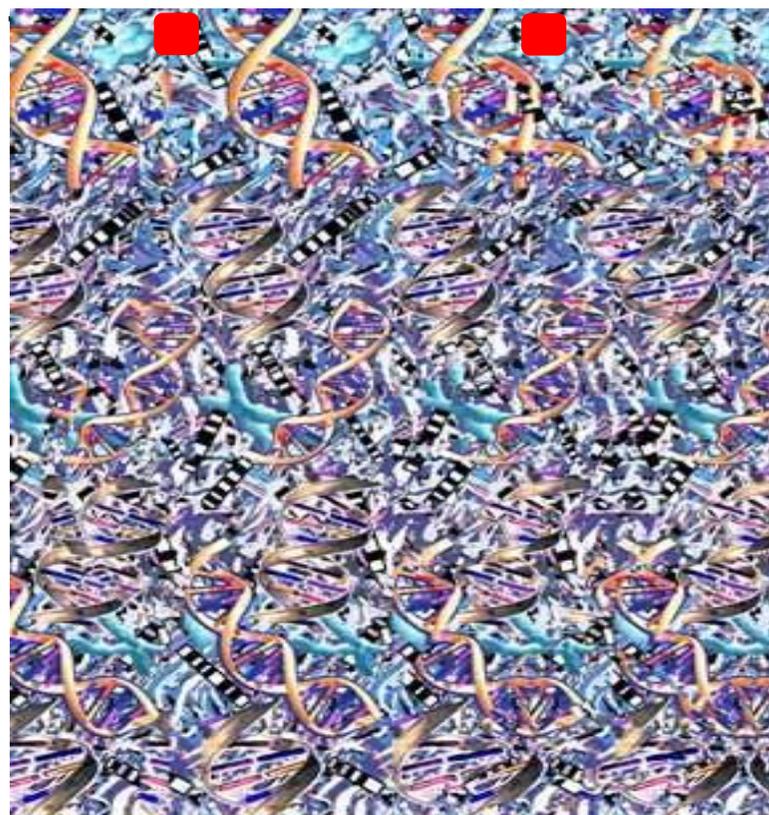


Well, the fifth grade are back. You can sure tell the difference. The school was so quiet. Ha ha. The third grade are still in Canada, though. They are having a great time. Vancouver at this time of year is absolutely wonderful. I wish I were there. Hey, that's an idea. What about a school trip just for the teachers? All of you students stay here at school and the teachers all go for a two week long "school trip" to Hawaii. It would do wonders for¹ our stress levels and I'm sure it would make us better teachers in the long run. What do you think?

Something You Don't Know (YouTube)

1. The site was started in February 2005, 8 years ago. It was bought by Google in November 2006, less than 2 years after it started, for \$1.65 billion.
2. Over 1.9 billion people visit the site every month.
3. Over 300 hours of video are uploaded to the site every minute, about 300,000 videos every day and there are approximately² 5,000,000,000 videos on YouTube. 46,296 videos are watched every second around the world.
4. The most watched video on YouTube is Despacito by Luis Fonsi with 5.6 billion views so far.
5. YouTube is worth³ about \$45 billion these days.
6. The first YouTube video is "Me at the zoo".



Last Week's Answers

This was last week's magic eye picture

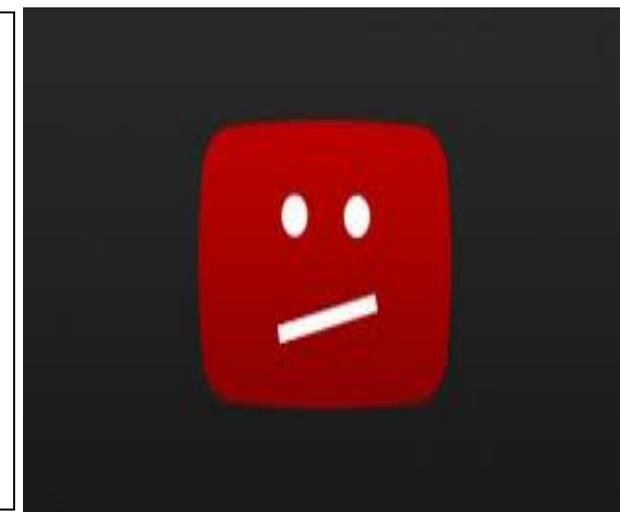


How to see a magic eye picture.

Relax your eyes and try to look through the page. When the two squares at the top become 3 squares your eyes are in the right position. Look at the pattern and try to find lines and edges⁹. Soon the picture will start to take shape. They are fun if you can see them, very annoying¹⁰ if you can't.

