

December!! Christmas is coming!! Have you opened your advent calendars<sup>1</sup>? I bought Niko a Minion's one and she loves it. I remember, when I was a child, I used to break the back off the advent calendar and eat all of the chocolates on December 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a good day, but I had nothing for the rest of the time. Have you written your list to Santa? I've decided I'm going to ask him for the winning lottery ticket in the end of year lottery. I think I have been a good boy this year, so I can't see why he wouldn't give it to me. What about you? What do you want for Christmas?

## Something You Didn't Know (Rhinos<sup>2</sup>)

1. The word "rhinoceros" comes from Greek and means "nose horn".
2. There are fewer than 9,000 rhinos left in the world. They are poached<sup>3</sup> for their horns. People in some countries use their horn as medicine. That is odd, because their horns are made of keratin, which is the same substance your nails are made of. The poachers should just cut their fingernails for the medicine and leave the rhinos alive.
3. A rhino can run at about 50km/h. That is faster than Usain Bolt.
4. Rhinos have excellent hearing and sense of smell, but terrible eyesight.
5. Rhinos cover themselves in mud to protect their skin from the sun.
6. Oxpecker birds sit on the rhinos and eat the parasites<sup>4</sup> that live on their skin.

Ms. Taniki told me to stop doing Magic Eye pictures. So, here's a wordsearch.

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F	K	B	O	X	I	C	E	G	U	Y	W

WINTER  
SNOW  
SLED  
ICICLE  
BLIZZARD  
HOT CHOCOLATE

COLD  
FROSTY  
FROZEN  
SLED  
JANUARY

ICE  
HIBERNATE  
COAT  
HAT  
GLOVES



## Last Week's Answers



## Announcements

Hallelujah practice two on Monday. Don't forget your yellow books!! Tests Tuesday to Friday. Yeah!

(Tuesday to Thursday for 1-4<sup>th</sup> grade)

Open day on Saturday.

## Siberian Unicorn

A massive<sup>5</sup> Siberian unicorn used to walk the earth with humans. Actually, to be honest, it's not really a unicorn. Well, it is because "uni-corn" means one horn and this animal did only have one horn. So, it was a unicorn of sorts<sup>6</sup>. Kind of<sup>7</sup>. Ok. You got me. It's a rhino. Still, it does only have one horn! You can't argue with that. This rhino weighed 4 tons, which is considerably<sup>8</sup> heavier than modern rhinos.



Scientists had assumed<sup>9</sup> that the rhino went extinct<sup>10</sup> 200,000 years ago, but recent radiocarbon-dating<sup>11</sup> has shown that the giant unicorns lived until about 39,000 years ago. This means that they were alive along with modern humans. Most animals that went extinct at that time were killed by humans, but this rhino appears to have been a victim of climate change. As the ice age finished and the earth warmed up, the grasslands shrank.



This rhino ate nothing but grass and was pushed to extinction. I'm sure early humans did hunt them as well, but that wasn't the only cause. Out of the 250 species of rhino that used to exist, only 5 are left. Rhinos are heavily poached for their horns and so there are very few wild rhinos living outside of protected areas. So, the unicorn rhino may possibly become completely extinct in the future. Unicorns are, of course, completely real and not at all imaginary.



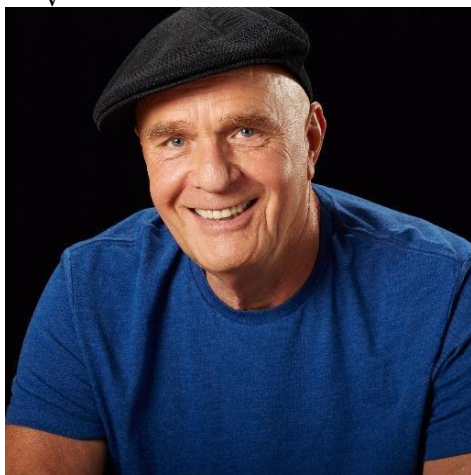
1.Advent calendar 降臨節カレンダー 2.Rhino サイ 3.Poach 密猟する 4.Parasite 寄生生物 5.Massive 巨大 6....of sorts ちょっとした 7.Kind of やや 8.Considerably とても 9.Assume 思い込む 10.Extinct 絶滅した 11.Radiocarbon-dating 放射性炭素年代測定法

# ★ English News Page 2 ★



## World Records

I once made a Lego tower that reached my ceiling<sup>1</sup>. It was awesome! Then it fell over and hit me really hard on the head. Lego fans in Tel Aviv have built a Lego tower that is 35.95m tall! That is probably taller than Idai hospital, across from school. I hope it doesn't fall over and hit someone on the head. This tower was built to honor<sup>2</sup> an 8 year old boy who died of cancer in 2015. His teachers came up with the idea because the boy loved Lego. It took nearly a thousand people and over a million Lego bricks, but the result is amazing.



**If you believe it *will* work out,  
you'll see opportunities.  
If you believe it *won't*,  
you'll see obstacles.  
**Wayne Dyer****

# ★ Where did it come from? ★

My daughter wants Play-Doh for Christmas. Where did Play-Doh come from? In the 1930s, Noah McVicker invented a non-toxic<sup>3</sup>, non-staining<sup>4</sup>, reusable wallpaper cleaner. At that time, most houses were heated with coal<sup>5</sup> burning stoves and there was always a coal residue<sup>6</sup> left on the wallpaper. Play-Doh (it wasn't called that then) could clean the walls. However, after WW2, most houses switched to electric or gas heating and there was no need for a wallpaper cleaner. McVicker's company was going bankrupt<sup>7</sup>. His nephew saw a newspaper story about elementary school students who had made models using the soft wallpaper cleaner. They redesigned the putty<sup>8</sup> with different colors and marketed it to children. Bang. Instant success.



# ★ An Interesting Sport ★

## Shin Kicking

Your shin<sup>9</sup> is the front part of your leg. It has very little muscle cover, so it hurts whenever you hit it on anything. That's why soccer players wear protection called "shin pads". Have you ever banged it on anything? Well, in this week's sport, two opponents repeatedly kick each other's shins. The first person to give up loses. This sport started in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and is played every year in England. Maybe we could start a Hoksuei tournament.



1.Ceiling 天井 2.To honor～をたたえるため 3.Non-toxic 独のない 4.Non-staining 非染色性 5.Coal 石炭 6.Residue 残留 7.Bankrupt 破産させる 8.Putty パテ 9.Shin すね