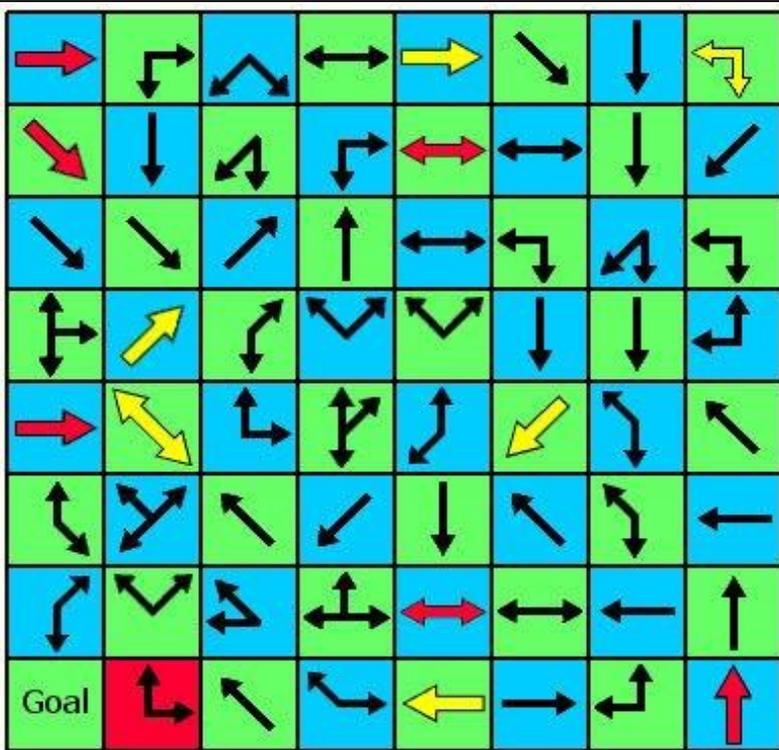


How are your muscles¹? Could you walk properly² on Saturday? Were you stiff³? Last Friday was a beautiful day. The high school walked to Lake Shikotsu and the junior high school walked to Jozankei. Everybody walked 20km. It used to be a lot more. When I first started here, the high school walked 36km. Then it was cut to 26km, and now it's 20km. If they keep cutting it, people will just walk to Seicomart and back. Ha ha. Well, I for one love the walk and I look forward to it every year. What about you? I can't wait for next year.

Something Interesting (Crocodiles)

1. Saltwater crocodiles can grow up to 7m long and can weigh more than a ton⁴.
2. Saltwater crocodiles have a very strong bite force⁵. They can produce 660kg per cm². A lion can only produce 350. However, a crocodile's jaw is only strong when shutting. It doesn't have much strength to open its jaw and you can hold a crocodile's mouth shut with your hands.
3. Crocodiles first appeared about 250,000,000 years ago. There were many larger species⁶ of crocodile that have since gone extinct⁷.
4. Crocodile teeth are for biting, not chewing⁸. They swallow⁹ their food whole. They also swallow stones which they use to grind the food up¹⁰ in their stomachs.
5. Crocodiles can live up to 80 years.



Last Week's Answers

4	4	2	2	2	5
5	1	2	3	1	2
3	3	3	2	3	4
2	1	2	2	3	5
3	3	3	3	4	1
4	3	5	2	5	FINISH

Announcements

The class Lilac people have a meeting on Thursday. I don't know what else is happening. My diary is at home. Whatever is going to happen this week, I'm sure it will be awesome.

Woman Gets Married Days After Losing Her Arm

Zanele Ndlovu was canoeing along the Zambezi river with her fiancé, Jamie Fox, two weeks ago. Suddenly a crocodile surged¹¹ out of the water and bit her arm. The crocodile dragged¹² her from the boat. Zanele thought she was going to die. The crocodile pulled her to the bottom of the river and tried to hold her there. This is how crocodiles usually kill their prey¹³. They hold it at the bottom of the water and wait for it to drown¹⁴.



The crocodile opened its mouth for a split-second¹⁵ and Zanele managed to swim away. She was pulled onto a boat that was nearby and rushed to hospital. Doctors tried to save her arm, but they were not able to and they had to amputate¹⁶ it. After the surgery¹⁷, Zanele was very positive about her arm. "I might have lost my arm, but I'm still alive," she said. She was supposed to get married five days after she lost her arm.

Her fiancé said that they should postpone¹⁸ the wedding, but Zanele refused¹⁹. The hospital had a chapel and a chaplain. All of her family and Jamie's family were already there because of her accident. So, they got married in the hospital, five days after Zanele lost her arm. Her husband said that she is the bravest person he has ever met, and he will always love her, in sickness and in health. The couple are planning a honeymoon, but that will have to wait until Zanele gets out of hospital.



- 1.Muscles 筋肉 2.Properly ちゃんと 3.Stiff 固い 4.Ton トン 5.Bite force 咬合力 6.Species 類 7.Go extinct 咬合力 8.Chew 噛む 9.Swallow 飲み込む 10.Grind ... up 挽き砕く 11.Surge 飛び出す 12.Drag 引っ張る 13.Prey 餌食 14.Drown 溺れ死ぬ 15.Split-second ほんの一瞬の 16.Amputate 切断する 17.Surgery 手術 18.Postpone 延期する 19.Refuse 拘る

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Strange World Records

Can you type quickly? Some people can touch type. The record for touch typing is 216 words per minute (wpm). But, that's not a strange record. Mohammed Khursheed Hussain has the record for the fastest nose typist. He typed 103 words in 47 seconds using his nose. I'll say that again in case you didn't hear me. With ... his ... nose!! And he didn't make a mistake! I can't even type with my fingers without having to press backspace every few letters. How could you type with your nose? I think you should all try. Next time you have a computer class, type with your nose.



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★ Places you should visit ★

If you have the time and the money, you should definitely visit the Reed Flute Caves in China. It is a natural limestone cave with many stalactites and stalagmites. The rocks are naturally colored giving the cave a beautiful appearance. It is called Reed Flute Cave because there are many reeds growing in the cave that the ancient Chinese used to make flutes with. The cave has been a popular tourist destination for 1,200 years, however it's location was lost for a while. It was rediscovered in the Second World War. If you want to go there, you will need to spend at least two hours to fully enjoy the cave. Also, when you take photographs, they will rarely turn out the way that you see them with your naked eye. Unless you're a professional.



★ A Strange World Food ★

Escamol

Escamol comes from Mexico. They are sometimes called "insect caviar". Can you guess what they are? They are the edible larvae of ants. Apparently, they taste buttery and nutty, with a texture like cottage cheese. They have been eaten since the age of the Aztecs.



New words: 1.mistake 間違い 2.limestone 石灰岩 3.stalactite 鍾乳石 (鍾乳洞の天井からぶら下った石灰質のツララ) 4.stalagmite 石筍 (鍾乳洞の床にできた石灰質の石) 5.reed アシ 6.naked eye 機械を使わなくて見る 7.larvae 幼虫 8.Aztecs アステカ