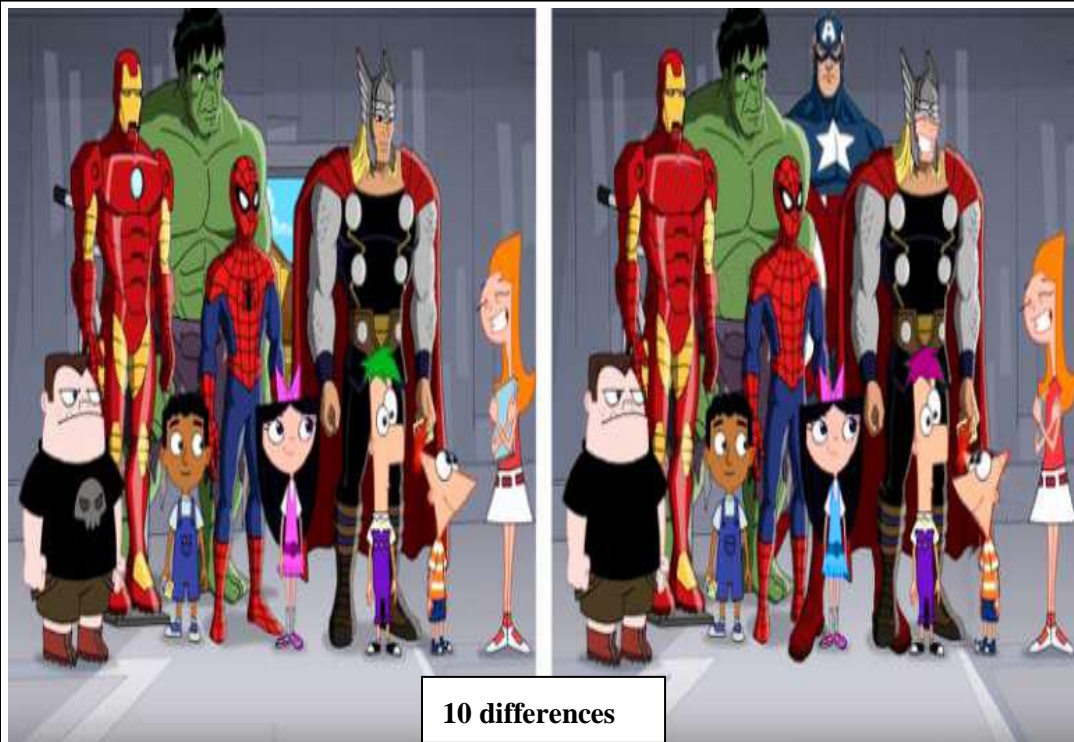


## Welcome back (most of) 6G

Today is a special day. 6G are back with us. Well, most of them. The last 10 will come back through June. They have been in America for almost a year. They have had good experiences, they have had bad experiences. They have had happy experiences, they have had sad experiences. But, whatever<sup>1</sup> they have been through, they have grown as people. Welcome back.

### Something You Didn't Know (Hong Kong)

1. Hong Kong has 1.5 million more people than Hokkaido but it is only 1.3% the size.
2. Hong Kong means "fragrant<sup>2</sup> harbor".
3. Mong Kok, an area in Hong Kong, has 130,000 people per km<sup>2</sup> the highest population density<sup>3</sup> of any country. In contrast Sapporo is 1,710 per km<sup>2</sup>.
4. Hong Kong has 8,000 skyscrapers, the most of any city in the world.
5. It was a British colony<sup>4</sup> from 1841 to 1997. This is why it has a separate economy to China. China promised to keep the area semi-autonomous<sup>5</sup> for 50 years after they took control, but they have already broken that promise. Hong Kong people are angry.
6. There were 41.9 million tourists last year. By comparison, Japan had 12 million.
7. Hong Kong's official languages are Chinese (Cantonese) and English.



10 differences

Last week's answer:

$$\text{cake} = 5 \quad \text{ice cream} = 9$$

$$\text{pizza} = 6 \quad \text{donut} = 4$$

### Announcements

6G are back. There are Cambridge English tests on Saturday. Have a fun week.

## Massive Protests in Hong Kong

Last week, tens of thousands of people gathered in the center of Hong Kong to protest. They were protesting a change in the extradition<sup>6</sup> law with China. Extradition is the law a country uses to arrest someone who has committed a crime in one country, but escaped to another. For example, if Alex kills someone in Japan, but then escapes to Thailand, Japan could ask Thailand to extradite Alex back to Japan. If the two countries have a treaty<sup>7</sup>, Thailand would.



