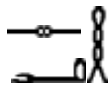


Well, happy December to all of you. Christmas is coming. Santa is warming up his sleigh and getting ready to bring me loads¹ and loads of presents. I know that he will come to my house because I have been a very good boy this year. What about you? Have you been good? Will Santa come to your house? And advent² starts today. My daughter has an advent calendar that her grandmother made for her. It is huge, and it has a different present for every day. I think my daughter is more excited by that than by Christmas.

Something Interesting (Mummies³)

1. The word “mummy” comes from the Latin “mumia”, which came from the Arabic “mumiya”.
2.  This is the Egyptian hieroglyphic⁴ that means mummy.
3. It took 70 days to make a mummy. The first step was to remove⁵ the internal organs⁶, except⁷ the heart, to halt⁸ decomposition⁹. The heart was left because it was thought the heart would be needed in the afterlife¹⁰. The body was washed with spices and wine. The body was then dried for up to 70 days in natron¹¹, a natural salt. After that it was wrapped in linen¹², coated in resin¹³ and placed in its sarcophagus¹⁴. Sometimes the name was written on the mummy.
4. Many Egyptian mummies were dug up and destroyed¹⁵ in the early 1900s. Victorians used to have mummy unwrapping parties.

Scientists See Inside Mummy

Scientists have been able to see inside a 1,900 year old Egyptian mummy. Usually, if people want to look inside a mummy they have to cut off all of the bandages¹⁶ and covers. Doing that ruins¹⁷ the covers and can damage the mummy as well. These scientists have found a way to look inside the mummy, without damaging it. They have used a particle accelerator¹⁸.

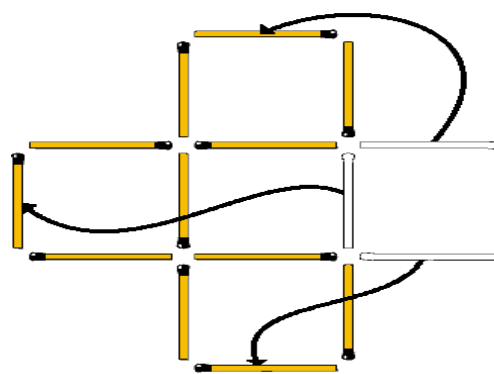


How? The particle accelerator produces high energy x-rays. When these are fired at an object they give a highly detailed image of its shape and its density¹⁹. They were able to analyze²⁰ the mummy's skeleton²¹ and also found a few objects that had been placed inside the mummy. There is a pot inside the skull and something inside the stomach area. They could find all this without damaging the mummy.



The cat can only eat every 13th mouse. He starts counting and he eats mouse number 13. Then there are 12 mice. He starts counting and eats number 13. Which mouse must he start counting with for the white mouse to be the last mouse he eats?

Last Week's Answers



Announcements

2nd hallelujah practice is on Monday. Tests on Tuesday and Wednesday for everyone. Tests on Thursday for the fifth and sixth grade. Deadline for electives is on Friday.

The mummy is that of a five-year-old girl. She lived just to the west of the Nile, at a time when the Roman Empire was just beginning. She probably died of small pox²². The average life expectancy²³ at that time was 25 years old, and over half of children didn't live until they were ten. The mummy had been lost in the museum for years, until someone accidentally²⁴ found it.

