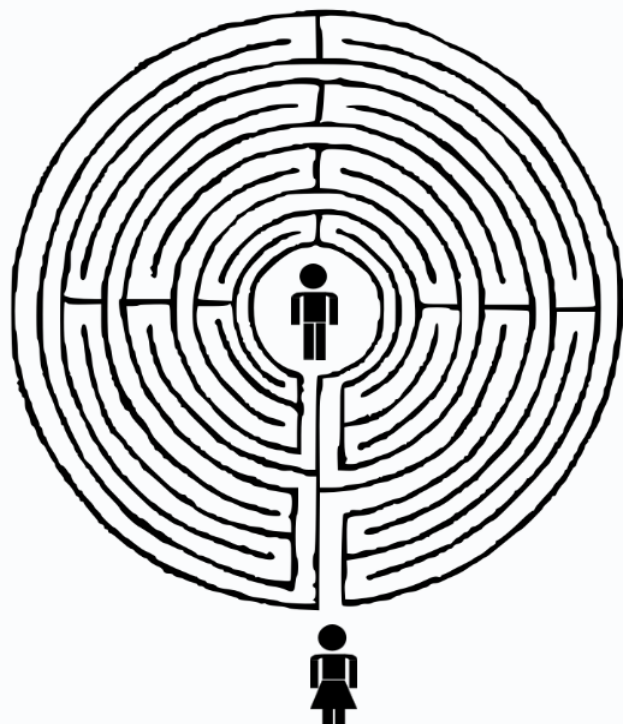


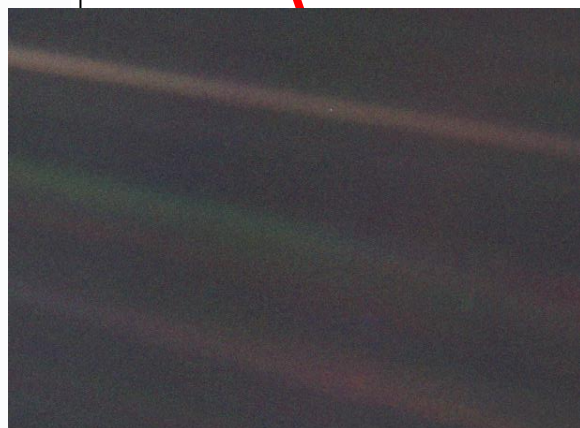
Sorry. This is my first English news since the summer vacation. I had just come back from England last week and I didn't feel like writing it. Did you have a good vacation? Mine was amazing. One of the best vacations I have had in a while. I did not want to come back to Japan. Ha ha. It's lucky for all of you that I decided to return, though, because you can all see my happy face again. I know how sad you would be if I went to live in the UK. Anyway, my wife doesn't want to live anywhere outside Japan. Plus, she hates British food. Ha ha.

### Something You Didn't Know (Voyager Space Probes<sup>1</sup>)

1. Voyager 1 is about 20 billion<sup>2</sup> km away from earth. Voyager 2 is 17 billion km away.
2. It takes sunlight<sup>3</sup> 17 hours to reach the probe. It takes 8 minutes for us here on earth.
3. The probe is travelling<sup>4</sup> at 17km per second.
4. The probe carries a golden record<sup>5</sup>. This is a record disk that carries lots of information about humans and our planet. Voyager is not heading towards any particular<sup>6</sup> star, but if it were to be intercepted<sup>7</sup> by intelligent life<sup>8</sup>, the record would tell them a lot about us.
5. All of the systems on Voyager will stop working by 2025. But the probe will carry on forever, unless it hits something, or is caught by aliens.
6. In 1990, the probe took a photo of our earth from 6 billion km away. The picture is called "the pale blue dot"<sup>9</sup>". All our problems, wars and struggles are on that blue dot<sup>10</sup>!

