

There is going to be a small gap¹ in my English News because I am going to Canada with the JHS 3rd grade. My next English news will be on November 1st. I'm sure we will have a wonderful time in Canada. Does your body ache² today because of the sports festival yesterday? You all ran and played very hard. It was fun to watch. I only ran a very short distance for the relay, but my body aches. Ha ha. I asked my wife why and she said it is because I am an old man. Haha. Everyone looked like they were having fun. I think having fun is far more important than winning or losing. Having fun with your friends and working with other people to do something is so important.



10 differences

Last week's answer



Something you didn't know about Abraham Lincoln:

1. Abraham Lincoln was 193 cm tall. That makes him the tallest president ever. He used to wear very tall hats to make himself look even taller.
2. Lincoln was the first president to be assassinated³.
3. He held a patent⁴. It was for a device⁵ to lift boats over obstructions⁶ in the water.
4. Lincoln is the most-written about person in American history. There are over 18,000 books about him.
5. Lincoln was a champion wrestler when he was younger.
6. He was the first president of the Republican⁷ party because it had only just started.
7. He loved animals and had many pets.

Balcony Tickets for the Night Abraham Lincoln was Assassinated

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was shot by John Wilkes Booth at 10:25 pm on April 14th 1865. Lincoln was shot in the head, but he didn't die straight away. He was carried to a nearby house and put on the bed. Lincoln was so tall that he had to be placed on the bed diagonally⁸. Lincoln died at 7.22 am on April 15th. He was 56 years old. He looks much older in all of the photos taken of him, but he was actually quite young.

Lincoln was shot at a theater. He had gone to see a play called "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater. The North was winning the American Civil War⁹ and John Wilkes Booth and his supporters wanted to kill Lincoln to give the South a chance to fight back. It didn't work. When Lincoln was shot, he was in a box overlooking the stage. Last week, two tickets for the balcony, directly opposite Lincoln's box were sold at auction. They were sold for \$262,500! The people who owned those tickets and sat in those seats would have been able to see the entire assassination. Maybe they kept the tickets to remind themselves. We will never know why they kept them. However, 158



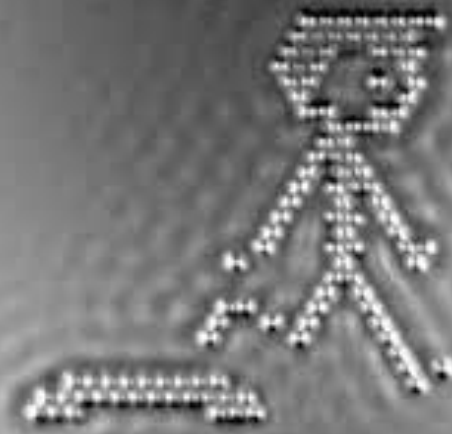
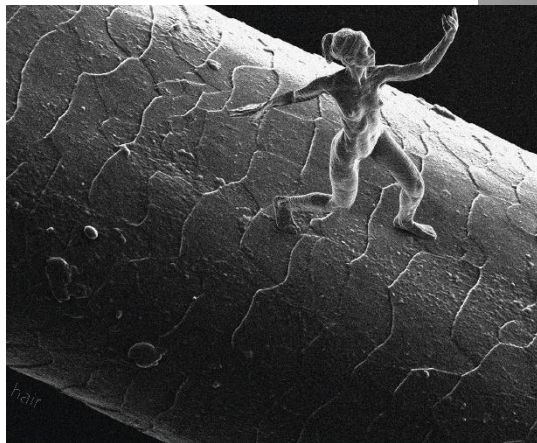
years later, the tickets are still in perfect condition and they went under the hammer¹⁰ last week. They are very rare and there is only one other ticket from that show left. That ticket is owned by Harvard University. It is wonderful to own a piece of history, but that is a lot of money.

- 1.gap 間隔 2.ache 筋肉痛 3.assassinate 暗殺する 4.patent 特許 5.device 機械
6.obstruction 障害 7.Republican party 共和党 8.diagonally 斜め 9.American Civil War アメリカ南北戦争 10.go under the hammer 競売にかけられる



World record

I do a lot of records about the biggest and the heaviest thing. Here are a few records about the smallest thing. The world's smallest newspaper is 18 x 25 mm and it weighs 1 gram. It is an exact copy of a real newspaper with the same number of pages. The smallest spoon ever made is 4.5 mm long. It is smaller than an ant. Wait! These records get smaller! The smallest sculpture¹ of a human is 80 x 100 micrometers. How small is that? 1 mm is 1000 micrometers! And here is the winner, in my opinion. The smallest ever movie is 45 nanometers by 25 nanometers. How big is that? 1 mm is 1,000,000 nanometers. The movie is 60 seconds long and it is made using molecules² of carbon monoxide³. It is a stop motion movie. Scientists placed the atoms⁴, took a photo, then moved the atoms and took the next photo. If you want to watch it, YouTube: A Boy and His Atom.



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

One thing we can do to help the environment

#6 Use only one eco-bag

I have stopped using plastic shopping bags as much as I can. Sometimes I have to, but I always try not to. I have two eco-bags that I use instead⁵. One of them has the Hokusei logo on it and is perfect for small shopping items. The other is a little bit larger. My wife has a selection of eco-bags as well, which she uses at different shops. Shops in Japan stopped giving out free plastic bags on July 1st, 2020. The number of plastic bags used has dropped significantly⁶. The bags are not expensive, but having to pay makes people think before they get one. Many people, if they can avoid⁷ it, don't use plastic bags. These days, most of us use eco-bags. Eco-bags are obviously far better than plastic shopping bags, but they are not the perfect solution. Many eco-bags are still made out of plastic. Also, because they have to be very durable⁸, they are made out much thicker plastic than store bags. Eco-bags are also not very expensive. A lot of shops subsidize⁹ the bags to persuade¹⁰ people to use them and they have the store name on the side, so they are a form of advertising. However, because the bags are cheap, people don't feel too bad about throwing them away. So, even though they are better than plastic carrier bags, they can be bad if we just use them a few times and throw them away. We should buy one bag, preferably¹¹ not one made of plastic, and use it for as many years as possible.



- 1.sculpture 彫刻 2.molecule 分子 3.carbon monoxide 一酸化炭素 4.atom 原子
 5.instead~の代わりに 6.significantly かなり 7.avoid 避ける 8.durable 丈夫
 9.subsidize 助成する 10.persuade 納得させる 11.preferably できれば