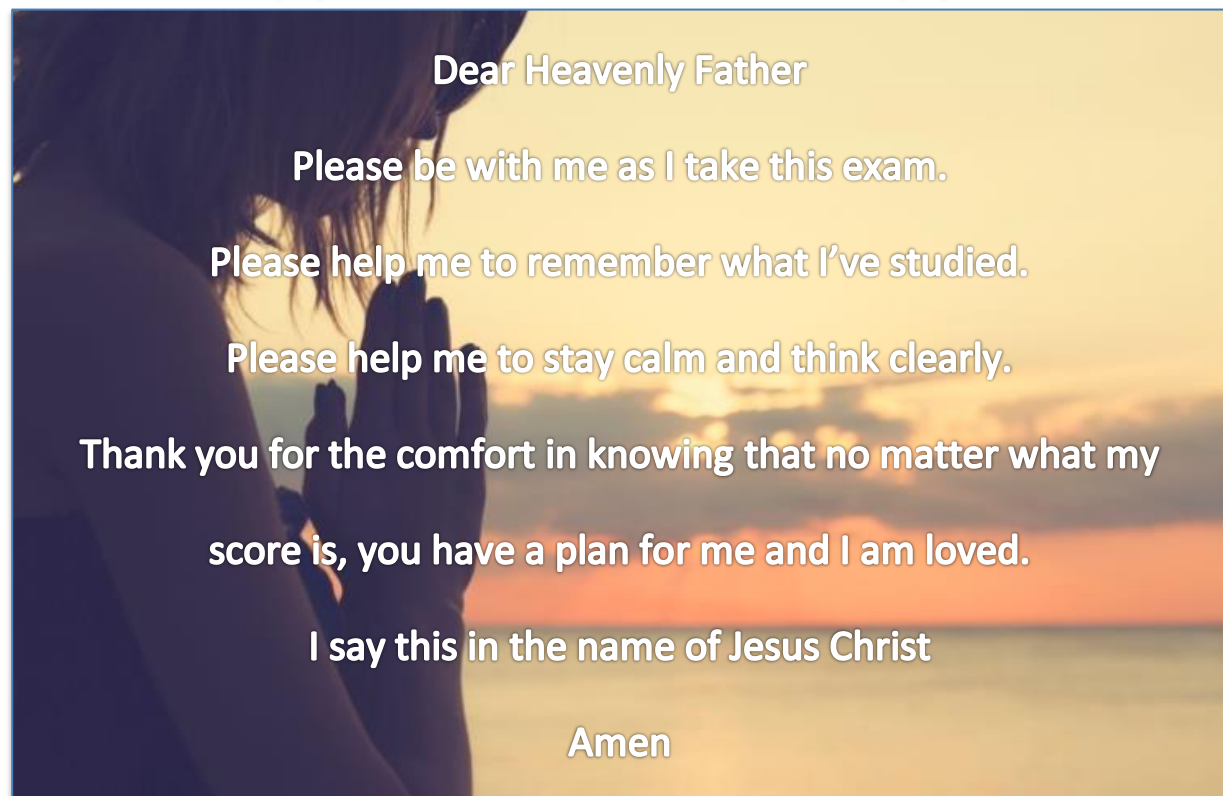


- 1.Loads** たくさん **2.Advent** 降臨節、待降節 ◆クリスマス (イエス・キリストの降誕祭) の準備をする期間。クリスマスの4つ前の日曜日からクリスマスの前日まで。 **3.Mummy** ミイラ **4.Hieroglyphic** 象形文字 **5.Remove** 取る **6.Internal organ** 内臓 **7.Except** 以外 **8.Halt** 止まる **9.Decomposition** 分解 **10.Afterlife** 来世 **11.Natron** ナトロ **12.Linen** リンネル **13.Resin** 樹脂 **14.Sarcophagus** 石棺 **15.Destroyed** 壊れた **16.Bandages** 包帯 **17.Ruin** ~を破壊 **18.Particle accelerator** 粒子加速器 **19.Density** 濃度 **20.Analyze** 分析する **21.Skeleton** 骸骨 **22.Small pox** 天然痘 **23.Life expectancy** 平均余命 **24.Accidentally** 偶然に

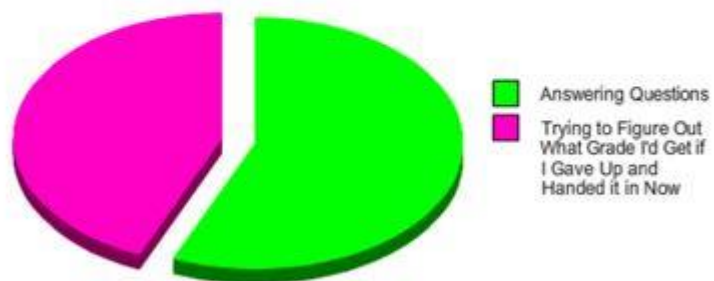
★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! Did you study hard for your tests over the weekend? Are you ready for them? I hope you all do your best! Remember to get lots of sleep and eat healthy foods to help you concentrate! And below is an English prayer to help you on your exams! Good luck! - Krystal

★ A Student's Prayer ★



How I Spend my Time During a Test



★ Celebrity Profile ★

Meghan Markle (born August 4, 1981) is an American actress and model. Starting in 2011 she played Rachel Zane on the legal drama series *Suits* for seven seasons. Before her role in *Suits*, she had small roles in several United States television series including *CSI: NY*, *90210*, and *Fringe*. She also was a "briefcase girl" on the TV game show *Deal or No Deal*. Meghan appeared in the movies *Remember Me* and *Horrible Bosses*. She was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. Her father is Caucasian and her mother is African-American. She graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in theater and international studies in 2003. She was married to the actor Trevor Engelson from 2011 to 2013. Since June 2016, she has been in a relationship with British royal Prince Harry, who is fifth in line to the throne. Prince Harry and Meghan met on a blind date that a mutual friend set up. Her engagement to Prince Harry was announced on November 27, 2017, when it was said that she would retire from acting and devote her time to humanitarian causes as a member of the British royal family. The engagement announcement caused the media to talk a lot about Meghan becoming an American, divorced, mixed-race royal.



★ From the English Lounge ★

Friday Movie @ 16:45

Catch Me If You Can (2002, 141 minutes)



We are continuing the Leonardo DiCaprio movie streak with *Catch Me If You Can*. It is a biographical crime film directed by Steven Spielberg. The film is set in the 1960s, and is based on the real life of Frank Abagnale, Jr., who, before his 19th birthday, successfully performed cons worth millions of dollars by posing as a pilot, a doctor, and a lawyer. The film stars Leonardo DiCaprio as Frank Abagnale, Jr. and Tom Hanks as Carl Hanratty, and FBI Agent who is trying to arrest Frank. Will Agent Hanratty be able to catch Frank in the end, or will Frank get away with his crimes? Watch to find out!

New words: concentrate 集中する calm 落ち着いた comfort 安心 figure out 計算する hand in 提出する Caucasian 白人 African-American アフリカ系アメリカ人 blind date 会ったことのない人とのデート retire 引退する devote ささげる humanitarian 人道主義の mixed-race 混血 streak ひと続き biographical 伝記の con 詐欺 pose 見せかける