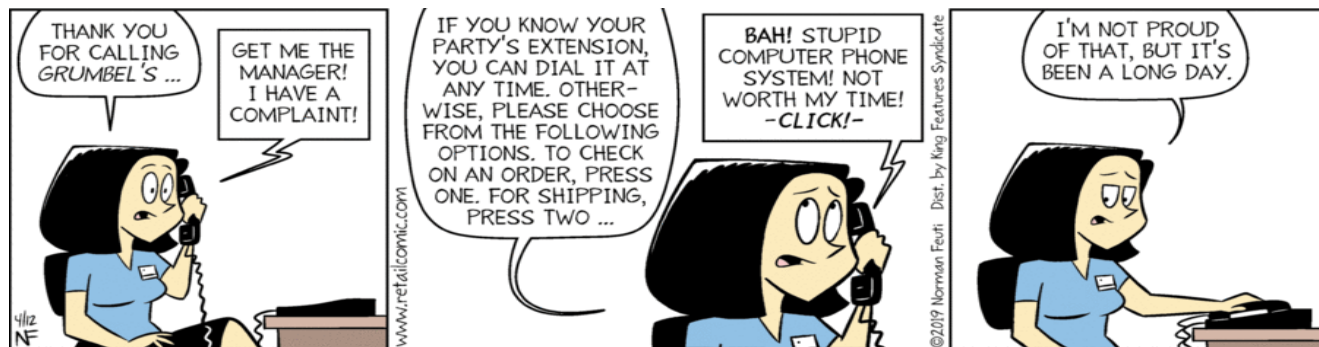


Wow! The school festival was a lot of fun. Did you enjoy yourselves? I think I probably ate too much. My daughter had so much fun. She came in on Saturday and you all made her feel very welcome. Thank you. Did you buy any food? Did you buy anything from the bazaar? Did you visit the 4th grade student's displays? Did you get your photo taken in a prom dress with 6G? I wanted to, but they told me that they didn't have a dress in my size. I didn't think that was true. So, I stayed after school and tried on all the dresses. They were right! They didn't fit! Ha ha. (That's a joke!)

Something You Didn't Know (War of Independence²)

1. It was fought between the British Empire and some German states vs the 13 colonies³, the French Empire, the Spanish Empire, Holland.
2. France and Spain weren't sure if they should help America because they were worried what message a successful rebellion⁴ would send to their colonies. However, in the end, they sided with America because they didn't like Britain's growing power.
3. Altogether, 180,000 soldiers and sailors died.
4. The war ended up costing Britain about 5,000,000,000,000 yen and left her with a large debt.
5. In the beginning, the 13 colonies wanted more autonomy⁵, not independence.
6. A lot of people who remained loyal⁶ to Britain emigrated to Canada after the war was over.
7. The War of Independence was actually the first real "World War".



Sometimes later becomes never. Do it now.

Last Week's Answer:

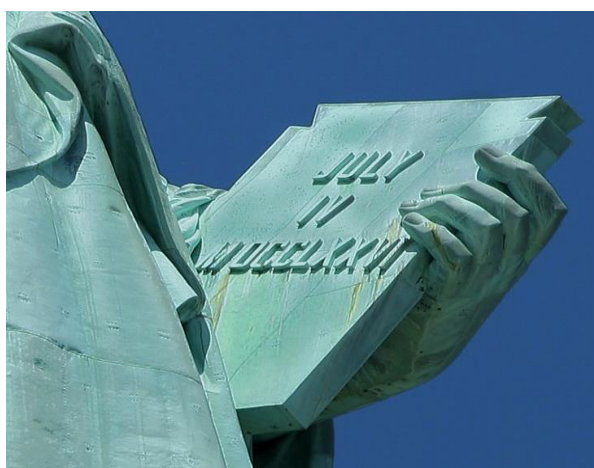


Independence Day – July 4th

Last Thursday, July 4th, was Independence Day in America. You may have heard the words, "Independence Day", but you are probably thinking of the Will Smith blockbuster movie about aliens. Independence Day is the day where the 13 colonies of America declared independence⁷ from Britain. It was July 4th 1776. Well, the vote was passed on the 2nd of July, but it wasn't made public until the 4th. From that day, the United States of America considered itself a separate country.



It took until the 3rd of September 1783 for the war to be over and Britain to recognize America's independence, but 1776 was when the ball started rolling⁸. It is such an important date that you can see it in many places. The tablet that the Statue of Liberty is carrying is inscribed⁹ with July 4th, 1776. Europeans had been in northern America for a few hundred years, but 1776 is when true, independently American history begins.



July 4th is a public holiday in America and many people have parties and barbecues. It is very common to have firework displays as well. There are sometimes parades, concerts, baseball games, and political speeches. July 4th is when the Declaration of Independence was supposed to be signed, but it actually wasn't signed by the 56 signatories¹⁰ until August 2nd of the same year.

