

The sports festival is this week. Are you excited? The high school is on Tuesday and the junior high school is on Wednesday. I think it is going to be a lot of fun. Are you practicing hard every day? What event are you going to do best in? Is your class going to win? I don't think it really matters¹ which class wins. I know you all want to be first, but I think just doing your best and having fun with your friends is enough. I am looking forward to it. It will be nice having the sports day at school. I know that we always go to Kitaeru, but I think it will be more fun having it here. What do you think? I am going to try to take as many photos as I can.



10 differences!

Last week's answer



Something you didn't know about the woolly rhino²

1. Woolly rhinos have several layers of thick fur which kept them very warm.
2. They had two horns on their snout³ and the longest was about 1 m long.
3. The front horn was curved backwards because they probably used it for digging through snow to find food.
4. They had a thick layer of fat under their skin, which also helped them keep warm.
5. They went extinct⁴ about 10,000 years ago. This was because of climate change, but it was also because early humans hunted them.
6. They had a very good sense of smell and were probably able to smell food that was under the snow.

A Complete 32,000-Year-Old Woolly Rhino Found

I'm sure all of you know what a woolly mammoth is. It is the woolly version of an elephant, although they are bigger and they have longer tusks⁵. The last woolly mammoths died out about 4,000 years ago on an isolated⁶ island. Did you know that there were still woolly mammoths walking around after the Great Pyramid of Egypt had been built? People find the frozen bodies of woolly mammoths every now and again. Well, a woolly rhino body has been found. Woolly rhinos were slightly bigger than modern rhinos, but they had a thick coat of fur, just like woolly mammoths. This was to keep them warm so they could live in the frozen north, during the last ice age⁷. The rhino that was found was a complete four-year-old woolly rhino. It was frozen in the Siberian permafrost⁸, which preserved⁹ it, and it was found because the permafrost is slowly melting due to climate change. It is not the first woolly rhino specimen that has been found, but it is the best preserved. Woolly rhinos have a horn, just like modern rhinos, but those usually rot¹⁰ very quickly when the rhino dies. This rhino was frozen so quickly that the horn is still there. The rhino has a large hump of fat on its shoulder that it probably used to save calories during the cold months when it couldn't find much food. I would love to be able to see it. The woolly rhino didn't last as long as the woolly mammoth. When the ice age ended and the world warmed up, they died out.



- 1.doesn't matter 関係ない 2.woolly rhino ケブカサイ 3.snout 鼻先 4.extinct 絶滅した
5.tusk 牙 6.isolated 孤立した 7.ice age 氷河期 8.permafrost 永久凍土 9.preserve 保存する 10.rot 腐る



World record

I went to Kushiro last weekend and I stayed in the Royal Inn Hotel. It had 11 floors and I started to wonder what the biggest hotel in the world is. Here are some hotel related¹ records this week. The largest hotel in the world is the First World Hotel in Malaysia. It has 7,351 rooms! It is also a very unusual color (look at the picture under here). The First World Hotel is the largest but it isn't the tallest. The tallest hotel in the world is the Gevora Hotel in Dubai. It is 356 m tall, which is 23 m taller than Tokyo tower. It has 75 floors and 528 rooms. The most expensive hotel in the world (the most expensive room) is the penthouse suite in the Royal Atlantis Hotel, Dubai. The suite is 3352 m² and it has two floors. Would you like to stay there? It only costs \$100,000 per night! If you don't have a calculator handy², that is almost 15 million yen! For one night! If you want to stay in the hotel, they have a lot of regularly³ priced rooms, so you could probably stay in one of those. Or become a billionaire and stay in the penthouse! If you do, send me a picture.



“Don't find fault⁴, find a remedy⁵. Anyone can complain⁶.” — Henry Ford

An Unusual Job

Cruise Ship Entertainer

This job would be good if you don't have any family and you like boats. These days, cruises are becoming more and more popular and cruise ships are getting larger and larger. The biggest cruise ship in the world today is the Icon of the Seas and it can carry 7,600 passengers. All of those passengers



need to be fed⁷, cared for⁸, and cleaned up after⁹. The boat has a staff of 2,350. Those passengers also need to be entertained and the ship has a large group of cruise ship entertainers. Many cruise ships have a theater that is as big as any theater on Broadway and they have singers and actors who are professional. The cruise ship lines¹⁰ pay a lot of money to get the best entertainers they can. Many of the

singers and actors are hoping to work on the stage or in movies and they are using the cruise ship to earn some extra money before they make it¹¹. The job is fun, but very grueling¹². Depending on the route, entertainers have to put on shows every night for two weeks before they get any time off. They also have to live on the boat in crew quarters, which are pretty small. If you like singing and boats, this could be the job for you.



- 1.related 関係した 2.handy 手元にある 3.regularly 定期的に 4.fault 過失 5.remedy 改善策 6.complain 不満を言う 7.fed 食べ物を与える 8.care for 世話をする 9.clean up after 後片付けをする 10.cruise ship line クルーズ船会社 11.make it 成功する 12.grueling きつい