YouTube Goes Down for Two Hours and Mayhem Ensues

Last week, YouTube went down⁴ for two hours. Something happened to their servers and the popular video streaming site went down for a little under two hours. "That's not news," you might be thinking, and I agree. However, for some people it was seemingly⁵ the end of the world. When the site crashed, people trying to access it were served a black screen with the message "YouTube is unable to find this video."



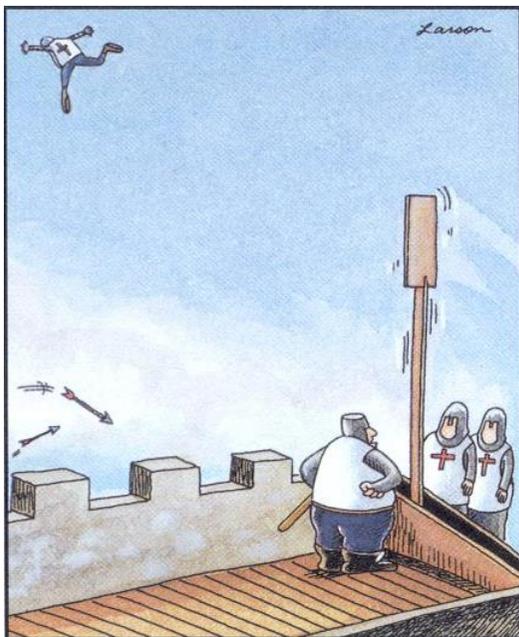
Twitter immediately⁶ filled with comments like: "What are we going to do?" "It's the end of the world!" "The revolution has started!" "My life no longer has any meaning!" A police department in America posted an announcement on their Twitter feed asking people not to call 911 because they didn't know how to fix YouTube. In the end, after what is only a short time, YouTube came back.

Are we really that dependent⁷ on YouTube? We don't know how to live for 2 hours without YouTube? People said things like this when the TV was introduced, but was it ever this bad? People have become so used to having instant information and videos that they can't cope⁸ when they lose it. Also, I don't know if anyone has noticed, but YouTube is not the only video streaming site on the Internet. A short search would give you a list of many others.



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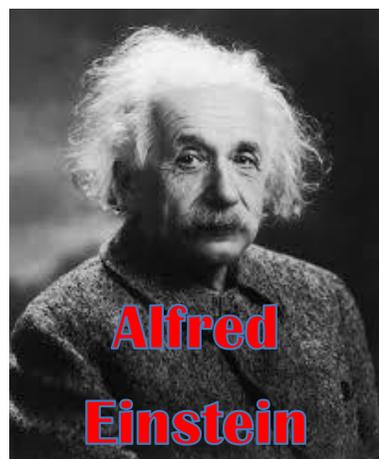
"I told you guys to slow down and take it easy or something like this would happen."

World Records

I can't ride a motorcycle, but I'm pretty handy on my bicycle. I've never jumped very far, though. The longest motorcycle jump is 107m. That's pretty much from here in the teacher's room to the far side of the auditorium. It was achieved by Robbie Madison in 2008. He had to reach a speed of 165km/h to make the jump. He has many other records to his name as well. He jumped onto and off the Arc de Triomphe in France and he backflipped over Tower Bridge in London. I don't think I will attempt to break this record. I'm not sure I or my bicycle would survive it.



If you can't explain something to a six-year old, you don't understand it yourself.



★ Places you should visit ★

If you have the time and the money, you should definitely visit Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Spain. It was started in 1882 and was designed by the famous architect Antoni Gaudi. The building is not yet finished. The goal is to have it finished in 2026, the centenary of Gaudi's death. All of the stonework, the carvings and the ornamentation have been done by hand. The church is 70% complete but there are still 10 enormous spires that have to be lifted into place. Many people visit the church every year and their entrance fees pay the \$40 million a year construction costs. The church has a detailed and beautiful design that you will not find anywhere else in the world. If you have time, you should definitely go.



★ An Interesting Sport ★

Ultimate Tazer Ball

This is a sport that I think we should start here at Hokusei. You all complain after playing dodgeball, but you'd love this. Ultimate tazer ball has two teams, two goals, a large ball and tazers. What are tazers? They are the little guns that police use to fire an electric charge into criminals and incapacitate them. In tazer ball all the players have tazers and they can use them on whoever has the ball. There must be a doctor standing by too. Sounds fun?



1. Specific 特定
2. Imperial 皇帝の
3. Dynasty 王朝
4. Revolution 革命
5. Courtier 廷臣
6. Checkmate チェックメート