The protestors are worried that the change in the law will give China more power over Hong Kong. Hong Kong is a semiautonomous region, but China is always trying to take their autonomy away.

The protest started peacefully, but, as tempers rose<sup>8</sup>, it turned violent and the protestors started to fight with the police. They threw things and fought with the authorities. The damage a lot of property and other buildings.

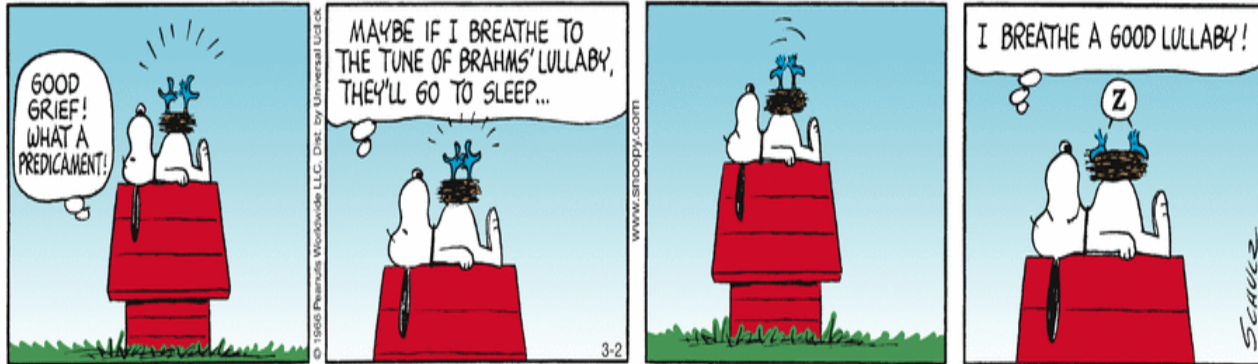
The police fought back, and 72 people were injured. Many more have been arrested. The protestors managed to break into a government building at the height of the protest, but, by morning, they had all dissipated<sup>9</sup>. Many of the protestors say that once this law is passed, Hong Kong will just be another Chinese city. The law isn't decided yet, so there may be more protests in the next few days.



- 1.Whatever～するのは何でも 2.Fragrant 良い香りの 3.Population density 人口密度  
4.Colony 植民地 5.Semi-autonomous 半自治の 6.Extradition 犯罪者の管轄国への 7.Treaty 条約  
8.Tempers rise 怒りなる 9.Dissipate 消散させる



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## World Records

The summer is coming. It's the season to eat watermelon. Do you like it? How do you eat it? I guess, like most people, you cut it into segments<sup>1</sup> with a knife and then just eat it. Well, Ashrita Furman has the world record for cutting watermelon ... on his stomach ... with a sword! He cut 26 watermelon in 1 minute. I have no idea what damage he did to himself. I also don't know how many of the watermelons he actually ate, either. Does anyone fancy<sup>2</sup> having a go at<sup>3</sup> this record? No? I didn't think so.



Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile.

# ★ Something Big ★

The sociable weaver is a bird that lives in southern Africa. They are only about 14cm long and weigh about 25g, but they build the largest bird nests in the world. They build compound<sup>4</sup> bird nests. That means they don't just build one nest; they build a large community nest. A little bit like humans living in an apartment block. Up to 100 birds can live in these nests at the same time with many generations living under the same roof. The nests are very well structured<sup>5</sup>, and the birds use different "rooms" for different purposes<sup>6</sup>. The inner rooms stay warmer and they are used for roosting<sup>7</sup>, while the outer rooms are cooler and are used to stay cool during the hot day. The sociable weaver birds place sharp sticks near the entrance to their nests to stop predators<sup>8</sup> getting in.



## Banana Trees

I thought that bananas grow on trees, but did you know that they don't? They are a very large flowering plant. The part that we think is a tree is actually a false stem<sup>9</sup> and contains no wood. Banana plants can grow up to 7m tall. Also, the fruit that comes from the banana plant, the banana, is actually a berry. I didn't know that. A berry must have three parts: the exocarp (outer skin), mesocarp (fleshy middle) and endocarp (innermost part, which holds the seeds), which a banana has. It must also come from one plant with one ovary<sup>10</sup>, which a banana does. A strawberry doesn't. Berries: grapes, bananas, watermelon, blueberries, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and kiwis. Not berries: strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries!



- 1.Segment 部分 2.Do you fancy verb+ing～をやってみたいの? 3.Have a go at～をやってみる  
4.Compound 複数なものからできた 5.Structure 仕組み 6.Purpose 目的 7.Roost ねぐらについて  
8.Predator 捕食者 9.Stem 茎 10.Ovary 子房