

My class are back! Well, at least half of them. Welcome home 6G. They start their classes today and I'm sure they are not looking forward to it. I'm sure they want to have some time to get used to school before they have to start learning, but they can't have any. They are going straight in at the deep end¹. I hope they can all still remember how to speak Japanese. They are going to have fun for the next few weeks, until they get settled². How are the rest of you? There's not a lot happening this week. Just a regular³ week. That'll be nice.

Something Interesting (Singapore)

1. The name "Singapore" comes from Sanskrit⁴. "Simha" means lion and "pura" means city.
2. Singapore is one of only three city states⁵ in the world. The other two are Monaco and the Vatican City.
3. Singaporeans are the fastest walkers in the world. They average⁶ 6.15 km/h. Tokyo was 19th with an average speed of 5.13 km/h.
4. You are not allowed to⁷ bring gum into Singapore. That is why the streets are so clean.
5. Singapore has more millionaires⁸ than any other country. One in six people.
6. Singapore is small. It is only 64% the size of Sapporo.
7. It might be small, but it has a population density⁹ of 7,796 people per km².

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Last Week's Answers



Announcements

6G classes start on Monday.
JHS have demo classes for parents on Monday.
And, that's it. Good luck getting ready for the school festival.

Donald Trump meets Kim Jong Un

Last Tuesday, Donald Trump (President of America) met Kim Jong Un (Dictator of North Korea) for a brief¹⁰ meeting in Singapore. This was the first time a head of North Korea had met a sitting US president¹¹. The two met for about forty minutes with just their translators¹². After that they signed a document which said that North Korea would denuclearize¹³ and the US would stop its joint military activities¹⁴ with South Korea.



The document didn't actually say when North Korea would denuclearize. Trump said the US would ease the sanctions¹⁵ on North Korea if they did, and not before. Back in North Korea, newspapers were full of praise for their leader. They portrayed¹⁶ it as a meeting of equals. They didn't cover the fact that North Korea has no money, very few friends, and that if the sanctions aren't lifted soon the country might collapse.

A lot of people were against the meeting. By meeting Kim Jong Un, Donald Trump is legitimizing¹⁷ the North Korean regime¹⁸ and strengthening the dictator's¹⁹ position at home. Whether North Korea actually intends to²⁰ denuclearize, we will have to wait and see. Donald Trump, however, only seems to have his eyes on the Nobel Peace Prize. If he were to get it, that would legitimize his regime and his presidency as well. What a pickle²¹.



1. **In at the deep end** 難しいことに首を突っ込む 2. **Get settled** 落ち着く 3. **Regular** 普通の 4. **Sanskrit** サンスクリット語 5. **City state** 都市国家 6. **Average** 平均の 7. **Allowed to** してもよい 8. **Millionaire** \$ 1 0 0 万を持つ人 9. **Population density** 人口密度 10. **Brief** 短時間 11. **Sitting president** 現職大統領 12. **Translator** 通訳者 13. **Denuclearize** 非核化する 14. **Joint military activity** 合同軍事行動 15. **Sanctions** 制裁 16. **Portray** 表現する 17. **Legitimize** 合法化する 18. **Regime** 政権 19. **Dictator** 独裁者 20. **Intend to** するつもり 21. **What a pickle** 困りますね (イギリスの方言)

★ English News Page 2 ★

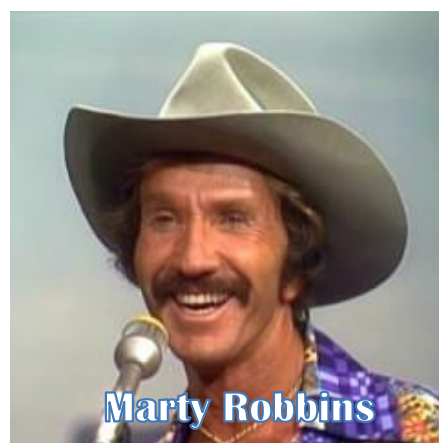


Strange World Records

Do you ever wish that your toilet was faster? What? Well, Colin Furze of the UK did. He wanted his toilet to be so fast that he somehow attached¹ it to a motorbike and rode it. He was a plumber² before he began inventing. He rode his toilet on a disused runway and he managed to reach a speed of 88.5km/h. I can imagine that it is scary enough to be on a motorbike at that speed. I cannot imagine what it feels like to go that fast on a toilet. I think that he has probably not only invented the world's fastest toilet, he has also invented the cure for constipation³.

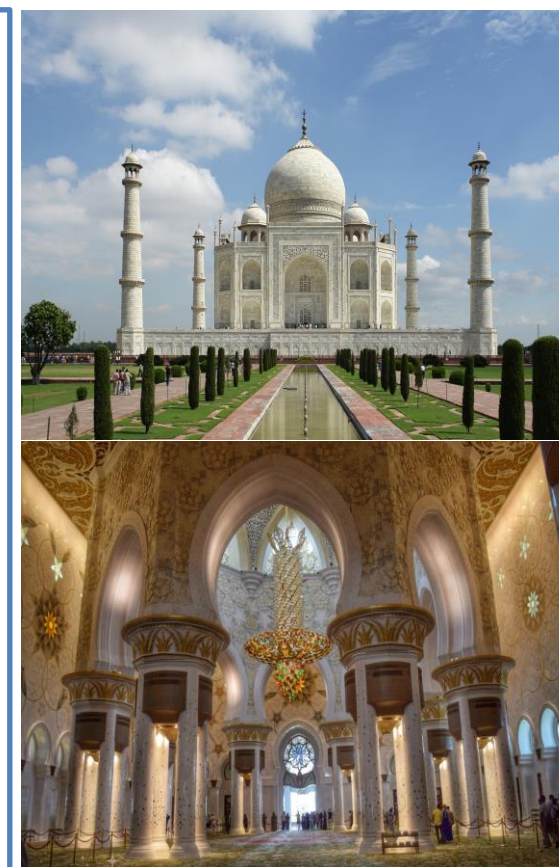


Every day is a good day
to be alive,
whether the sun's shining
or not.



★ Places you should visit ★

If you have the time and the money, you should visit the Taj Mahal in Agra, India. I'm pretty sure that most of you will have seen a picture of the Taj Mahal. It is one of the most famous buildings in the world. It is a huge marble⁴ mausoleum⁵ that was built in 1653. It was built by the emperor⁶ to hold his favorite wife (he had 7 wives) when she died. The dome is 35 m high. The Taj Mahal is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. Every year almost ten million people go to visit it. Right now there is a problem. The city of Agra is very polluted⁷ and the dirty air is slowly turning the Taj Mahal yellow. The government is trying to think of ways to clean the building, but it could be a difficult problem. You can fly from Delhi or take a train.



★ A Strange World Food ★

Century Egg

This egg comes from China. It is called the century⁸ egg, but it isn't really 100 years old. The egg is preserved⁹ in clay¹⁰, ash¹¹ and quicklime¹² for a few months. The yolk¹³ turns dark green and slimy¹⁴. The white becomes a brown translucent¹⁵ jelly. The egg smells very strongly of Sulphur¹⁶ and ammonia¹⁷. Have one with your breakfast.



- 1.attach 取り付く 2.plumber 配管工 3.constipation 便秘 4.marble 大理石 5.mausoleum お墓 6.emperor 天皇 7.polluted 汚染された 8.century 世紀 9.preserve 貯蔵する 10.clay だろ 11.ash 灰 12.quicklime 生石灰 13.yolk 卵の黄身 14.slimy ねばねばした 15.translucent 半透明の 16.sulphur 硫黄 17.ammonia アンモニア