

Wow! I don't think I can take much more of this hot weather! It's been over 30°C for so many days in a row<sup>1</sup> that I've lost count. My brain and my body just don't function<sup>2</sup> when it goes over 25°C. What about all of you? Are you coping<sup>3</sup>? Every year, at about this time, I beg<sup>4</sup> my wife to let me get air conditioning in our house. She always says the same thing. "It's too expensive! And it's only this hot for a few weeks! Just put up with it<sup>5</sup>! Wimp<sup>6</sup>!" I know she's right, but I would still give my right arm for an air conditioner right about now.

### Something You Didn't Know (Icebergs<sup>7</sup>)

1. The biggest ever iceberg was called B-15. It broke off the Ross Ice Shelf in 2000. It was 295 km long and 39 km wide. That is the same size as Akita prefecture<sup>8</sup> or the island of Jamaica.
2. 90% of an iceberg is underwater.
3. Icebergs are dangerous for ships. The Titanic sank<sup>9</sup> after hitting an iceberg in 1912. After then countries started trying to track<sup>10</sup> icebergs with planes and radar.
4. When icebergs melt, the cold freshwater<sup>11</sup> they release into the seas can change ocean currents<sup>12</sup>. They also leak nutrients<sup>13</sup> into the water and are usually surrounded by plankton<sup>14</sup> and fish.
5. The word iceberg comes from the Dutch ijsberg, which means ice mountain.
6. Icebergs can float for thousands of km.
7. The ice in them is from snow that fell over 10,000 years ago.



### Last Week's Answers

Move one matchstick to get another correct equation.



What's the next number in this series?

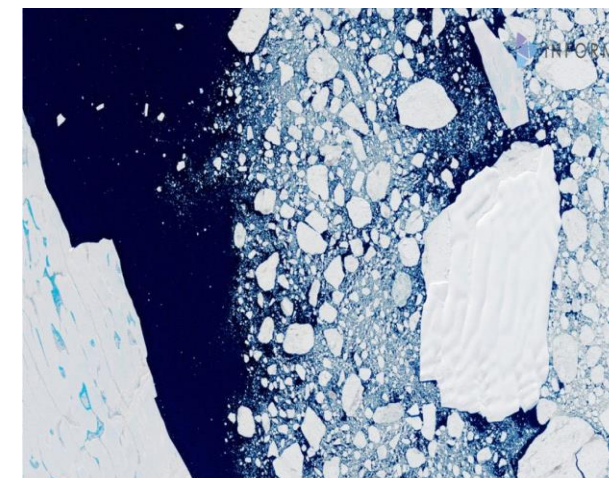
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4, 12, 5, 15

### Announcements

This is a normal week. JHS 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have a meeting in the afternoon on Tuesday. 5F leave for Australia on Friday. The summer vacation starts on Saturday. At last! I thought it would never come!

### Giant Iceberg Breaks Off

Last week, an iceberg the size of Gunma broke free from Antarctica and is floating in the sea. It broke off the Larsen C ice shelf. A massive crack<sup>15</sup> first appeared in 2014 and gradually got larger. It has taken three years, but the crack has crossed all the way across the ice shelf and this giant piece has drifted<sup>16</sup> off into the sea. It is enormous<sup>17</sup>. Do you know how big Gunma is? Well ...



... what about Sapporo? Do you know how big Sapporo is? Do you know how long it would take you to walk from one side of Sapporo to the other? Well, this iceberg is 6 times bigger than Sapporo!! It weighs over a trillion<sup>18</sup> tons! That's the same as 2 billion elephants. Or 2.5 billion 747s! This iceberg will not have an effect<sup>19</sup> on global sea levels<sup>20</sup> because it was already floating ice when it broke off. However, ice like this ...

... is holding back<sup>21</sup> ground ice<sup>22</sup>. If this ice starts to flow into the sea, it will raise sea levels. This iceberg will float off into the sea and it will slowly melt and break into smaller pieces. However, because of its size, it may take up to twenty years for it to completely disappear. Until then, it could float into shipping lanes<sup>23</sup> and pose a danger to<sup>24</sup> international shipping.



- 1.Days in a row 日連続 2.Function 働く 3.Cope うまく処理する 4.Beg~を懇願する 5.Put up with 我慢する 6.Wimp 弱虫 7.Iceberg 冰山 8.Prefecture 都道府県 9.Sink 沈む 10.Track 監視する 11.Freshwater 淡水 12.Ocean current 海流 13.Nutrient 栄養物 14.Plankton 浮遊生物 15.Crack ひび 16.Drift 流される 17.Enormous 巨大 18.Trillion 一兆 19.Have an effect on~に影響がある 20.Global sea levels 世界の海面 21.Hold back 引き止める 22.Ground ice 底氷 23.Shipping lanes 海上交通路 24.Pose a danger to~に危険性をもたらす

# ★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! This is the last week of school before summer vacation! Do you have any plans? No matter what you do, have fun and stay safe! As for me, I hope to go camping at least<sup>1</sup> once during the vacation. I'll probably be busy playing *Dragon Quest XI*, too. - Krystal

## ★ Teacher Interview ★

This week's teacher interview is with **Ms. Haruka Hamachi**. She teaches home economics<sup>2</sup> to 4B, 4C, 5F, 5G, 6A, 6D, and 6E. She is a new teacher at this school this year, and was also a graduate of this school. Read her interview below!



