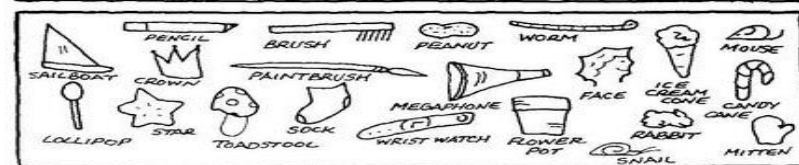


The junior high school festival was last week. They all put on excellent plays. You can see all of the hard work that has gone into each performance¹ and they all did very well. The high school ball sports went very well as well. My class are in America/Canada, so I thought about competing² on my own as 5G, but I probably wouldn't have been very successful³. And the weather finally seems to have cooled down. I know that most of you don't like winter, but I don't like summer more than I don't like winter. Autumn is the best season for me!

Something You Didn't Know (Hurricanes)

- The category⁴ used to measure⁵ hurricanes is called the Fujita scale, introduced in 1971 by Tetsuya "Ted" Fujita (known as Mr. Tornado) of the University of Chicago.
- In 2007 the scale was modernized⁶ and is now called EF (Enhanced⁷ Fujita).
EF 0 Wind speed to 137km/h. Little damage⁸. EF 1 Wind speed to 177km/h. Some damage.
EF 2 Wind speed to 217km/h. Fences blown⁹ down. EF 3 Wind speed to 266km/h. Roofs blown off.
EF 4 Wind speed to 322km/h. Houses blown down. EF 5 Wind speed over 322km/h. Everything destroyed.
- There is an EF 6 level but luckily we have never seen one on Earth. It would be an "inconceivable¹⁰ tornado" and would do incredible¹¹ damage.
- Hurricanes are given names to reduce confusion¹².



Last Week's Answers



Announcements

There doesn't seem to be anything happening this week. That's good because it gives you a chance to concentrate on your classes and study for the tests that are coming next week.

Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey is the first major¹³ hurricane to make landfall¹⁴ in America since 2005. Hurricane Harvey hit America by Rockport, Texas, and was a category 4 hurricane at the time. As it moved across land, it started to lose a little of its power and was downgraded¹⁵ to a category 3. The hurricane had winds of 212kmph and many buildings were destroyed¹⁶.



Hurricanes are obviously¹⁷ famous for their high winds, but they also carry a lot of water in them. As the storm moved across the country it dropped most of that water as rainfall. The city of Houston received about 1,300mm of rain which has caused a lot of flooding¹⁸. Many people were evacuated¹⁹ but some people were still killed by the storm. So far, 27 people have been confirmed dead²⁰.

Harvey is the wettest tropical cyclone²¹ ever and that is probably because of man-made climate change²². When the temperature of the sea rises, more moisture²³ evaporates²⁴ into the atmosphere²⁵. Higher sea levels also allowed the hurricane to pick up more water. This is the third "500-year flood" in Houston in 3 years. But President Trump still says climate change is not real.



- 1.Performance 公演 2.Compete 競争する 3.Successful 成功する 4.Category カテゴリー
5.Measure 測る 6.Modernize 現代的になる 7.Enhanced 改良 8.Damage 損害 9.Blown 膨れた
10.Inconceivable 想像を超えた 11.Incredible すごく 12.Reduce confusion 混乱を減らす
13.Major 巨大な 14.Make landfall 上陸する 15.Downgraded に格下げになる 16.Destroyed
破壊 17.Obviously 明らかに 18.Flood 洪水 19.Evacuate 非難する 20.Confirmed dead 確認
された死者 21.Tropical cyclone 熱帯低気圧 22.Man-made climate change 人為的な気候変動
23.Moisture 水蒸気 24.Evaporate 吸収する 25.Atmosphere 大気

★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! How are you doing? Did the junior high school students enjoy the school festival? Did the high school students enjoy the Ball Sports Day? Next week you have tests, so I hope you've all started to study. Good luck everyone! - Krystal

★ Teacher Interview ★

This week's teacher interview is with **Mr. Peter Buckley**. He just started working in the English Lounge last Friday, and is here every afternoon. He is from **Ireland**. If you want to know more about him, go talk to him in the English Lounge!



Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I go skateboarding and watch movies.



Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: That's so hard! But I'll say "Into the Wild". It's a true story about a guy who gives up everything to live in the wild. It's really good.



Q: What is your favorite Japanese food?

A: I like shime saba. I also like takozangi.

Q: If you could have any super power, what would you choose?

