

The ski classes will finish early this week. How did you do? I went once, last Friday. I used to be quite a good skier, but I'm not anymore. I fell over once, and I nearly fell down so many times. I don't know what happened. I think it must be lack of¹ practice because I only ever ski on the school ski days. Hopefully, when my daughter gets better, I can go skiing with her and I might get better, too. How old were all of you when you started to ski? I was 23. I taught myself, and I taught myself lots of bad habits². I will have to find a professional³ to teach my daughter.

Something Interesting (IKEA⁴)

1. Ingvar Kamprand started selling small pieces of furniture⁵ when he was 17 years old.
2. IKEA sells so many things they account for 1% of the world's wood consumption⁶.
3. Products are named. Beds have Norwegian place names, sofas are named after Swedish towns, kitchen tables are Finnish geographic points of interest⁷, chairs are male first names, glasses and cups are given adjectives, etc.
4. 212 million copies of the catalogue are printed every year, twice as many as bibles.
5. They have stores in 41 countries, employ⁸ 120,000 people, and are visited annually⁹ by 690 million people.
6. In the UK, 1 in 5 people sleep in an IKEA bed, and IKEA has sold 11.6 billion meatballs¹⁰.
7. IKEA stores use a one-way path¹¹ to take you past all of the products¹².

Ingvar Kamprand Dies at 91

Ingvar Kamprand died last Saturday. He was 91 years old. I can hear many of you asking, "who is he?" Well, you may not know his name, but I bet the majority¹³ of you know his store. He was the founder¹⁴ of a shop called IKEA. Have you heard of it? If you have, then, without knowing it, you have said his name every time you have said "IKEA". Why? Because it stands for¹⁵: Ingvar Kamprand Elmtaryd Agunnaryd.

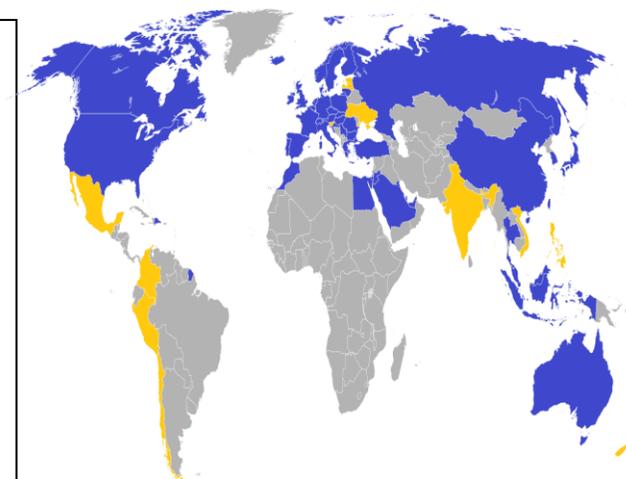


Ingvar Kamprand is his name. Elmtaryd was the name of his farm. Agunnaryd was the name of the town his farm was in.

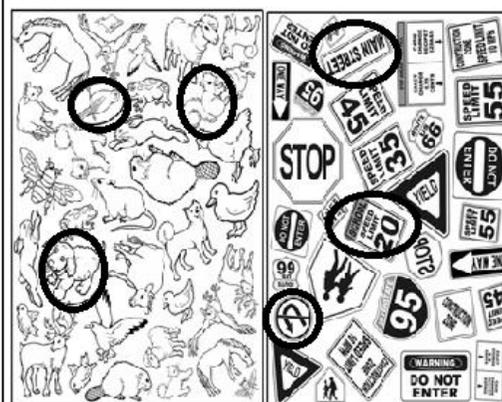
He opened his first store in 1946 and managed to¹⁶ build the chain into a \$46 billion a year giant. He was very concerned with¹⁷ efficiency¹⁸. He famously said, "wasting resources is a mortal sin¹⁹."



Mr. Kamprand was one of the richest people in the world, but he wasn't really changed by wealth. He flew economy class and he drove the same old car. In 2016, he transferred²⁰ all of his wealth and ownership²¹ of the company to three of his sons. I have heard rumors²² that there will be an IKEA in Sapporo in 2020. My wife is extremely²³ excited. It will save us having to go to Tokyo.



Last Week's Answers



Announcements

Fourth grade skiing on Monday, JHS skiing on Tuesday. Then just enjoy the week. We are in to February already. The year is already flying by.

