

The new school year has started! Are you excited? I'm sure that you are. We have a lot of new friends to welcome. Let's make the new first and fourth grades feel at home¹. They will fit in² very quickly. Do you remember what it was like to be a new student in this school? If you see a first grader or a fourth grade in trouble, help them as much as you can. It is easy to get confused³ in the first week of school. There are so many things going on and different grades have different schedules. It won't be long before we are all settled in to classes and daily life here. Then, before you know it, it will be Golden Week.



9 differences

Here are the answers to last week's puzzle.



Giant Gold Nugget

An amateur gold digger in Australia has found a gold nugget⁷ worth \$160,000. The gold digger was a hobbyist. He was using a cheap metal detector and prospecting⁸ in an area of Australia known as the "Golden Triangle". This was where Australia had a gold rush in the 1800s. The man found the top of a rock and pulled it out of the ground, thinking it might have a little bit of gold inside it. When he broke it open, he found that it contained 2.4kg of gold! At today's gold prices, that comes to about \$160,000! He had it valued at a gold shop called Lucky Strike Gold and they bought it off him straight away. I wonder if he will keep prospecting because his nugget is big but it isn't the biggest ever found. That also came from Australia and it weighed 66 kg. It was found in 1869, but if it had been found today it would be worth about \$2 million. Have you ever tried gold prospecting? There are rivers near Sapporo where people sometimes find gold, but not as much as this man.



1. feel at home 心休まる 2. fit in 慣れる 3. confused 混乱される 4. mine 採鉱する 5. for comparison 比べるために 6. conductive 伝導性の 7. gold nugget 金塊 8. prospect 鉱物資源や石油を求めて探査する

Something you didn't know about gold:

- Gold is expensive because it is very rare. Only 188,000 tons of gold have been mined⁴ worldwide since gold mining began. For comparison⁵, 900 million tons of iron are mined every year.
- Gold is a very conductive⁶ metal. That means, if you wear gold jewelry, it very quickly warms up to body temperature and feels warm.
- The US Federal Reserve holds 6,700 tons of gold. Almost 5,000 tons of that is in Fort Knox. That much gold is worth about \$7 trillion.
- Gold is not the rarest and most valuable metal. That is rhodium. It is worth two times more than gold.

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World record

This is a world record that I won't be able to break. You might, though. This is the record for working at one company for the longest length of time. A man from Brazil who is 101 years old has worked at the same company for 85 years. I can't do that unless I live to be 150. However, life expectancy¹ is increasing and many of you may live to be two hundred, so you could easily work at the same company for 100 years or more. Good luck. The man who has the world record is called Walter Orthmann and he is a sales manager in a Brazilian textile² company. He started at the company in 1937, when he was 15 years old. He is still healthy and exercises for an hour every morning. He also still drives to and from work. Someone asked him what the secret of long life is. He said, "avoid³ sugar, junk food, and soda. Find a job you like and never retire⁴!" Those are all good advice, but I don't think I will be able to do all of them. I like junk food too much. What about you. And I hope Mr. Orthmann can keep working at his company for a long time to come.



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Once you face your fear⁵, nothing is ever as hard as you think. Olivia Newton-John

An invention

This year, I am going to look at an invention every week. Let's start with the electric kettle. Do you use one? The electric hot water pots we have in Japan are a little different to the electric kettle that I grew up with. I am talking about a kettle you fill with water, press a button, and let it boil. The electric kettle was invented in 1891 in America. It was similar to a modern kettle, but it took 10 minutes to boil the water. The whistling⁶ kettle was invented in 1915. When the water had boiled, the steam made the kettle whistle to tell people it was ready. The main problem with the electric kettle was that very few people had electricity in their houses. In the early days of the electric supply to houses, people didn't have an electric outlet and had to plug⁷ devices into their light sockets. They had to unscrew the lightbulb and plug in the device. By 1930, about 70% of houses in America had electricity. It took longer to get electricity to rural⁸ areas. It took a lot longer before people had enough power and enough electrical outlets to use things like electric kettles. Many people still boiled water over their oven or on a hot stove and didn't think an electric kettle was necessary⁹. Last year, 6.3 million electric kettles were sold in the USA, so people think they are necessary now.



- 1.life expectancy 平均余命 2.textiles 布地 3.avoid 避ける 4.retire 退職する 5.face your fear 勇気を出して怖いものと向かい合う 6.whistle 笛を吹く 7.plug コンセントに差し込む 8.rural 田舎 9.necessary 必要