

The English Play was last Friday and Saturday. What did you think? I thought it was amazing! There was so much talent. All of the singers were absolutely wonderful. The students did an incredible job getting ready because usually we start practicing in January, but this year we had remote classes in January and February. The students had to do all of their preparation<sup>1</sup> and practice for those months on Teams. That was a huge challenge, but they rose to the occasion<sup>2</sup> and produced a wonderful play. Well done to everyone. Now, they can have a relaxing week of regular<sup>3</sup> classes before they get a well-deserved<sup>4</sup> break in Golden Week.



10 differences

Here are last week's answers. How many did you find?



### Something you didn't know about hot air balloons:

1. The hot air balloon was invented in China, but they only used it to send messages.
2. The first hot air balloon with people flew on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1783. It was flown by the Montgolfier brothers in France.
3. A hot air balloon can fly because the hot air is less dense<sup>5</sup> than the air around it, which makes it rise. This is the same as if you take a piece of wood to the bottom of a swimming pool and let go of it. It rises to the surface<sup>6</sup>.
4. A balloon needs 2,800m<sup>3</sup> of hot air to carry 5 people, the basket, the balloon canopy<sup>7</sup>, and all the equipment<sup>8</sup>. You need a bigger balloon to carry more people.

### Hot Air Balloon Lands on Roof

A hot air balloon had to make an emergency landing<sup>9</sup> in Melbourne, Australia, last week. The balloon had 12 people on board, but nobody was hurt. The pilot said the balloon flew for about thirty minutes, but then started to lose height. He had no idea what caused the problem. He tried to find somewhere safe to land, but he couldn't control the balloon. He was aiming for the beach, but the balloon lost height too quickly and he had to land on a house. He missed the beach by 200m. He managed to avoid<sup>10</sup> the trees and powerlines<sup>11</sup>. The owner of the house called the emergency services and said, "there is a hot air balloon on my roof." The people were brought down safely, but it took longer to remove the balloon because it had deflated and wrapped itself around the house. The passengers who were riding on the balloon said that the pilot was very calm, and he did an amazing job. I wonder if they will want to fly in a hot air balloon again.



- 1.preparation 準備 2.rise to the occasion 難局に際してうまく対処する 3.regular 普段  
 4.well-deserved 受けるに値する 5.dense 高密度の 6.surface 水面 7.canopy 風船の部分  
 8.equipment 道具 9.emergency landing 緊急着陸 10.avoid 避ける 11.powerline 電力線



### World record

I don't think this is a world record we could beat here at school, even if we did have a plane. The world record for the longest distance<sup>1</sup> pulling a plane is 8.8m. Kevin Fast, a Lutheran pastor<sup>2</sup> from Canada, pulled a Globemaster III plane along the runway. It is one of the planes belonging to the Canadian air force. The plane weighed 188 tons! Can you imagine how heavy that is? Have you ever tried to push or pull a car? Well, most cars weigh less than a ton. Pulling a plane is an astounding feat of strength<sup>3</sup>! It took him 1 minute and 18 seconds to do. He has broken over thirty records in his lifetime. He has records for pulling cars, buses, trucks, and even a 30 ton house. I have no idea how he managed that. Anyway, if any of you are interested in trying to break this record, come and see me. Oh, and don't forget to bring your own plane. I'm afraid that I don't have one.



This week's quote: I love you not because of who you are, but because of who I am when I am with you.

### A building

This week, let's have a look at a hotel. Let's have a look at the largest hotel in the world. The First World Hotel & Plaza in Genting Highlands, Pahang, Malaysia. It has 7,351 rooms! It is a very colorful hotel. It was built in 2001, but it wasn't the biggest hotel. It was fully refurbished<sup>4</sup> in 2015.



The owners added a third tower to make it the largest in the world. It is a 3 star hotel, which means it is not the best hotel in the world. It also has a shopping mall, casino, indoor theme park, a bowling alley, pool, and a lot of other attractions<sup>5</sup>. It is very

popular with children. The hotel is located in Genting Highlands, which is a hill station<sup>6</sup> on the peak<sup>7</sup> of Mount Ulu Kali, 1,800m high. It is the center for lots of casinos and theme parks. It was created by a Malaysian Chinese businessman called Lim Goh Tong in 1965. The park was a huge success, mainly because it was one of the only places in Malaysia to legalize gambling<sup>8</sup>. When

Mr. Tong died in 2007, he was one of the richest men in Malaysia. Because the resort is very high up, the climate is much cooler than in most of Malaysia. It is a very popular resort town.



1.distance 距離 2.pastor 牧師さん 3.feat of strength 力技 4.refurbish リフォームする 5.attraction アトラクション 6.hill station ヒル・ステーション ◆アジア南部地域の植民地にイギリスが設けていた避暑地で、役人やその家族が利用した 7.peak 山頂 8.legalize gambling 賭博を合法化する