

The weather has finally improved¹. For a while, I didn't think we were going to have a summer this year. I thought maybe we would just go straight from Spring to Winter. We have some students visiting us from America this week. They will only be here for a couple of days but it would be great if you got the chance to talk to them. I don't think they speak Japanese, so you are going to have to summon up your courage² and talk to them in English. Come on! You can do it! I know you can. Make sure they have a great experience here.

Something You Didn't Know (Pizza)

1. The first use of the word pizza was in Italy in 997 AD. It was written as pizze.
2. Pizzas have existed³ since the Neolithic age⁴. It was very common for people to cook bread with toppings to make it taste better. In 600 BC, Persian⁵ soldiers baked pizzas on their battle shields⁶.
3. Over 10 billion pizzas are sold every year and the majority⁷ of those are in America.
4. Americans eat 115,000 tons of pepperoni⁸ every year.
5. Americans eat 350 slices of pizza a second and 40% of them eat pizza at least once a week.
6. The first American pizza restaurant opened in 1905. In the first half of the 20th century, pizza in America was mostly only eaten by poor Italian immigrants⁹. However, after World War 2¹⁰, American soldiers who had fought in Italy came back and wanted to eat pizza, so it became more popular and took off¹¹.

Sotirios "Sam" Panopoulos Dies

Last week, Sotirios Panopoulos died. He was 83 years old. Many of you will probably not know who he was. And, when I tell you, many of you will probably *still* not know who he is! He was the inventor¹² of the Hawaiian pizza!! What's that? A Hawaiian pizza is a basic¹³ cheese pizza with bacon and pineapple on it. Pineapple? That's right! A pizza with pineapple on it!

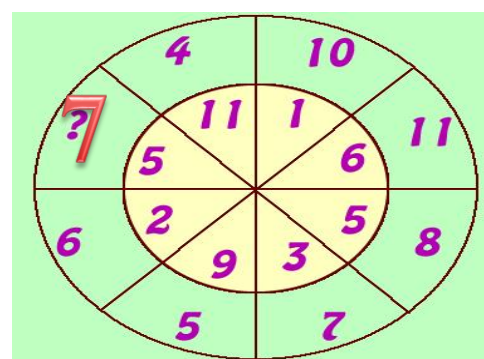


Maybe the students that have spent time in America or Canada will have tried one, but I expect¹⁴ most people living in Japan will not have. It is surprisingly¹⁵ good. Mr. Panopoulos said that he got the idea from eating Chinese food. The Chinese mix sweet and savory¹⁶ things together, and the combination¹⁷ is delicious. He decided to see if he could do the same thing with a pizza. And, in 1962, he managed¹⁸.

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Last Week's Answers



All the sections add up to 25

Announcements

1st ad 2nd grade demo classes on Monday. 3rd grade have their midori no kyoshitsu on Thursday until Friday. Americans are coming on Friday. There is an open day and a workshop on Saturday.

A Hawaiian pizza is very well known, but it is one of those things that you either love or you hate. A lot of people say that pineapple has no place¹⁹ on a pizza. In my opinion, the sweet juiciness²⁰ of the fruit perfectly contrasts²¹ the dryness²² of the crust. In fact, my mouth is starting to water²³ while I am writing this. I am hungry! I would give my right arm for²⁴ a pizza right now.



- 1.Improve 良くなる 2.Summon up courage ~する勇気を出す 3.Exist 存在する 4.Neolithic age 新石器時代 5.Persian 古代ペルシア人 6.Battle shield 盾 7.Majority 大多数 8.Pepperoni ペパローニ 9.Immigrant 移民者 10.World War 2 第二次世界大戦 11.Take off 急に売り出す 12.Inventor 発明者 13.Basic 基本 14.Expect ~と思う 15.Surprisingly 驚くほどに 16.Savory 塩辛い・辛い 17.Combination 組み合わせる 18.Manage to できるようになる 19.No place の余地がない 20.Juiciness 汁の多さ 21.Contrast 対比 22.Dryness 乾燥度 23.Mouth watering よだれの出そうな 24.Give my right arm for 右腕を差し出してもいいぐらい〇〇が欲しい

★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! The weather was so bad last week, wasn't it? Did you go to the Hokkaido Shrine Festival? I love summer festivals¹. I like to wear my yukata and eat lots of yummy² food from the food stalls³. - Krystal

★ Teacher Interview ★

This week's teacher interview is with **Ms. Rina Kagawa**. She is a student teacher who teaches 4F and 4G. Her home room class is 4F. She also was a graduate of this school. You can read her interview below!



Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I usually read books, go shopping, or go travelling. I usually travel around Hokkaido, but last year I went to Texas in the USA.



Q: Who is your favorite celebrity?

