

I went to the park with my daughter on Sunday. We went to Tsukisamu park on my bicycle. I knew it was going to be cold, but neither of us expected¹ it to be **that** cold. It was almost empty. We went on the slide and got wet bottoms². We were going to have a picnic, but it was freezing³, so we went to Seiyu and had a picnic in their rest area. Then I gave Niko my coat to wear over her coat and we cycled home. I cycled as fast as I could to keep warm. When I got in I couldn't turn the key in the lock. Ha ha. What a wonderful day.

Something Interesting (Scissors⁴)

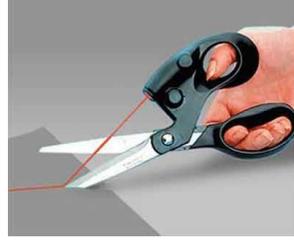
1. Scissors were invented⁵ in 2000BC in Mesopotamia⁶. They were made of two pieces of metal with a spring⁷. Like this:
2. The first hinged⁸ type of scissors were invented in 1761.
3. An average household⁹ has seven pairs of scissors.



2 finger scissors

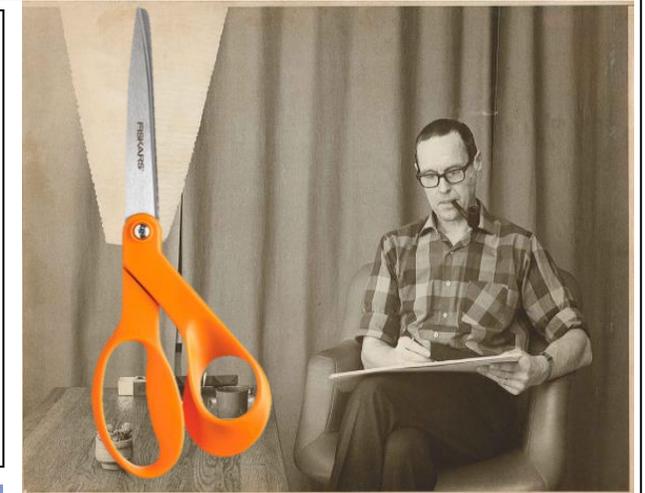


laser guided scissor

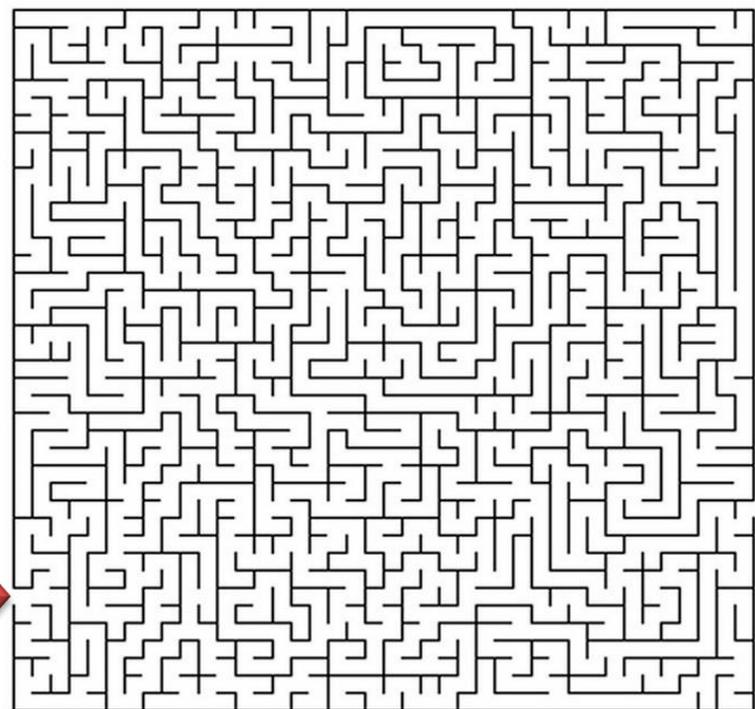


early scissors

Last week, Fiskars orange handled¹⁰ scissors turned¹¹ 50. The scissors were designed in 1967 in Finland. They were made by a man called Olof Backstrom. Scissors had existed¹² for thousands of years, but they had always been heavy and unwieldy¹³. Backstrom set about to redesign them. Fiskars, the company, started in 1649 and was an ironworks¹⁴. They made regular¹⁵ scissors.



The first thing Backstrom had to do was make them lighter. He did this by using plastic and stainless steel. Up until 1967, most of the scissors in the world were made of heavy iron¹⁶ and were used by tailors¹⁷ or factory workers. Most houses did not have a pair. Backstrom used pressed¹⁸ steel blades, connected¹⁹ in the middle by one piece of metal. The orange plastic handles were ergonomically²⁰ shaped.



Last Week's Answers



Announcements

The teachers are doing demonstration classes on Wednesday afternoon. That means you get a holiday. I have to teach all of the teachers how to use the English Lounge. That should be fun.

This made the scissors both lighter and cheaper. Soon, other companies used the idea and scissors were mass produced²¹. Fiskars alone has sold over a billion pairs of their orange handled scissors. Now, there are scissors for every situation, safety scissors for children and even left handed scissors for lefties²². I wonder what the next scissor innovation²³ will be.