- 1.Lack of～が足りない 2.Bad habits 悪習慣 3.Professional 専門家 4.IKEA イケア
5.Furniture 家具 6.Consumption 消費 7.Point of interest 史跡に指定する 8.Empty 雇う
9.Annually 毎年 10.Meatball ミートボール 11.One-way path 一方通行道 12.Product 商品
13.Majority 大多数 14.Founder 創設者 15.Stand for [略語などが] ～を表す 16.Manage to
～できるようになる 17.Concerned with 気にする 18.Efficiency 効率の良さ 19.Mortal sin
大罪 20.Transfer に委譲する 21.Ownership 所有権 22.Rumor うわさ 23.Extremely すごく

★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! Have you been enjoying your ski lessons? Even though I've lived in Hokkaido for over 10 years, I went skiing for the first time last year. I didn't like it much because I was afraid I'd hurt myself. I prefer safe, indoor activities during the winter, like playing video games! - Krystal

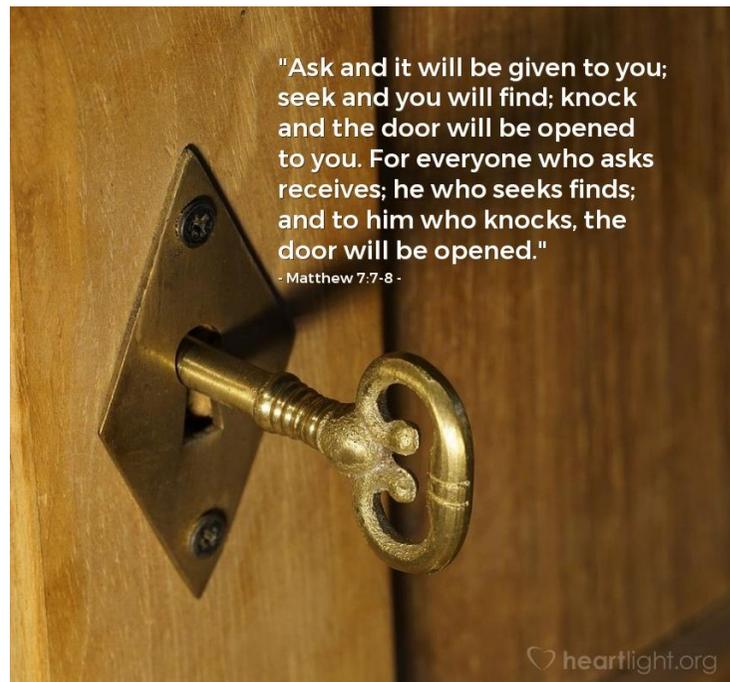


★ Dear Krystal ★

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 2nd floor.** Write **"Dear Krystal"** on your question. Anything is ok, and you can remain anonymous.

Q: My parents are always nagging me about my messy room, but I don't think it's messy! I can find everything I need, so what's the problem? If they nag me, I just get angry and don't want to clean at all. How can I get my parents to leave me alone?

A: Having different ideas about what's clean and what's not is one of the hardest parts of sharing your living space with someone. You should talk to your parents. Tell them how you feel when they nag. Ask them to change the way they ask you in order to make you feel more motivated. Also, you need to find a way to compromise. Ask your parents specifically what parts of your messy room they want you to clean, and focus on those. Work on making small changes and cleaning a little bit every day. It will be easy to keep up if you make it into a habit.



"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

- Matthew 7:7-8 -

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Is it easy for you to ask for help? To ask for help means that you don't know the answer, so for many people, this is hard for them to admit. Remember that there is no shame in asking for help when you really need it. Asking is not a weakness. It is a strength. Don't be afraid to ask your teachers, parents, and friends to help you. And above all, God is always there to help you, so pray to him and ask him for guidance. He'll never let you down!

★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

Ed Sheeran is an English singer, songwriter, guitarist, and record producer. He was born in Halifax, West Yorkshire on February 17, 1991, but grew up in Framlingham, Suffolk. Sheeran sang in a local church choir from the age of four, learned to play the guitar at a very young age, and began writing songs while in high school. His father took him to see many live concerts when he was a child, such as Eric Clapton, Paul McCartney, and Bob Dylan. These artists had a strong influence on Sheeran, and he began releasing his own music. He released several EPs from 2005 to 2010, and released his debut studio album, + (pronounced "plus"), in 2011. After that, he played at arenas and stadiums across North America opening for Taylor Swift. His second album, x (pronounced "multiply"), was released in 2014, and it won him two Grammy awards. His third album, ÷ (pronounced "divide"), was released last March. The album was a huge success. Sheeran became the most streamed artist on Spotify in 2017, and the single, "Shape of You", became the most streamed song. Sheeran has written songs for other artists, such as One Direction and Justin Bieber. Recently, Sheeran proposed to his high school sweetheart, Cherry Seaborn. They live happily together with their cats.



Ed Sheeran with his fiancée

★ From the English Lounge ★



Tuesday @ 4:30: Rushmore

Rushmore is a 1998 comedy-drama film about an eccentric teenager named Max Fischer. He is involved in many club activities, but has the worst grades in the school.

Thursday @ 4:30: Frozen

Frozen is a 2013 animated film about a princess who sets off on a journey to find her sister, whose icy powers have caused a never-ending winter.



New words: nag がみがみ小言を言う messy 汚い compromise 妥協する specific 具体的な habit 習慣 admit 認める shame 恥 guidance 指導 influence 影響 pronounce 発音する high school sweetheart 高校時代の恋人 eccentric 変わった