

Mr. Anizaki was cutting the grass in the garden last week, and the smell of freshly cut grass¹ wafted² up through my classroom window. It really took me back³ to my childhood. In Japan, it is quite rare⁴ to have a garden, and very rare in the center of the city. In the UK, most houses have a garden and in the summer, especially⁵ on Sunday, everyone goes out and cuts the grass. The smell of cut grass reminds⁶ me of England and my childhood. I had a very strong moment of nostalgia⁷. You are all still young, but I wonder what smells you will remember when you are older.

Something You Didn't Know (Elephants)

1. Baby elephants weigh about 120kg. Adults can be 4m high and weigh 7,000kg.
2. Elephants can live until they are 70. One elephant in a Chinese zoo lived to be 83.
3. An elephant's trunk⁸ has over 150,000 separate muscles⁹. It is strong enough to lift 350kg and delicate¹⁰ enough to pick up a single grain of rice¹¹. It can also hold 8.5L of water.
4. Elephants have to eat about 250kg of food every day. This can take them up to 16 hours. They only sleep for about 3 or 4 hours a day.
5. Elephants can grieve¹² for dead elephants, even years later, and care for young that are not their own. They can also cry and feel sadness.
6. Elephants are not scared of mice. However, they are scared of ants and bees. Farmers in areas that have a lot of elephants put beehives¹³ around their fields.

Last Week's Answers



Announcements

Not a lot happening this week. The student teachers finish on Friday. They have been here for three weeks. I am sure they are all tired, but it was a great experience for them.

Elephants Save Drowning Calf

Last week, two elephants managed to rescue¹⁴ a drowning¹⁵ calf¹⁶. It happened in Seoul Grand Park Zoo in South Korea. Footage taken from the zoo's CCTV¹⁷ camera has been released and has gone viral¹⁸ on the Internet. The video starts with a mother elephant and her calf drinking water from the drinking pool in their enclosure¹⁸. Suddenly the calf slips and falls into the water.

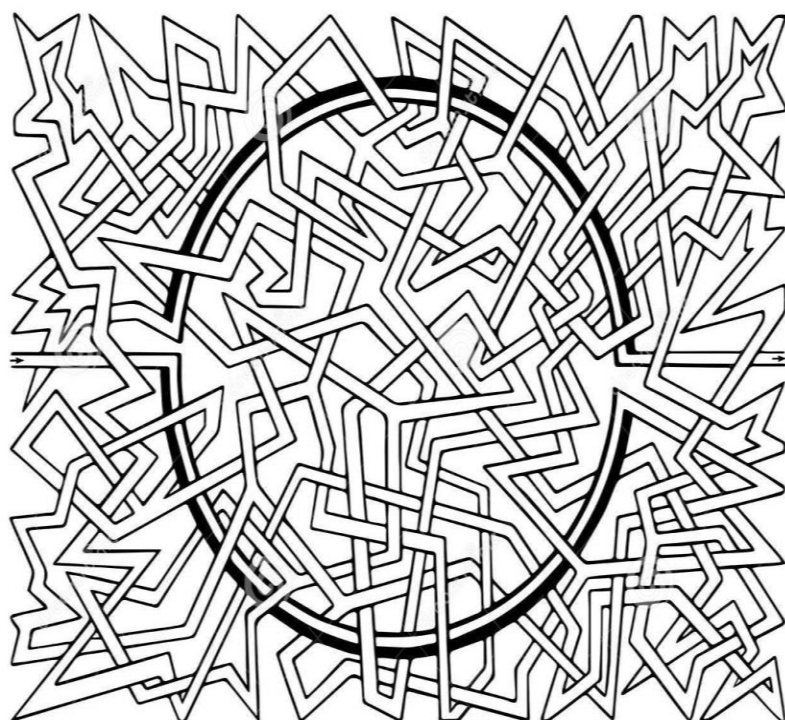


The drinking pool is very deep and the calf is too young to be able to swim and too small to be able to reach the bottom and walk. It looks like the calf will drown. The mother tries to pull the calf out with her trunk, but she cannot. Another elephant runs over and tries to help as well, but they still cannot pull the calf out. It looks like the video will have a sad ending. Then one of the elephants has an idea.

They run round to the far side of the pool, jump in and rush¹⁹ to the calf. Between them, they are able to lift it out of the water and save it. Yeah! So why did this go viral? Probably because the video shows elephants problem solving²⁰, working together as a group, and showing care for calves that are not their own. All behaviors²¹ that we think are uniquely human²².



- 1.Freshly cut grass** 草を刈ったばかり **2.Waft** 浮動する **3.Take me back** 思い起こされる **4.Rare** 珍しい **5.Especially** 特に **6.Remind** 思い出す **7.Nostalgia** 懐旧 **8.Trunk** 象の鼻 **9.Muscle** 筋肉 **10.Delicate** 起用 **11.Single grain of rice** 米の一粒 **12.Grieve** 深く悲しむ **13.Beehive** 養蜂箱 **14.Rescue** 救助する **15.Drown** 溺れ死ぬ **16.Calf** 子象 **17.CCTV (Closed Circuit TV)** クローズド・サーキット・テレビ、有線テレビ、閉回路テレビ **18.Enclosure** 囲い地 **19.Rush** 急ぐ **20.Problem solve** 問題を解決 **21.Behavior** 行動 **22.Uniquely human** 一意的



★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! This is the last week of June. That means the year is already half over. Time flies! when you're having fun! Has 2017 been a good year for you so far? If not, don't worry. You still have time to turn things around?! - Krystal

★ Teacher Interview ★

This week's teacher interview is with **Ms. Mao Ogawa**. She is a student teacher and teaches English to 1A and 1B. She was also a graduate of this school. What did she say in her interview? Let's read on to find out!



Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I usually watch movies. I like love stories the best. My favorite movie is **Twilight**.

Twilight is a love story between a girl and a vampire.



Q: Who is your favorite celebrity?

A: I like **Lady Gaga**, because she had a hard time when she was young but now she tries everything and she became really famous.



Q: What do you like about Hokusei?

A: I love the students! They're so friendly and they always try really hard.

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

A: In university, I have to think about my life a lot deeper than I did in high school. It's a good time to think about our future.

Q: Why do you want to be a teacher?

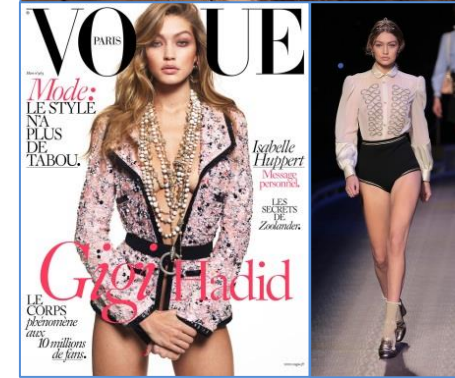
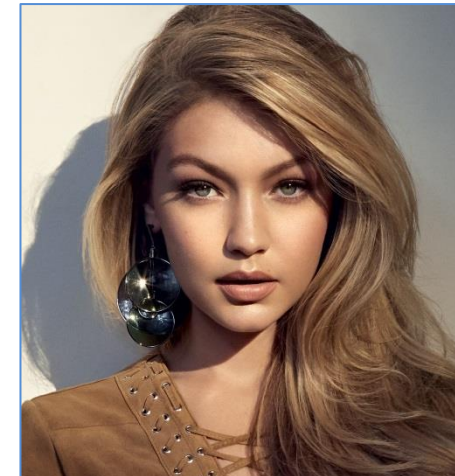
A: Because I really love learning English, so I want students to know how fun it is to learn English!

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

A: So before I said that students are really friendly, but some are shy around foreigners. So they should be more positive and try to speak English with many people more and more. ★

★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

This week's celebrity profile is on **Gigi Hadid**. She is an American supermodel. She was born in Los Angeles, California on April 23, 1995. Her father is a Palestinian³-American real estate⁵ developer, and her mother is a Dutch⁴-American former⁶ model. In fact, modeling runs in Gigi's family⁷, because her younger siblings⁸, Bella and Anwar, are both models as well. Gigi played volleyball and participated⁹ in competitive horseback riding¹⁰ in high school. She started modeling when she was two years old, but took a break to focus on school. She resumed¹¹ modeling when she was a teenager¹². Now, she appears on many fashion magazine covers, such as *Vogue*, *Teen Vogue*, *Allure*, and *Elle*. She has also walked the runway for famous brands and designers like Versace, Chanel, Marc Jacobs, and *Victoria's Secret*. She is currently the face of the Tommy Hilfiger brand. She was awarded the International Model of the Year award in 2016. Gigi Hadid is 179 cm tall. She is currently dating Zayn Malik, former member of the group, One Direction.



★ Horoscopes ★

<p>Aries ♈ March 21-April 19</p> <p>You are very curious¹³ this week. You will learn many new things.</p>	<p>Taurus ♉ April 20-May 20</p> <p>You have way too much stuff¹⁴. It's time to get rid of¹⁵ unneeded¹⁶ things.</p>	<p>Gemini ♊ May 21-June 20</p> <p>You will be irresistible¹⁷ this week. Enjoy the attention while it lasts.</p>
<p>Cancer ♋ June 21-July 22</p> <p>You will be shy this week. You won't know what to say or do.</p>	<p>Leo ♌ July 23-Aug 22</p> <p>You will have to make a big decision this week.</p>	<p>Virgo ♍ Aug 23-Sept 22</p> <p>You will prefer spending time with a group rather than alone this week.</p>
<p>Libra ♎ Sept 23-Oct 22</p> <p>You will have a hard time making up your mind¹⁸ this week.</p>	<p>Scorpio ♏ Oct 23-Nov 21</p> <p>Watch what you say to people who you care about this week.</p>	<p>Sagittarius ♐ Nov 22-Dec 21</p> <p>The person you like will make you feel jealous¹⁹ this week.</p>
<p>Capricorn ♑ Dec 22-Jan 19</p> <p>Trust your gut this week²⁰ if you have a "bad feeling".</p>	<p>Aquarius ♒ Jan 20-Feb 18</p> <p>You will lose something important to you this week.</p>	<p>Pisces ♓ Feb 19-March 20</p> <p>Help others before you help yourself this week.</p>

New words: 1. time flies 時が経つのは早い 2. turn around 好転する 3. Palestinian パレスティナ人 4. Dutch オランダ人 5. real estate 不動産 6. former 前の 7. run in the family 家族に遺伝している 8. sibling 兄弟 9. participate 参加する 10. competitive horseback riding 馬術 11. resume 再び始める 12. teenager 英語で語尾に-teen のつく 13 歳から 19 歳までの若者を指す 13. curious 好奇心の強い 14. stuff 持ち物 15. get rid of 処分する 16. unneeded 不要 17. irresistible 魅力的な 18. make up your mind 決心する 19. jealous やきもちを焼く 20. trust your gut 直感を信じる