

Yeah!! You finished all your tests!! Yeah!! And today is the flower assembly. It is always beautiful and it will take your minds off<sup>1</sup> your test results. I'm always very impressed<sup>2</sup> by the variety<sup>3</sup> of flowers you bring to school. I never have much pocket money<sup>4</sup> left by this time in the month, so I sometimes think about stealing<sup>5</sup> flowers out of one of the gardens I walk past on my way to school. I never do, but I think about it. We don't have any flowers on my balcony because the crows<sup>6</sup> eat them faster than I can plant<sup>7</sup> them.

### Something You Didn't Know (McDonald's)

1. The restaurant was started by Richard and Maurice McDonald in California in 1940.
2. Originally it was a barbecue restaurant. The brothers changed to hamburgers in 1948.
3. Ray Kroc, a businessman, joined the brothers in 1955 and bought the chain<sup>8</sup> from the brothers. They didn't want to expand<sup>9</sup> and he did. He paid them about \$2 million.
4. McDonalds has 36,900 restaurants in 120 countries.
5. They serve 68 million people every day and they employ<sup>10</sup> 1.5 million people.
6. McDonald's has sold about 300 billion burgers since they first started.
7. They sell 4 million kg of fries every day.
8. A Big Mac has 563 calories. A Giga Mac? I don't know.
9. There are more calories in a venti size Starbucks' strawberry frappuccino.

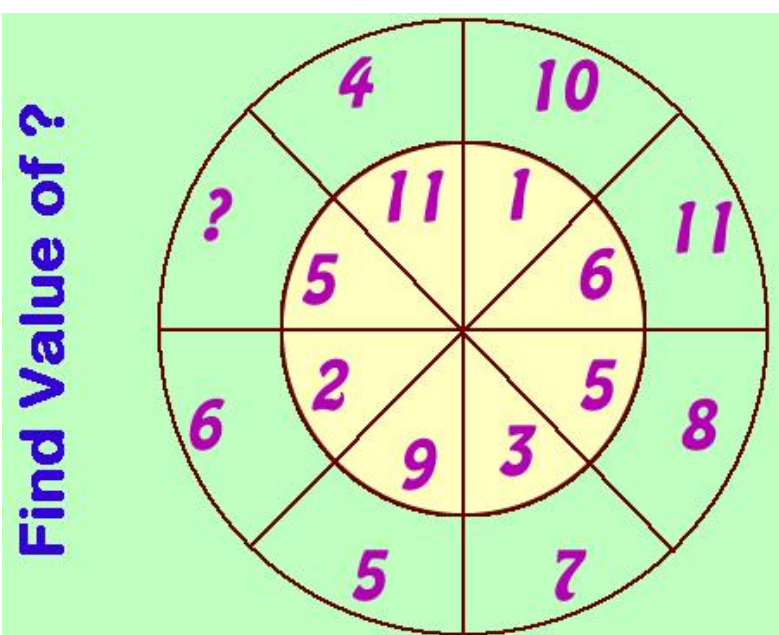


### McDonald's Japan Releases Its Giga Mac Again

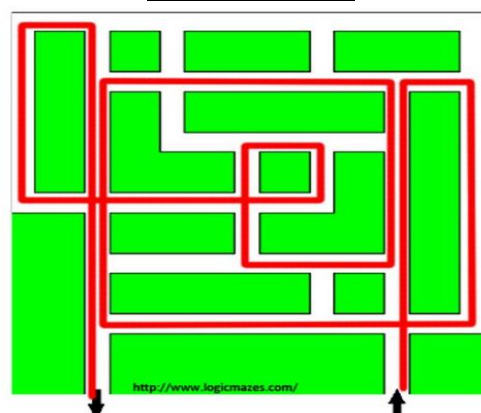
Next week, McDonald's Japan announced<sup>11</sup> that it will rerelease<sup>12</sup> its Giga Mac burger. It is basically<sup>13</sup> a big mac with four beef patties<sup>14</sup> instead of the usual two. Is that news worthy<sup>15</sup>? Probably not, but I have had a very hard time finding news this week. The only interesting thing was the UK election<sup>16</sup>, and I'm sure none of you have any interest in that. So, McDonald's it is.



According to<sup>17</sup> McDonald's, the Giga Mac has 2.8 times more meat than a regular Big Mac. I'm not very good at math, but, if you go from two patties to four patties, that seems like only 2 times more meat. I must be missing something. Ah... it says that the hamburger is slightly broader<sup>18</sup> than a regular<sup>19</sup> Big Mac, which explains it. I know McDonald's is not the best, but I am looking forward to having one.



### Last Week's Answers



### Announcements

Flower assembly is on Monday. Students will take flowers to different places on Monday, lesson 7. Study abroad meetings are on Thursday and Friday. GTEC is on Saturday.

I personally<sup>20</sup> prefer<sup>21</sup> Burger King to McDonald's. They have a whopper burger which I think is the best. In Japan, you can buy a double whopper, but the last time I was in the UK, you could buy a triple whopper. I was in heaven<sup>22</sup> when I saw that. I was going to have two, but my brother managed to<sup>23</sup> stop me. Well, he's not here in Japan, so two Giga Macs ... here I come!



