

Did you go to watch the English Play last Friday or on Saturday? It was wonderful. They always try so hard and you can really see the results of<sup>1</sup> their effort. Great acting and singing. All of the other parts of the play were wonderful as well. Good job! It is Golden Week at the end of this week. Are you excited? It is always nice to have a holiday and I think the weather is going to be very nice. Will you go anywhere? I guess this is not really the time to travel because everybody travels at the same time and everything is either crowded or very expensive. It would be nice to be able to take holiday whenever we want so we can travel. What do you think?



15 differences

Last week's answer



### Something you didn't know about Sumo

1. Sumo came from an agricultural<sup>2</sup> dance that was a prayer<sup>3</sup> for a good harvest<sup>4</sup>.
2. There have been 73 yokozuna so far, although records only began in the 1700s.
3. The heaviest sumo wrestler was Orora Satoshi, who weighed 294 kg.
4. The lightest sumo wrestler was Tochigiya Moriya, who weighed 104 kg.
5. The tallest sumo wrestler is supposed to be Yosaku, who was 227 cm tall. This was in 1840, so it is questionable<sup>5</sup> how accurate this figure is.
6. The shortest sumo wrestler was Tamatsubaki Kentaro, who was 158 cm tall.
7. The life expectancy<sup>6</sup> of sumo wrestlers is 64 years because they put a lot of strain<sup>7</sup> on their hearts. They are also likely to suffer from diabetes<sup>8</sup>.

### Akebono Dies



Last week, Akebono, a Hawaiian born sumo wrestler and the first foreigner to become a Yokozuna, died. He was 54 years old. He died of heart failure<sup>9</sup>, which is a common problem among sumo wrestlers. Akebono was born in Hawaii in 1969. His birth name was Chad Rowan. He was very tall while he was at school and he became a basketball player. He grew to be 203 cm tall. He became interested in sumo wrestling and he moved to Japan in 1988. He became much heavier and trained hard. At his

heaviest, he weighed 225 kg. He won several tournaments and he was made a Yokozuna in 1993. He was the 63<sup>rd</sup> Yokozuna and the first Yokozuna who was not born in Japan. These days there are many foreign sumo wrestlers and there have been 7 who became Yokozuna: 2 from Hawaii and 5 from Mongolia. Because of his height and his weight, he suffered many injuries during his sumo career. He had to have surgery<sup>10</sup> on his knees. In 2001, mainly because of his knees, he retired from sumo and became a trainer. He also became a K1 fighter and fought in American wrestling as well. He was a very quiet and a very kind person, people say. It is sad that he was so young when he died.



- 1.the result of~の成果 2.agricultural 農業の 3.prayer 祈り 4.harvest 収穫  
5.questionable 疑わしい 6.life expectancy 平均余命 7.strain 圧迫 8.diabetes 糖尿病 9.heart failure 心臓まひ 10.surgery 手術



### World record

I was showing my daughter how to balance a badminton racket on one finger last Sunday. Can you do it? I can, but not for very long. This week, let's look at some records from people who are really good at balancing things. The world record for balancing a lawnmower<sup>1</sup> on the chin<sup>2</sup> is held by David Rush from America. He managed to balance the lawnmower for 9 minutes and 17 seconds. David Rush also has the record for the longest time balancing a garden implement<sup>3</sup> on the head. He balanced a garden hoe for 2 hours and 36 minutes. The world record for balancing a bicycle on the chin is 9 minutes and 41 seconds. The record for balancing on a stationary<sup>4</sup> bicycle is 10 hours! There are so many balancing world records! The record for balancing eggs on top of each other is three. That sounds incredibly difficult. The world record for balancing a soccer ball on the head is 8 hours and 42 minutes. Do you think we should try to break these?



"I am always ready to learn, although<sup>5</sup> I do not always like being taught" — Winston Churchill

### An Unusual Job

#### Ethical Hacker

Do you like computers and programming? Have you ever tried to hack<sup>6</sup> into anything? I wouldn't even know where to begin with something like that, but I'm sure many of you are far better with computers and programming than I am. If you are great with computers and you know how to hack into a system, this is a job that might interest you. There are three types of hacker. There are hackers that hack maliciously<sup>7</sup>, trying to get money, or to hurt people and organizations. There are hackers that do it just for fun and for the challenge of trying to beat a system. Then there are hackers that try to help companies and organizations. An ethical hacker is this type of hacker. They are usually freelancers and they are paid by companies to try and hack into their systems. By doing this, they can find where the weak points or the problems are in the system and they can be fixed. This profession is becoming more popular because more and more companies rely on<sup>8</sup> technology these days. The salary can be quite good, depending on your level and the company you work for. If you love computers, you like puzzles and a challenge, and you like working long hours from home, this is probably the job for you.



- 1.lawnmower 芝刈り機 2.chin あご 3.garden implement 園芸用具
- 4.stationary 動かない(stationery 文房具)5.although しかし 6.hack 不正侵入する 7.malicious 意地の悪い 8.rely on～を頼りにする