

Are you ready for the new school year? It is going to be a good one. I can't believe we have only just started. It feels like we have been having classes for weeks. I hope to write more English News this year than I did last year. We had so many remote classes last year that I only wrote 23 of them. I usually write more than 40. Let's hope that this year is a normal year.

Welcome to our new first and fourth grade. It is good to see so many new faces. Don't worry, you'll settle in¹ very quickly. And if you get lost, just ask someone. Hokusei students are some of the friendliest people you will meet.



9 differences
People said last week's puzzle was too difficult, so this week should be easier.
Last week's answer



The Rubik's Cube Impossible

A Japanese company called MegaHouse have made a new version of the Rubik's cube. It is called the Rubik's Cube Impossible. MegaHouse is owned by Bandai Namco, the game maker, and they have raised the bar⁴ for Rubik cube solvers. Many people probably think that the original Rubik's cube is impossible to solve, but a lot of people can solve it very quickly. Speed cubing is a sport and the world record for solving a Rubik's cube is 3.47 seconds. That is so fast! I cannot even⁵ pick one up in that time. So, MegaHouse have made a more difficult cube. The Rubik's Cube Impossible is the same as a regular⁶



Rubik's cube except for one small difference. The squares are different colors from different angles⁷. What? If you look at a square and it is red, it might be blue if you look at it from the opposite side⁸. That means, if you solve the Rubik's Cube and turn it around, it will be mixed up⁹ again! I don't know how anybody could solve this, but there are already solutions posted online.

- 1.Settle in 落ち着く 2.professor 教授 3.solve 溶ける 4.raise the bar 基準を高くする
5.cannot even~でもできない 6.regular 普通 7.angle 角度 8.opposite side 反対側
9.mixed up ぐちゃぐちゃにする

Something you didn't know about the Rubik's Cube:

1. Emo Rubrik was a Hungarian professor² of design. He made the cube to help teach 3D design to his students. He didn't know how to solve³ it and didn't think it would become so popular.
2. More than 350 million Rubrik cubes have been sold.
3. A regular cube is 3x3x3. The largest Rubik's cube is 17x17x17. The world record for solving it is 7.5 hours. It took him a few tries because it often breaks.
4. The first ever Rubrik's cube speed competition was in 1982 and the winner solved it in 22.95 seconds. These days, times under 5 seconds are common.

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World record

There are many strange world records in the world and I am hungry at the moment, so I have chosen this one. The most layers in a sandwich. The current world record is 60 and it was made by TH Outdoor and Events TLC in New York in 2016. They layered bread and salami¹ and mustard. As you can see from the picture, balancing it was the most difficult part of the challenge. I would like to see the person that ate this sandwich. I think that person would get the world record for world's biggest mouth.



Incidentally², the world's biggest mouth is 6.52cm. If that doesn't sound very big to you, try opening your mouth as wide as you can and measuring it. Anyway, even the world's biggest mouth couldn't eat this sandwich. I'd like to try, though.

This week's quote: Life is like a mirror:
It'll smile at you if you smile at it.

A building

The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco is a very famous landmark. It is a suspension bridge³ that is 2.7km long. You may be thinking, "Why is it called the "Golden Gate" bridge when it is orange, not golden?" That is a very good question. It is because the 1.6km strait⁴ that connects San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean is called the Golden Gate.

There was a ferry across the water here, but in 1916 a bridge was suggested⁵. It took a long time to find a suitable⁶ design and raise enough money. The government in the city wanted a bridge that looked good. The Golden Gate Bridge was finished in 1937. It took four years to build. It was supposed to be started in 1929, but the Great Depression⁷ meant that the city of San Francisco didn't have enough money. They borrowed it all from the Bank of America in the end. The bridge is a type of orange called *international orange*. The color was chosen because it goes well with the surrounding area. The job of painting the bridge is continuous⁸. Once the painters have gone from one end to the other, they start from the beginning again. The bridge is a very popular route and 112,000 vehicles use it every day.



- 1.salami サラミソーセージ 2.incidentally ところで 3.suspension bridge つり橋
- 4.strait 海峡 5.suggested 推奨されている 6.suitable 適切な 7.Great Depression 世界大恐慌 8.Continuous 連続