

This is the week! It has final arrived! You have waited so long and so patiently<sup>1</sup>, but your wait is over! In one more day ... 24 hours ... you will be seating in a warm, comfortable theater ... your heart racing with excitement ... as the curtain comes up on ... Les Miserables! This year's English play. The students have worked so hard to bring this show to you. They have made the props<sup>2</sup>, the sets<sup>3</sup>, the costumes. They have organized<sup>4</sup> everything. They have practiced daily for months. So ... sit back and enjoy the show! It's going to be awesome.

### Something Interesting (Queen Elizabeth II)

1. The Queen of England doesn't have a passport. She doesn't need one. All British passports allow citizens<sup>4</sup> of Britain to travel abroad in the Queen's name<sup>5</sup>. The Queen cannot travel in her own name, so she doesn't need a passport.
2. Queen Elizabeth can trace her family<sup>6</sup> to King Alfred the Great who was born in 849.
3. The Queen's husband, Prince Philip, is a prince<sup>7</sup> and not a king. When a man is king his wife becomes queen but when a woman is queen her husband doesn't become king.
4. The Queen has an art collection<sup>8</sup> that has over 200,000 paintings and pictures. The collection is valued at<sup>9</sup> over £10 billion<sup>10</sup>.
5. The Queen has paid tax<sup>11</sup> since 1993. She is taxed at 40%.



### Last Week's Answers



### Announcements

The English Play is on Tuesday at 17:30. Then there are some more things and then it is Golden Week. That's all you need to know. English Play then Golden Week.

### Queen Elizabeth is 92

Yesterday was Queen Elizabeth II's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. She was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1926. There will be a concert in London to celebrate her birthday. Before that, she will start the London marathon. (I don't mean that she will run. She will fire the gun. (remotely<sup>12</sup>)). The Queen actually has two birthdays every year. She celebrates the day she was born and also the day she was coronated<sup>13</sup> (her official birthday), in June.



For someone of 92 the Queen is still remarkably<sup>14</sup> sprightly<sup>15</sup>. She married her husband, the Duke of York, in 1947 and he is four years older than her. He recently retired from public engagements<sup>16</sup>. The Queen shows no sign of reining in<sup>17</sup> her work. Although, she did mention that she would like her son, Prince Charles, to succeed<sup>18</sup> her as head of the commonwealth<sup>19</sup>, which is the first time she has talked about the succession.

It has become common recently for aging monarchs<sup>20</sup> to abdicate<sup>21</sup> in favor of their children. This happened in Amsterdam, in Spain, in Belgium, and it will happen in Japan next year. Queen Elizabeth is old school<sup>22</sup>. She will continue until the day that she dies. And she will be succeeded by Prince Charles, although he may well be in his 80s by then. He is already the oldest heir<sup>23</sup> in waiting that there has ever been, and Queen Elizabeth will probably live to 110.



- 1.Patiently 根気よく 2.Prop 小道具 3.Set 大道具 4.Organize 計画する 5.In \_'s name 誰々が責任を持つ  
6.Trace a family 家系をたどる 7.Prince 王子 8.Art collection 美術収集 9.Valued at の価値がある 10.Billion 10億  
11.Tax 税金 12.Remotely レモート 13.Coronate 王位に就かせる 14.Remarkably すごく  
15.Sprightly 活潑 16.Public engagement 従事 17.Rein in を抑制する 18.Succeed の後を継ぐ  
19.Commonwealth 英連邦 20.Monarch 国王 21.Abdicate 退位する 22.Old school 保守的 23.Heir 相続人

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## Strange World Records

You all know that my hair is long and beautiful. Obviously. But, even my hair isn't as long as Xie Quiping's hair. She last cut it in 1973, when she was 13 years old. She got the Guinness World Record for the longest hair in the world in My 2004, and, at that time, her hair measured 5.627m. I have been googling this all morning, but I can't find out how long her hair is now. Did she cut it? I don't know. However, hair grows at the rate of 1.25cm a month. So, there have been 168 months since then.  $168 \times 1.25$  is 210. Which means, if she is still growing her hair, it must be 7.8m by now!! Wow.



**Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.**

Maya Angelou

# ★ Places you should visit ★

If you get the time and the money, you should visit the Great Wall of China. You must have heard of it. It is the longest wall in the world. At its peak, it reached for 21,196km. It was started in 220BC and has been added to since then. Many parts of the wall have disappeared or fallen into disrepair, but there are still many parts you can visit. If you are in Beijing, you can take a bus tour to one part and walk along the wall. There are a lot of steps, and it is quite a tough walk, but the view from the top makes it worth it. There is also a great wall marathon if you are feeling adventurous. You won't be able to walk for a month. Many people think you can see the great wall from space. It is big, but it is not that big. You cannot see it.



# ★ A Strange World Food ★

## Haggis

Haggis is a food from Scotland. It is a very good example of a food sounding much worse than it actually is. It is sheep's heart, liver and lungs chopped up with onion, oats and spices and cooked inside a sheep's stomach. It sounds pretty disgusting but it tastes a lot like sausage. I think you would like it if you tried it.



**New words:** 1.obviously 明らかに 2.google グーグルで検索する 3.at the rate of...~の割合 4.peak 最大 5.fall into disrepair 荒廃する 6.heart 心臓 7.liver 肝臓 8.lungs 肺 9.stomach 胃 10.disgusting 気持ち悪い