- 1.Expect 期待する 2.Bottom お尻 3.Freezing ひどく寒い 4.Scissors ハサミ 5.Invented 発明した 6.Mesopotamia メソポタミア ◆ 《1》 ティグリス川・ユーフラテス川の間の古代文明発祥の地域 7.Spring はね 8.Hinge 蝶番 9.Average household 一般家庭 10.Handled ハンドルついた 11.Turn なる 12.Exist 存在し 13.Unwieldy 手に負えない 14.Ironworks 製鉄所 15.Regular 普通の 16.Iron 鉄 17.Tailor 仕立屋 18.Pressed 圧力をかけられた 19.Connect 繋がる 20.Ergonomically 人間工学的に 21.Mass produce 大量生産の 22.Lefty 左利き 23.Innovation 新しい考え

★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! Last week I got two messages from students asking to watch the movie *Twilight* in the English Lounge. Does anyone reading this own that movie, and if so, would you let me borrow it so I can show it in the English Lounge? Thanks a lot! ☺☺☺ - Krystal

★ English You Won't Learn From Textbooks ★

Young People Slang: Part 1

1. "I can't even." – It means something is very troublesome and you don't want to do it.
Example: *I have club activities after school and a math test tomorrow. I can't even.*
2. "Can I get an amen?" – You say "amen" after you pray, but this phrase is used when you say something you think your listeners will agree with.
Example: *Our teachers give us way too much homework. Can I get an amen?*
3. "killin' it" – It means someone is doing very well at something.
Example: *Hana got 100 points on her English exam. She's killin' it!*
4. "mad" – It means "very".
Example: *It's only -5 degrees outside! It's mad cold today!*
5. "lit" – It means very fun and exciting.
Example: *My friend's birthday party was lit! We watched movies and talked all night!*



★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

Liam Payne is an English singer and songwriter. He became famous as a member of One Direction. He was born on August 29, 1993, in Wolverhampton, England. He loves sports, especially cross country running. In fact, he was put on the reserve list of the English National Team for the 2012 Olympic Games. When he was 14 years old, he first auditioned⁵ for the British singing competition *The X Factor*, but was cut⁶. He auditioned two years later, but was cut again. However, four other boys in the same age group were also cut, and together they formed the group One Direction. He didn't stand out⁷ much in the group compared to Harry Styles and Zayn Malik, but he was one of the main songwriters. He co-wrote more than half of the songs on One Direction's third and fourth albums. When Zayn quit One Direction in 2015, Liam took over⁸ most of his vocals at live concerts. One Direction is now on hiatus⁹, so Liam has been working on songs for his debut solo album. He has released three singles this year: "Strip That Down", "Get Low", and "Bedroom Floor". Liam is in a relationship with the singer Cheryl. She was a judge¹⁰ on *The X Factor* and is ten years older than Liam. Their baby boy was born on March 22, 2017. Liam is 177 cm tall.



One Direction



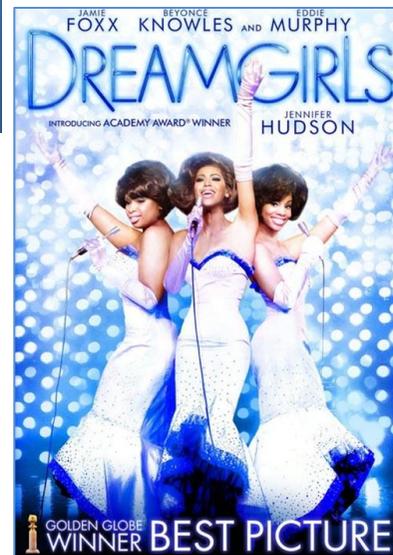
With Cheryl

★ From the English Lounge ★

Tuesday Movie @ 16:30

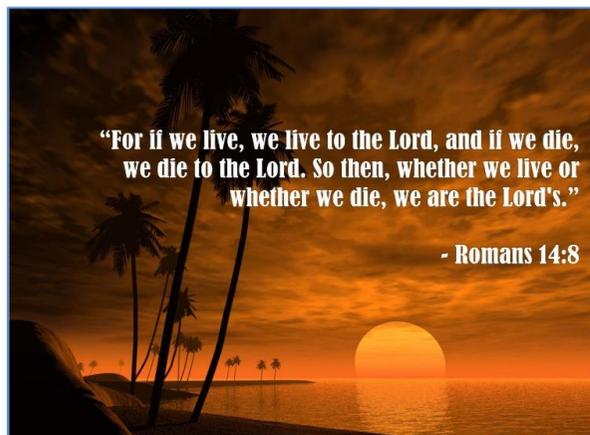
Dream Girls

Dream Girls is a 2006 musical starring Beyoncé. The movie takes place in the 1960s, and is about three women, Effie, Deena, and Lorrell, who are part of an R&B group called "the Dreamettes". After they sing at an amateur¹¹ talent show, they get their big break¹² by becoming back-up singers for an R&B star, and a car salesman named Curtis becomes their new manager. Effie falls in love with Curtis, but he decides to replace the full-figured¹³ Effie with the beautiful Deena as the lead singer of the group. How will Curtis's manipulative¹⁴ ways and the group's new fame¹⁵ affect¹⁶ the women's friendship?



New words: 1. Romans ローマの信徒への手紙 2. be afraid 怖がる 3. relieved 安心した 4. look forward to 楽しみにする
5. audition オーディションを受ける 6. cut 落とす 7. stand out 目立つ 8. take over 引き継ぐ 9. hiatus 活動休止 10. judge 審査員
11. amateur アマチュア 12. big break 大きなチャンス 13. full-figured ぽっちゃりした 14. manipulative 人を操るのが上手
15. fame 名声 16. affect 影響を及ぼす

★ English Bible Verse ★



"For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

- Romans 14:8

Romans 14:8¹

This verse means that no matter what we do, where we go, or what happens to us, the Lord Jesus is always with us. We never have to face hard times alone, because Jesus is always by our side. Even when we die, we don't have to be afraid², because Jesus is there. Doesn't that make you feel relieved³? So, let's look forward to⁴ our lives and enjoy where Jesus takes us!