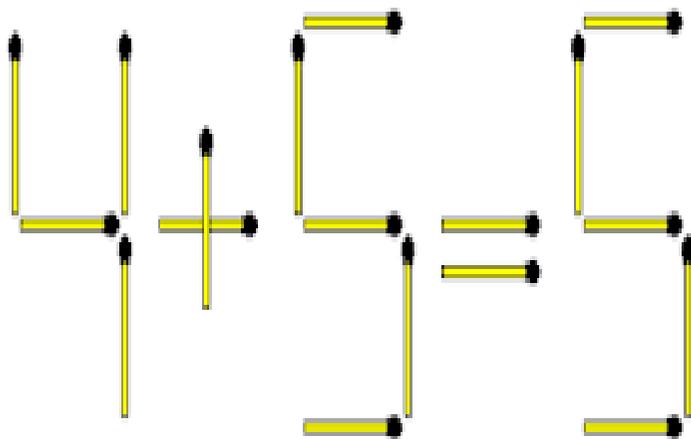


I was going to write this week's news about how England won the World Cup. I was going to have photographs of the England team lifting the trophy¹ over their heads. I was going to be so happy. My wife said she would buy me sushi if they won. Life was going to be good. But, they didn't win. I woke up at 3am on Thursday morning to watch England play Croatia in the semi-finals². And they lost. So, they didn't get to the final. And they didn't get to lift the trophy. And my wife didn't buy me sushi. So, I'm going to have to wait another four years before I can have sushi.

Something You Don't Know (Earth 5,000 years ago (3,000BC³))

1. Otzi, whose body will be found in 1991, dies.
2. The Sumerians⁴ start to develop cities in modern day Southern Iraq.
3. Djer, the 3rd pharaoh⁵ of the First Dynasty⁶ in ancient Egypt starts to reign⁷.
4. Ancient people in Britain start to build Stonehenge.
5. The middle Jomon period⁸ starts in Japan.
6. The Bronze Age⁹ starts in the area that will become Greece.
7. Hieroglyphic¹⁰ writing starts to appear in Egypt.
8. The Shekel becomes common in Mesopotamia¹¹. The Shekel is one of the earliest coins. One shekel was a measurement of wheat¹². "She" means wheat and "kel" is a bushel¹³. So, like modern coins are worth a certain amount of gold, shekels were worth a certain amount of wheat.



Can you move three matchsticks to make this equation true. There are three possible solutions. Can you find them all?

Last Week's Answers



Announcements

Only three days of school. Today was the flower assembly. On Wednesday we have an assembly lesson one. And then it is the summer vacation. Yeah!!

Last Meal of Frozen Hunter

It has taken 30 years, but scientists have finally found out what Otzi ate for his last meal. Otzi is a 5,000-year-old man. Well, he's not 5,000 years old, he died 5,000 years ago. He was found by some mountain climbers in the Italian Alps in 1991. Otzi died in about 3,000BC. That is about 500 years before the Great Pyramid at Giza was built. Otzi was probably killed by an arrow. He was preserved¹⁴ when he fell into a bog¹⁵.



A reconstruction of Otzi's face

Since he was found, scientists have analyzed¹⁶ his clothes, his skin, and even the tattoos on his skin, but they hadn't found his stomach. The reason for that was because as his body mummified¹⁷, his stomach was pushed up under his ribs. No scientist thought to look there. Until, a few weeks ago. And, what did they find? Otzi's last meal had a very high fat content. His stomach was 40% full of fat. Sounds like my stomach!

It looks like he ate a substantial¹⁸ meal a few hours before he was killed. His stomach was filled with meat and wheat grains¹⁹. The meat came from an ibex²⁰, a type of mountain goat. Ibex are rare these days, but they could have been much more common in Otzi's time. He was found with a bow and arrow, so he probably hunted the animal himself. His stomach also had animal hair and parts of flies in it, so he probably didn't clean the meat very thoroughly.



- 1.Trophy トロフィー 2.Semi-final 準決勝 3.BC(Before Christ) 西暦紀元前 4.Sumerian シュメールの 5.Phaaraoh 西暦紀元前 6.Dynasty 世襲による権力継承 7.Reign 君臨する 8.Period 時代 9.Bronze age 青銅の時代 ◆銀の時代の後に続く、ゼウスがトネリコの木から作った好戦的な人類の時代。青銅の家に住み青銅の武器を使ってお互いに殺し合った。 10.Hieroglyphics 象形文字 11.Mesopotamia メソポタミア 12.Wheat 小麦 13.Bushel 36.4 リトル 14.Preserve 保存する 15.Bog 沼地 16.Analyze 分析する 17.Mummify ミラのようになる 18.Substantial 十分な 19.Wheat grain 小麦粒 20.Ibex アイベックス

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Strange World Records

When you get hungry, what do you reach for? Potato chips? A chocolate bar? An apple? How about a small airplane? Michel Lotito has the world record for eating a small airplane. He ate a Cessna 150. It took him two years, but he did it. He broke it up into small pieces and he ate them. He used mineral oil¹ to lubricate² his throat and he drank a lot of water. He swallowed³ each piece and passed⁴ it safely later. He died in 2007, but, over the course of his life, he ate 18 bicycles, 15 shopping carts, 7 televisions, 6 chandeliers, 2 beds, 1 pair of skis, 1 airplane, 1 waterbed, 1 coffin and 1 brass plaque.



Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.



★ Places you should visit ★

If you have the time and the money, you should definitely visit the Tianzi Mountains in China. If you think of an image of exotic⁵ China, this is probably the image that will spring to mind⁶. These mountains soar⁷ out of the mist. They were formed millions of years ago when the softer rock was eroded⁸ away, leaving these giant towers. The tallest one is 1,261m high. There are about 100 viewing platforms you can climb up to, and there is also a cable car that crosses the area. Some of the best views are from the nearby mountains where you can see the whole valley filled with mist. The scene is so alien that James Cameron used it for his alien world in the movie Avatar. If you go here, you can take a tour that goes round all the peaks⁹.



★ A Strange World Food ★

Starfish

For most people, starfish¹⁰ are just those cute little things that lie at the bottom of the sea, or the ones you get to touch in aquariums. But, to the Chinese, they are food. The Chinese are famous for eating nearly everything. They usually grill the starfish before they eat them. Apparently¹¹, starfish taste very similar to sea urchin¹². Many people in Japan like sea urchin, so maybe eating starfish will catch on here.



- 1.Mineral oil 鉱油 2.Lubricate 潤滑油 3.Swallow 飲み込む 4.Pass 出す 5.exotic 魅惑的な 6.Spring to mind 心に浮かぶ 7.Soar 飛び出す 8.Erode 浸食される 9.Peak 山 10.Starfish ヒトデ 11.Apparently ~そうです 12.Sea urchin ウニ