

Your tests are over! Well done! You are all awesome. And the teachers have marked all of the tests. Teachers, you are all awesome as well! And now we have the run up to Christmas. I love this time of year. It's finally started snowing, so I don't have to worry about not having a white Christmas. When I lived in the UK, I think we had maybe one white Christmas in twenty years. It snows occasionally<sup>1</sup>, just not at the "right" time. And, when it does snow, the whole country closes down. No school. Snow days! Yeah. We should do that here.

### Something You Didn't Know (Presidents)

1. The 8<sup>th</sup> President, Martin Van Buren, was the first president to be born an American citizen<sup>2</sup>. Before him all presidents were born in a British colony<sup>3</sup>.
2. American presidents can only serve 2 terms (8 years) but the 32<sup>nd</sup> president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was elected to 4 terms because of the Second World War. He was president for 12 years before he died in office. Four presidents have died naturally while in office.
3. The 19<sup>th</sup> president, Rutherford B. Hayes, was the first president to use a telephone. His phone number was "1". I wonder if he got any wrong number phone calls.
4. Four presidents have been assassinated<sup>4</sup>. The 16<sup>th</sup>, Abraham Lincoln, the 20<sup>th</sup>, James A. Garfield, the 25<sup>th</sup>, William McKinley and the 35<sup>th</sup> John F. Kennedy.



### Last Week's Answers

D	E	K	M	K	A	A	J	Y	R	G
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### Announcements

Hallelujah practice three on Monday.  
Tests on Monday for students who are changing courses.  
The last full week of classes before Christmas prep starts.  
My Challenge English on Saturday.

### George Bush Senior Dies

I said a few weeks ago that I wasn't going to write about people that had died for a while, but George Bush Senior died, and I must write about it. He was the 41<sup>st</sup> president of America and he served<sup>5</sup> from 1989 to 1993. He was beaten by Bill Clinton and ended up only serving one term. He died last week at the age of 94. His wife, Barbara died a few months before he did. His funeral was held last week, and his son gave the eulogy<sup>6</sup>.



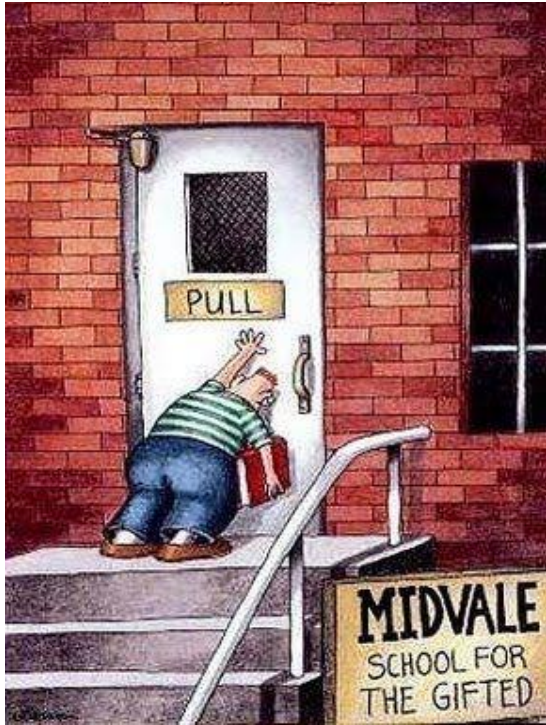
His son is George Bush jr, the 43<sup>rd</sup> president of the United States. His son gave a vey emotional speech. The funeral was unusual in that five living presidents were in attendance<sup>7</sup>. Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, George Bush jr, Barak Obama and Donald Trump. Four of the presidents were seated on the same bench and there was a lot of tension<sup>8</sup>. Hillary Clinton refused to look at Trump and kept her eyes forwards.

George Bush will be remembered for many things. He started the first Iraq war, he was in power when the Berlin Wall fell and when the USSR<sup>9</sup> collapsed. Unfortunately, he was also president in a recession<sup>10</sup> and he had to raise taxes, which people obviously didn't like, meaning he didn't win a second election. Still, he did his best and he managed to start a Bush political dynasty. One of his sons was president and another is a governor. He will be fondly remembered.



- 1.Occasionally たまに 2.Citizen 国民 3.Colony 植民地 4.Assassinate 暗殺する 5.Serve 務める 6.Eulogy 追悼演説 7.In attendance 出席した 8.Tension 敵対意識 9.USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) ソビエト社会主義共和国連邦 10.Recession 不景気

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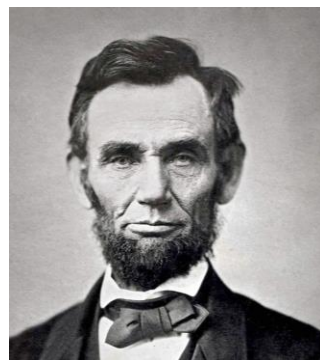


## World Records

What do you do if you're scared of something? I avoid<sup>1</sup> it. I'm scared of spiders, so I don't go near any spiders. Hunter Ewen was scared of balloons. I have no idea why. He decided to beat his fear by getting the world record for the most balloons blown up in one hour. He managed to inflate<sup>2</sup> 910! He did it by researching balloon tying methods and ways to position his body so his limbs didn't go numb<sup>3</sup>. He also came up with a method to stop himself getting lightheaded. 910 balloons in an hour is one balloon every 3.9 seconds. I can't do one that quickly.



**Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.**



Abraham Lincoln

# ★ Where did it come from? ★

Do you have a slinky? I bet almost all of you have had one at one time in your life. Where did it come from? In 1943, Richard James, a naval engineer<sup>4</sup> was developing springs that could be used on ships to stabilize<sup>5</sup> machinery in rough seas. He knocked one of his springs over and it stepped off a shelf onto another shelf, off that shelf onto a desk, off that desk onto a chair, and off the chair to the floor. James spent a year finding the right kind of spring to be flexible enough and then started selling the "slinky" at \$1 each. He divorced<sup>6</sup> his wife, quit his company and became a missionary<sup>7</sup> in 1960. His wife, Betty James, went on to turn Slinky company into a multi-million dollar company and about 400 million original slinkys have been sold so far.



# ★ An Interesting Sport ★

## Car Curling

Now that winter is upon us and the ground is frozen, we can do this sport here at school. Car curling is just like real curling, except you use cars instead of stones. Two teams assemble<sup>8</sup> with two different colors of cars. One team push one of their cars until it is moving fast enough, aim it at the "house" and let it slide. Then the second team do the same with one of their cars. It sounds like a lot of fun. I think I'm going to go and try it this lunchtime.



- 1.Avoid 避ける 2.Inflate 膨らむ 3.Numb しびれる 4.Naval engineer 造船技師  
5.Stabilize 安定する 6.Divorce 離婚する 7.Missionary 伝道者 8.Assemble 集合