17.Satellite サテライト 18.Supplies 供給品 19.International space station 国際宇宙ステーション 20.Low earth orbit 地球低軌道 21.Launch 打ち上げる 22.Reuse 再び用いる 23.Method 方法

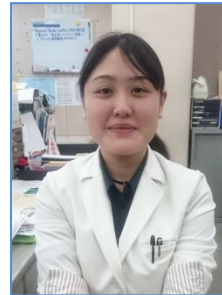
★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! It's test week! Here are my best test-taking strategies!:

1. Get plenty of sleep. You won't be able to remember anything if you study all night.
2. Don't study in between tests. It won't help you, and it might confuse² you. Take a break!
3. Relax! They're just tests! No matter what your grades are, you will survive³! - Krystal

★ Teacher Interview ★

This week's teacher interview is with **Ms. Nobuka Kikuchi**. She is a new teacher this year. She teaches science to the 1st grade and 2nd grade junior high school students.



Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I play video games. For example, Monster Hunter.



Q: Which teacher do you admire⁴ at this school?

A: I admire Ms. Yasui. She has many good qualities⁵ that I don't have.

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: I like cats, because I had a cat when I was a child. When I was having hard times, my cat was always there to make me feel better.



Q: What countries have you visited?

A: I have never left Japan. I actually don't even have a passport! But if I could go anywhere, I'd like to go to Germany. The reason is I heard that Japan and Germany have many things in common.



Q: What was the worst test score you ever got?

A: When I was in high school, I got 30 points on a math test. I never studied for tests back then, so that's why I did so poorly.

Q: What test-taking advice do you have for Hokusei students?

A: First of all, question everything you learn. Don't just memorize⁶ the answers, but ask yourself why the answers are that way. Then you will have a much deeper understanding. ★

★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

This week's English speaking celebrity is **Beyoncé**. Beyoncé is an American singer, songwriter, and actress. She was born on September 4, 1981 in Houston, Texas. She started singing in her school and church choirs⁷. In the late 1990s, she became popular as a member of the female R&B group, Destiny's Child. In 2003, she released her solo debut album, *Dangerously in Love*. At that time, she collaborated⁸ with the rapper, Jay Z. They started dating, and the couple got married in 2008. They have a 5-year-old daughter named Blue Ivy, and are expecting⁹ their twins¹⁰ to be born this month! Beyoncé is the most nominated¹¹ and second most-awarded woman in the history of the Grammy Awards. She has been nominated 62 times and awarded 22 times. She has released six albums. Amazing!



★ Horoscopes ★

<p>Aries ♈ March 21-April 19</p> <p>A friend will ask you for help, so it's time to lend a hand¹².</p>	<p>Taurus ♉ April 20-May 20</p> <p>You will get along with¹³ people very well this week.</p>	<p>Gemini ♊ May 21-June 20</p> <p>Your parents will nag¹⁴ you about household chores¹⁵ this week.</p>
<p>Cancer ♋ June 21-July 22</p> <p>You'll be rewarded with some money soon for a job well done.</p>	<p>Leo ♌ July 23-Aug 22</p> <p>Stay positive and good things will happen this week.</p>	<p>Virgo ♍ Aug 23-Sept 22</p> <p>If you aren't sure about something this week, just say "no".</p>
<p>Libra ♎ Sept 23-Oct 22</p> <p>Treat yourself to something new after you finish all of your tests.</p>	<p>Scorpio ♏ Oct 23-Nov 21</p> <p>One of your dreams will come true this week.</p>	<p>Sagittarius ♐ Nov 22-Dec 21</p> <p>Monday will be a bad day, but the rest of the week will be great.</p>
<p>Capricorn ♑ Dec 22-Jan 19</p> <p>Getting revenge¹⁶ is not the answer to your problems this week.</p>	<p>Aquarius ♒ Jan 20-Feb 18</p> <p>Try not to get too emotional¹⁷ this week. Stay calm and rational¹⁸.</p>	<p>Pisces ♓ Feb 19-March 20</p> <p>The person you're attracted to¹⁹ wants some space. Don't be clingy²⁰.</p>

New words: 1. strategy 対策 2. confuse 混乱させる 3. survive 乗り切る 4. admire 憧れる 5. quality 特性 6. memorize 暗記する 7. choir 聖歌隊・合唱団 8. collaborate 合作する 9. expecting 妊娠している 10. twins 双子 11. nominate 推薦する 12. lend a hand 手伝う 13. get along with 仲良くする 14. nag がみがみ小言を言う 15. household chores 家事 16. revenge 仕返し 17. emotional 感情的な 18. rational 理性的のある 19. be attracted to 惹かれる 20. clingy 依存心