1. Take your mind off 忘れる 2. Impressed 感心して 3. Variety 多種類 4. Pocket money お小遣い 5. Steal 盗む 6. Crow カラス 7. Plant ~を植える 8. Chain チェーン店 9. Expand 拡大する 10. Employ 雇用する 11. Announce 発表する 12. Rerelease 再発売する 13. Basically 基本的 14. Patty パティ ◆挽肉や刻んだ野菜などを練り、円盤状にして焼いた料理 15. News worthy ニュースになるか 16. Election 選挙 17. According to ~によると 18. Broad 広い 19. Regular 普通の 20. Personally 個人的には 21. Prefer 好む 22. Heaven 天国 23. Manage to できるようになる

# ★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! How were your tests last week? Don't worry too much if your grades weren't as high as you had hoped. You have three more tests to do well on! Do your best! - Krystal

## ★ Teacher Interview ★

This week's teacher interview is with **Mr. Ryuya Ogura**. He teaches P.E. and health to the junior high school students, 5<sup>th</sup> grade high school students, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade high school students. He is also one of the basketball coaches. Let's check out his interview!



Q: What was your least favorite subject in school? Why?

A: Japanese, because classical Japanese literature<sup>1</sup> was too difficult for me.

Q: What is your favorite basketball team?

A: Out of the Japanese teams, I like Link Tochigi, because my former classmate plays for them. But my favorite NBA<sup>5</sup> team is the Boston Celtics.



Q: If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would you choose?

A: Japanese fried chicken<sup>2</sup>, because I eat it almost every day anyway. 😊



Q: If you met a genie and he gave you one wish, what would you wish for?

A: I'd wish to travel all around the world, because I haven't had a chance to travel yet. I'm too busy and have no time.

Q: What do you like about teaching at Hokusei?

A: I like how the students are very carefree<sup>3</sup>, and they work hard at both their clubs and their studies.

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

A: Don't be picky<sup>4</sup> about food. Eat anything and everything. ★

# ★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

This week's English speaking celebrity is **Stephen Curry**. He is an American basketball player. He plays for the Golden State Warriors of the NBA<sup>5</sup>. The team is based in<sup>6</sup> Oakland, California. Stephen Curry was born on March 14, 1988, in Akron, Ohio. He grew up playing basketball, because his father, Dell Curry, was an NBA player. Both Stephen and his younger brother, Seth, followed in their father's footsteps<sup>7</sup> and became NBA players, too. Stephen Curry is 191 cm tall and weighs 86 kg. He is a point guard, which means he must control the ball and make sure it gets to the right players at the right time. It is a very important position which requires<sup>8</sup> good leadership. He is one of the NBA's greatest shooters of all time, and has been chosen as MVP<sup>9</sup> twice. Now, Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors are playing against the Cleveland Cavaliers in the 2017 NBA Finals. By the time you read this, maybe the Warriors have already won! Good luck, Stephen!



## ★ Horoscopes ★

<p><b>Aries</b> ♈ March 21-April 19</p> <p>If you lend your things to someone, they might come back broken.</p>	<p><b>Taurus</b> ♉ April 20-May 20</p> <p>All eyes will be on<sup>10</sup> you this week, whether you like it or not.</p>	<p><b>Gemini</b> ♊ May 21-June 20</p> <p>If you break a rule, be ready to face the consequences<sup>11</sup>.</p>
<p><b>Cancer</b> ♋ June 21-July 22</p> <p>One of your friends is feeling left out<sup>12</sup>. Why don't you reach out to<sup>13</sup> her?</p>	<p><b>Leo</b> ♌ July 23-Aug 22</p> <p>Listen to your parents this week. They know what they're talking about.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b> ♍ Aug 23-Sept 22</p> <p>You will have many original and unique ideas this week.</p>
<p><b>Libra</b> ♎ Sept 23-Oct 22</p> <p>Someone close to you is going to hurt your feelings<sup>14</sup> this week.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b> ♏ Oct 23-Nov 21</p> <p>Take lots of pictures of the good times you'll have this week.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius</b> ♐ Nov 22-Dec 21</p> <p>Avoid impulse shopping<sup>15</sup> this week. Don't buy anything you'll regret<sup>16</sup>.</p>
<p><b>Capricorn</b> ♑ Dec 22-Jan 19</p> <p>Your friend will have good romantic advice for you this week.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius</b> ♒ Jan 20-Feb 18</p> <p>Just because someone else is doing it, it doesn't mean you have to.</p>	<p><b>Pisces</b> ♓ Feb 19-March 20</p> <p>Try to compromise<sup>17</sup> this week. Stop being so stubborn<sup>18</sup>.</p>

**New words:** 1. classical Japanese literature 古典 2. Japanese fried chicken から揚げ 3. carefree のびのびしている 4. picky 好き嫌いが多い 5. NBA = National Basketball Association 6. be based in ~ ~に本拠を置く 7. follow in someone's footsteps 志を継ぐ 8. require 必要とする 9. MVP = Most Valuable Player 最優秀選手 10. all eyes on ~ ~に注目されている 11. consequence 結果 12. left out 仲間外れ 13. reach out to 接触する 14. hurt someone's feelings 傷つける 15. impulse shopping 衝動買い 16. regret 後悔する 17. compromise 妥協する 18. stubborn 頑固な