A: I like J. K. Rowling. She is the novelist⁴ who wrote the *Harry Potter* series. Also, I like Emma Watson, because I saw her in *Beauty and the Beast*. It was such a nice movie.

Q: What do you like about Hokusei?

A: The uniform is so cute and pretty. And I love the teachers because they are so nice and kind, and they teach me a lot.

Q: How is university life different from high school life?

A: I have to make my schedule by myself, and I have a lot of free time. I can do a part-time job. It's a lot freer than high school.

Q: Why do you want to be a teacher?

A: Because I like to teach and I want to tell people new things. When I was in junior high school and high school, I respected Ms. Momma and Ms. Sano so much, so I really want to be a great English teacher like them.

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

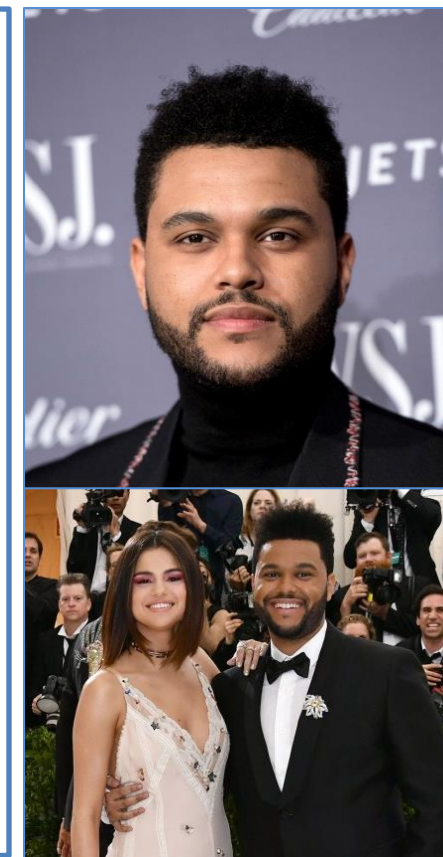
A: Try to study hard and you can have a nice dream. ★



J. K. Rowling

★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

This week's English speaking celebrity is **The Weeknd**. He is a Canadian singer, songwriter, and music producer. His birth name is Abel Tesfaye. He was born on February 16, 1990 in Toronto, Ontario. His parents immigrated⁵ to Canada from Ethiopia to escape the famine⁶ in the 1980s. He was not a very good student, and dropped out of⁷ high school in 2007. The Weeknd is a unique artist because he started his career digitally. His career began when he anonymously⁸ uploaded⁹ his songs to YouTube in 2010. His music went viral¹⁰, and even popular musicians such as Drake took notice¹¹ of him. He was able to sell out¹² a North American tour before he even released a studio album. Now, The Weeknd has released three albums, and three singles reached #1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart: "The Hills", "Can't Feel My Face", and "Starboy", which holds the record for second most streamed single in one day. He has won two Grammy Awards. He was the 6th richest celebrity this year, and he is currently¹³ dating¹⁴ the American singer, Selena Gomez.



★ Horoscopes ★

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| Aries ♈ March 21-April 19 Listen to your mother this week. She knows what's best for you. | Taurus ♉ April 20-May 20 Be careful not to forget to do something important. | Gemini ♊ May 21-June 20 You will have some hard decisions ¹⁵ to make this week. |
| Cancer ♋ June 21-July 22 Don't worry about taking chances ¹⁶ this week. | Leo ♌ July 23-Aug 22 Don't let your guard down ¹⁷ this week. Stay alert. | Virgo ♍ Aug 23-Sept 22 You will discover ¹⁸ something new and interesting this week. |
| Libra ♎ Sept 23-Oct 22 Keep your opinions to yourself ¹⁹ this week. | Scorpio ♏ Oct 23-Nov 21 Take better care of your health this week. | Sagittarius ♐ Nov 22-Dec 21 Relax and get some alone time this week. |
| Capricorn ♑ Dec 22-Jan 19 You need to make a list to keep track of ²⁰ what you have to do each day. | Aquarius ♒ Jan 20-Feb 18 You're will get along well with friends and family this week. | Pisces ♓ Feb 19-March 20 You will have some problems with your smartphone this week. |

New words: 1. festival お祭り 2. yummy おいしい 3. food stall 屋台 4. novelist 小説家 5. immigrate 移住する 6. famine 飢饉 drop out of 中退する 7. digitally デジタル的に 8. anonymously 匿名で 9. upload アップロードする 10. go viral ネットで大きな話題になる 11. take notice of 注目する 12. sell out 売り切る 13. currently 現在は 14. dating 交際中 15. decision 決定 16. take chances 山勘をやる 17. let your guard down 油断する 18. discover 発見する 19. keep to yourself 情報・意図を他に明かさない 20. keep track of 絶えず注意している