A: I'd choose teleportation¹, because you can be anywhere in the world at any time.

Q: Why should students visit the English Lounge?

A: It's a good opportunity to speak English in a relaxed environment. And as time goes by, we'll make some fun events and adjustments² to suit the students' interests.

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

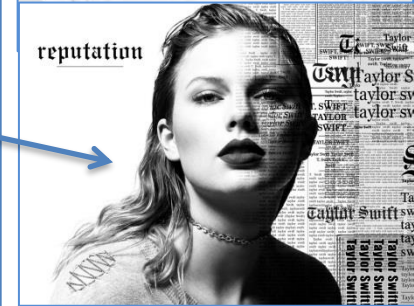
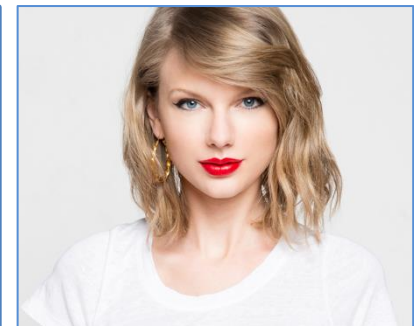
A: Don't be afraid to speak up and say what's on your mind, even if it's hard to communicate in a foreign language. Mistakes are very important for improvement³. ★

Ireland's Flag



★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

This week's celebrity is **Taylor Swift**. She is an American singer-songwriter. She was born in Reading, Pennsylvania on December 13, 1989. Taylor became interested in singing country music⁴ at a young age, so, her family moved to Nashville, Tennessee when she was 14 years old in order to pursue her career⁵. She released her self-titled debut album in 2006. Taylor wrote songs about her ordinary⁶ high school life, so many fans could relate to⁷ the lyrics. Since then, she has released the albums *Fearless* (2008), *Speak Now* (2010), *Red* (2012), and *1989* (2014). Her new album, *Reputation*⁸, is scheduled to release on November 10, 2017, and the lead single, "Look What You Made Me Do" was released last week. Over the years, her musical style has become less country and more pop. She is one of the best-selling artists of all time and has won 10 Grammy Awards. Taylor Swift's personal life receives much attention from the media. She has dated⁹ Joe Jonas, Jake Gyllenhaal, Harry Styles, and Calvin Harris, and has had feuds¹⁰ with Katy Perry, Nicki Minaj, Kanye West, and Kim Kardashian. She is 178 cm tall.



Taylor Swift and Kanye West feud 2009

★ Horoscopes ★

<p>Aries ♈ March 21-April 19</p> <p>You will get along¹¹ well with people this week.</p>	<p>Taurus ♉ April 20-May 20</p> <p>If you wake up earlier this week, good things will happen.</p>	<p>Gemini ♊ May 21-June 20</p> <p>If you love someone, let them go. If they come back, they're yours.</p>
<p>Cancer ♋ June 21-July 22</p> <p>Dress up in your best fashion this week.</p>	<p>Leo ♌ July 23-Aug 22</p> <p>Try not to start arguments¹² with people this week.</p>	<p>Virgo ♍ Aug 23-Sept 22</p> <p>Take some time to appreciate¹³ all the good things in your life this week.</p>
<p>Libra ♎ Sept 23-Oct 22</p> <p>Don't plan things too carefully this week. Your plans might change.</p>	<p>Scorpio ♏ Oct 23-Nov 21</p> <p>Keep-up the positive self-esteem¹⁴ you've had recently.</p>	<p>Sagittarius ♐ Nov 22-Dec 21</p> <p>You'll find it hard to make decisions this week.</p>
<p>Capricorn ♑ Dec 22-Jan 19</p> <p>Try to be more independent¹⁵ this week.</p>	<p>Aquarius ♒ Jan 20-Feb 18</p> <p>Things will be unstable¹⁶ this week, but try to get more rest.</p>	<p>Pisces ♓ Feb 19-March 20</p> <p>Try giving many compliments¹⁷ this week.</p>

New words: 1. teleportation 瞬間移動 2. adjustment 調整 3. improvement 上達 4. country music カントリー・ミュージック (アメリカ南部発祥の音楽) 5. pursue a career ~としての道を進む 6. ordinary 普通の 7. relate to ~を理解する 8. reputation 評判 9. date 付き合う 10. feud 確執 11. get along 仲良くする 12. argument 喧嘩 13. appreciate 感謝する 14. self-esteem 自己肯定感 15. independent 独立心の強い 16. unstable 不安定 17. compliment 褒め言葉