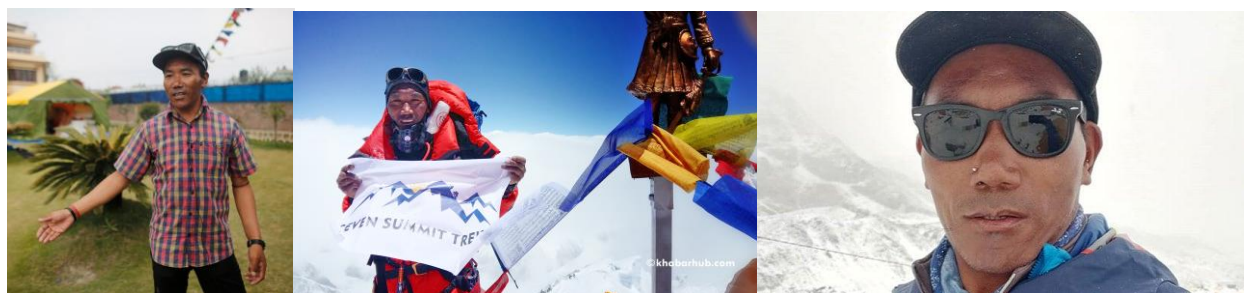


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5.Autonomy 自治 6.Loyal 忠実な 7.Independence 独立 8.Start the ball rolling 上手く始める
9.Inscribe 刻み込む 10.Signatory 調印者

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World Records

Have you ever climbed Mt. Moiwa? It takes about 90 minutes and some people say it's tough¹. What about Mt. Fuji? What about Mt. Everest? Climbing Everest can be the goal of a lifetime. Some people might even climb it twice. Kami Rita Sherpa has successfully reached the summit of Mt. Everest 23 times! He first summited in 1994 and has reached the top almost once a year since. He is 49 years old and doesn't intend to² retire in the near future, so who knows how many more summits he will get under his belt³.

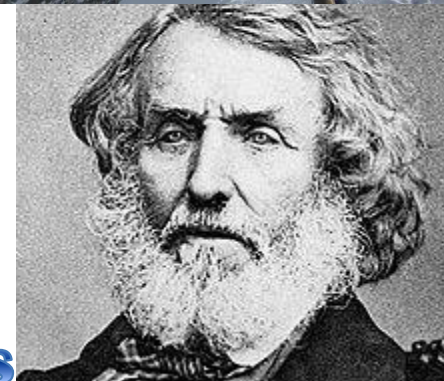


What can you see?



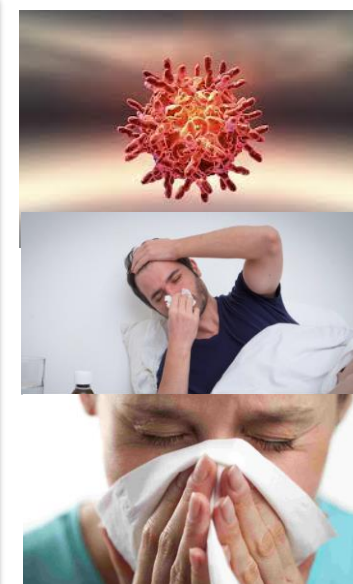
★ Something Big ★

The tallest mountain in the world is not actually Mt. Everest, which is only the tallest mountain above sea level⁴. Mauna Kea in Hawaii is the tallest mountain from its base, but almost 60% of it is below sea water. It is 4,207m high when measured from sea level, but over 10,000m when measured from its base. Anyway, Mt. Everest is recognized as the world's tallest mountain and it was first climbed in 1953. Everest is the name given to it by British explorers⁵. The mountain's real name is Sagarmatha (सगरमाथा) in Nepali and Chomolungma (ཇོ་མོ་གླང་མ) in Tibetan. Everest was named after Sir George Everest, who protested⁶ very strongly because he wanted people to use the local names. Everest has been successfully climbed 5656 times and 223



Cold Weather Gives You Colds

Many people think that they are more likely to get a cold when they go outside in the winter than in the summer because people get sick when it is cold. There is some evidence⁷ that viruses like cooler weather, but there are four main reasons why we get more colds in the winter than the summer. 1. The air is drier. When people have colds, they spray the virus when they talk or sneeze or sniff. In dry air there is nothing to stop this virus from spreading through the air. In humid conditions, the virus is trapped by water molecules⁸ in the air. 2. We shut the windows meaning the air doesn't change. 3. We use heaters which circulate the air. 4. There are more people trapped together in small spaces. If you want to avoid⁹ getting colds in the winter, you should ignore¹⁰ your mother and go outside more.



1. Tough 辛い 2. Intend to ~をやるつもり 3. Under one's belt 経験を積んで 4. Sea level 海面
5. Explorer 探検者 6. Protest 反対する 7. Evidence 証拠 8. Molecule 分子 9. Avoid 避ける 10. Ignore 無視する