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

A: I usually watch live concert DVDs. For example, I like a band called *The Pillows*. I also like *Tokyo Ska Paradise Orchestra*.



Q: Who is your favorite celebrity?

A: I like Issei Takahashi, because he's a really hot guy<sup>3</sup>.

Q: If you could learn any language, what would you want to learn?

A: I'd like to learn Italian, because I like Italy and I want to visit there someday.



Q: What is one of your bad habits<sup>4</sup>?

A: I snore<sup>5</sup> loudly!

Q: What do you like about Hokusei?

A: The students are really lively and cheerful. Their laughter<sup>6</sup> makes me happy. And, when I was a student here, we used to hang up our sauna suits in the classroom. They smelled really bad but the teachers didn't get angry. ☺



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

A: Enjoy your youth<sup>7</sup>, and try as many things as possible. ★

# ★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

This week's celebrity is **Luis Fonsi**. He is a Puerto Rican singer and songwriter. Puerto Rico is a small chain of islands located in<sup>8</sup> the northeast Caribbean Sea. It is a territory<sup>9</sup> of the United States and the official languages are Spanish and English. Luis Fonsi was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico on April 15, 1978. He moved to Orlando, Florida when he was a teenager and mastered English in one month. He attended<sup>10</sup> high school and university there, and traveled the world with his university's choir. After university, he started his music career. He has released eight albums and has won one Latin Grammy Award. Luis Fonsi is actually<sup>11</sup> more famous in Spanish speaking countries because he mostly sings in Spanish. However, thanks to<sup>12</sup> his recent<sup>13</sup> hit single, *Despacito*, which features the Puerto Rican rapper Daddy Yankee and Canadian singer Justin Bieber, he has become famous around the world. *Despacito* has reached #1 on the pop music charts of 45 countries, and the music video now holds the record for fastest video to reach two billion<sup>14</sup> views on YouTube. It's definitely<sup>15</sup> the catchiest song<sup>16</sup> of the summer!



San Juan, Puerto Rico

## ★ Horoscopes ★

<p><b>Aries</b> ♈ March 21-April 19</p> <p>Try to share more with others this week.</p>	<p><b>Taurus</b> ♉ April 20-May 20</p> <p>Take care of your body. Don't eat too much or too little this week.</p>	<p><b>Gemini</b> ♊ May 21-June 20</p> <p>Be honest<sup>17</sup> about your feelings this week.</p>
<p><b>Cancer</b> ♋ June 21-July 22</p> <p>You will be able to focus on small details this week.</p>	<p><b>Leo</b> ♌ July 23-Aug 22</p> <p>Don't be nervous<sup>18</sup>. Relax and stay as calm as possible.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b> ♍ Aug 23-Sept 22</p> <p>When you make a mistake this week, apologize sincerely<sup>19</sup>.</p>
<p><b>Libra</b> ♎ Sept 23-Oct 22</p> <p>You will have very vivid<sup>20</sup> dreams this week. Maybe they'll come true?</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b> ♏ Oct 23-Nov 21</p> <p>It will feel like everyone is against<sup>21</sup> you this week. Don't give up!</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius</b> ♐ Nov 22-Dec 21</p> <p>You should appreciate what you have this week.</p>
<p><b>Capricorn</b> ♑ Dec 22-Jan 19</p> <p>Don't flake out on<sup>22</sup> plans with friends this week.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius</b> ♒ Jan 20-Feb 18</p> <p>You will get the contact info of a charming<sup>23</sup> person this week.</p>	<p><b>Pisces</b> ♓ Feb 19-March 20</p> <p>Stay open-minded this week. It's ok to change your opinions on things.</p>

**New words:** 1. at least 少なくとも 2. home economics 家庭科 3. hot guy イケメン 4. bad habit 悪い癖 5. snore いびきをかく 6. laughter 笑い声 7. youth 青春 8. located in に位置して 9. territory 領土 10. attend (school) (学校に) 通う 11. actually 実は 12. thanks to ~のおかげで 13. recent 最近の 14. billion 10億 15. definitely 確かに 16. catchy song 頭から離れない曲 17. honest 正直 18. nervous 緊張 19. sincerely 心から 20. vivid 新明な 21. against 反抗して 22. flake out on ドタキャンする 23. charming 魅力的な