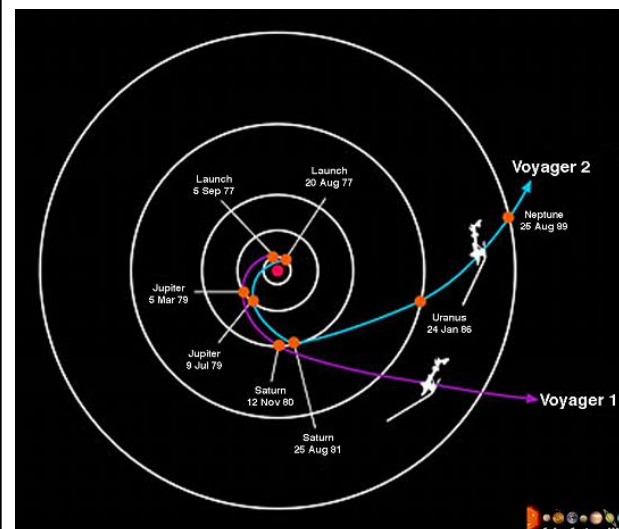
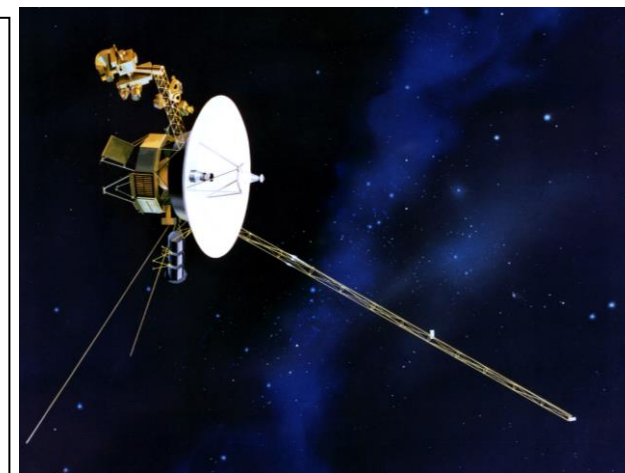


### Last Week's Answers



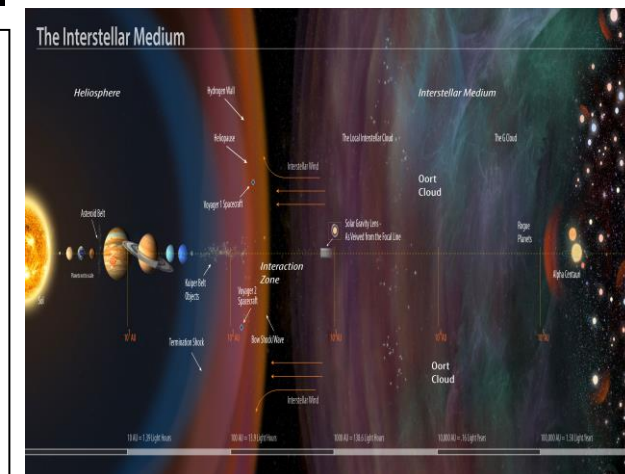
### Voyager is 40

Three months ago, I turned 40<sup>11</sup>. That should be big enough news. Last week, Voyager 2 turned 40 and, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, Voyager 1 will also turn 40. That happens to be<sup>12</sup> my father's 67<sup>th</sup> birthday, but that isn't the kind of news I write about. The two voyager probes were launched<sup>13</sup> into space in 1977, about the same time I was being sick on the sofa and crying a lot.



I'm sure most of you have never heard of Voyager 1 and 2. They launched with the mission to study the outer<sup>14</sup> solar system<sup>15</sup>. We have probes that are studying the inner<sup>16</sup> solar system but we had never been farther than that. So, the probes were launched into space. They made flybys<sup>17</sup> of some of the closer planets, then used the gravity<sup>18</sup> of Jupiter<sup>19</sup> to slingshot<sup>20</sup> themselves out into the solar system.

They flew past Saturn<sup>21</sup> and took some pictures of its moons. Then they went by Uranus<sup>22</sup> and Neptune<sup>23</sup>, before they left the solar system altogether. In 2012, Voyager 1 entered the interstellar medium<sup>24</sup> and left the solar system. It is now flying toward the star Gliese 445. It will come within 1.6 light years<sup>25</sup> of the star in 40,000 years. That's a long way to fly.



- 1.Space probe** 宇宙探査ロケット **2.Billion** 10億 **3.Sunlight** 太陽の光 **4.Travel** 動く **5.Golden record** 金レコード **6.In particular** 特に **7.Intercept** ~を途中で捕まえる **8.Intelligent life** 知的生命体 **9.Pale blue dot** 1990年に約60億キロメートルのかなたからボイジャー1号によって撮影された地球の写真 **10.Dot** 点 **11.Turn 40** 40歳になる **12.Happen to be** たまたま **13.Launch** 打ち上げる **14.Outer** 外部 **15.Solar system** 太陽系 **16.Inner** 内部 **17.Flyby** 接近通過 **18.Gravity** 重力 **19.Jupiter** 木製 **20.Slingshot** 重力パチンコ **21.Saturn** 土星 **22.Uranus** 天王星 **23.Neptune** 海王星 **24.Interstellar medium** 星間媒質 **25.Light year** 光年

# ★ English News Page ★

Hello everyone! Did you have a good summer vacation? Are you all happy to be back at school? I spent most of my summer vacation playing *Dragon Quest XI*. Tests are coming up soon, so I hope everyone is studying hard! - Krystal



## ★ Dear Krystal ★

This week has a new bi-weekly<sup>1</sup> advice column<sup>2</sup> called *Dear Krystal*. Do you have questions about English? Do you need some advice about a problem in your life? If so, **put your questions in the pink envelope near the English Board on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.** Write **"Dear Krystal"** on your question. Anything is ok, and you can remain anonymous<sup>3</sup>. Next week there will be a new teacher interview, so look forward to that.

Question 1:  
*Dear Krystal,*  
*I'm having a hard time studying for English listening tests. I study grammar and vocabulary, but I can never catch<sup>4</sup> what is being said. What should I do?*

Answer:  
I understand that it's difficult to study for listening tests. It's because you are surrounded by Japanese. To improve your English listening skills, you have to surround<sup>5</sup> yourself with English as much as possible. Watch English movies and TV shows. Listen to English songs. Spend more time speaking English in class and in the English Lounge. The more you listen to English, the easier it will become to catch what is being said. Good luck!

Question 2:  
*Dear Krystal,*  
*I love singing but hate studying. I want to be a singer when I grow up, but my parents are pressuring<sup>6</sup> me to study hard to get into a good university and get a job at a good company. It's so frustrating! What should I do?*

Answer:  
It's great to have a dream. However, as a student, right now your priority<sup>7</sup> should be studying. Don't worry, because you can continue improving your singing skills in your free time. But, if you want your parents to support your dream, you have to prove to them that you can be a good student first.

# ★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

This week's celebrity is **Daddy Yankee**. He is a Puerto Rican singer, songwriter, and rapper. He was born as Ramón Luis Ayala Rodríguez on February 3, 1977, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Do you remember where Puerto Rico is? It is an island in the Caribbean Sea, and is a territory<sup>10</sup> of the United States. Spanish is the common<sup>11</sup> language, but English is also an official language<sup>12</sup>. Daddy Yankee has been making music since the 1990s. His musical genre is called *reggaeton*, which has influences<sup>13</sup> from hip hop, latin, and Caribbean music. He is so popular that he is considered<sup>14</sup> the "King of Reggaeton". He is not only popular in Puerto Rico and Spanish speaking countries, but in countries all over the world. His first single to become popular internationally is called "*Gasolina*" (meaning "gasoline" in English), released in 2004. He achieved international success again this year with the hit song, "*Despacito*", which he sang with fellow<sup>15</sup> Puerto Rican artist Luis Fonsi and Canadian singer Justin Bieber. Thanks to *Despacito*, Daddy Yankee has become the most listened to artist on the music streaming service, Spotify. He is a family man. He has been married for 23 years and has three children.



# ★ Horoscopes ★

<b>Aries</b> ♈ March 21-April 19 You will have strange dreams this week.	<b>Taurus</b> ♉ April 20-May 20 Your friend might take something you say this week too personally <sup>16</sup> .	<b>Gemini</b> ♊ May 21-June 20 You will have some problems with your smartphone this week.
<b>Cancer</b> ♋ June 21-July 22 You might meet someone new and exciting this week.	<b>Leo</b> ♌ July 23-Aug 22 You have some important work to do this week.	<b>Virgo</b> ♍ Aug 23-Sept 22 Try to talk to someone in person this week, instead of <sup>17</sup> through LINE.
<b>Libra</b> ♎ Sept 23-Oct 22 Try not to spend too much money this week. You should save it.	<b>Scorpio</b> ♏ Oct 23-Nov 21 It's important to get out and get some fresh air this week.	<b>Sagittarius</b> ♐ Nov 22-Dec 21 You are forgetful this week, so try to take good notes.
<b>Capricorn</b> ♑ Dec 22-Jan 19 You and your friends will do something spontaneous <sup>18</sup> this week.	<b>Aquarius</b> ♒ Jan 20-Feb 18 Don't brag <sup>19</sup> too much this week. Be humble <sup>20</sup> .	<b>Pisces</b> ♓ Feb 19-March 20 Now is not a good time to go on a trip. Stay home, if you can.

**New words:** 1. bi-weekly 隔週 2. advice column 人生相談欄 3. anonymous 匿名 4. catch 聞き取る 5. surround 囲む 6. pressure (人に) 圧力をかけて (….) させようとする 7. priority 優先 8. valuable 貴重な 9. education 教育 10. territory 領土 11. common 共通の 12. official language 公用語 13. influence 影響 14. consider 考える 15. fellow 仲間の 16. take something personally 人の言葉を自分に当てつけたものと思う 17. instead of の代わりに 18. spontaneous 自発的な 19. brag 自慢する 20. humble 謙遜な