

Did you watch the American elections¹? I had the results open on my computer all through last Wednesday. I'm not American, but I feel that the result of the American election affects² all of us. What do you think. I was really hoping for a different result, but it can't be helped³. I wonder what will happen over the next four years. The 5th grade have come back from their study tour and the 3rd grade have come back from Canada. Everybody looks very healthy and lively. It is good to see all of you again. I am looking forward to hearing about all of the things that happened. Did you have a good time? Do you want to go again?



10 differences!

Last week's answer



Something you didn't know about presidents

1. George Washington was the first president, but the capital of America was Philadelphia and he never lived in the White House because it wasn't built yet,
2. James Madison, president number 4, was only 162 cm tall and 45 kg.
3. Woodrow Wilson, president number 28, had a Ph.D⁴ in history and political science⁵.
4. Herbert Hoover, president number 31, could speak fluent Chinese.
5. Richard Nixon, president number 37, was a brilliant musician. He could play the piano, saxophone, clarinet, accordion, and violin.
6. Barack Obama, president number 44, has won two Grammy Awards for reading and recording his memoirs⁶.

Donald Trump Becomes 47th President of the USA

America had an election last Wednesday (our time in Japan). I'm sure you know but the two candidates⁷ were Kamala Harris, for the Democratic Party⁸, and Donald Trump, for the Republican Party⁹. Kamala Harris is the current vice president¹⁰ and she joined the race when President Biden decided that he wouldn't stand again. Donald Trump was the 45th president of the USA from 2016 to 2020. All of the polls said that the election would be pretty close and that the election could go either way, but it ended up not being very close. The result hasn't been completely finalized yet because Arizona and Nevada haven't finished counting the votes yet, but it looks like Donald Trump got 310 votes to Kamala Harris's 226. So, Donald Trump becomes president number 47 after being president number 45. Trump isn't the first president to do this. Grover Cleveland was the 22nd president and the 24th president at the end of the 19th century. Trump made a lot of promises on the campaign trail¹¹. It will be interesting to see which of those promises he keeps and what he does with the next four years. What do you think?

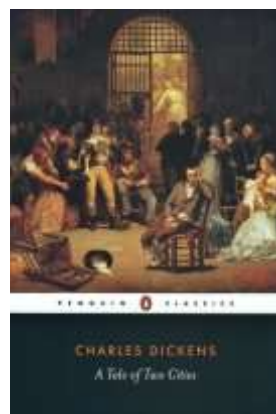


- 1.election 選挙 2.affect 影響を与える 3.can't be helped 仕方がない 4.Ph. D.博士号
5.political science 政治学 6.memoir 回顧録 7.candidate 候補者 8.Democratic Party 民主党
9.Republican Party 共和党 10.vice president 副大統領 11.campaign trail 選挙活動の旅



World record

I was reading my book this morning and I thought that I haven't done any book world records yet, so here we go. The Bible is the book that has sold the most copies, with over 5 billion. But I'm not sure the Bible should count¹ because a lot of companies buy and distribute² Bibles without people actually buying them. The biggest selling book that people actually go out and buy is Charles Dickens's "A Tale of Two Cities". It was published in 1859 and it has sold well over two million copies. Top of the best-selling book list is the Harry Potter series. Altogether, the six books in the series have sold over 600 million copies. That means 1 in every 13.3 people on Earth have a copy of the books. The longest book in the world is "Marianbad My Love" by Mark Leach. It is 10,710 pages long, 17.8 million words. I couldn't find a copy for sale anywhere, but if you want to read it, you can find a free copy to download on the author's homepage. I'm not sure how long it would take me to read a book that long.



“Always remember, your focus determines³ your reality.” – George Lucas

An Unusual Job

Professional Bridesmaid

Do you like going to weddings? Are you good at planning and organizing⁴ events? Then, maybe you should be a professional bridesmaid. When someone gets married, they usually ask their friends to be bridesmaids⁵. The job of a bridesmaid is to help organize the event, get everything ready, and help the bride to relax. Getting married is a very stressful time and bridesmaids are there to ease that stress⁶. Well, not everybody has friends they can ask to be bridesmaids. Some people have friends, but they don't want to bother⁷ their friends, or maybe their friends are too busy. In that case, they can turn to a professional bridesmaid. The professional bridesmaid acts as a friend and confidant⁸ of the the bride, but they are also part wedding planner, and they can work with the photographer, the caterer⁹, and all of the other people that go into making a wedding. They are there to make life easier for the bride. Professional bridesmaids can be cheap or expensive, depending on what you need them to do. Some will actually create a cover story¹⁰ about how you became friends. What do you think?



1.count 数に入れない 2.distribute 配る 3.determine 決定する 4.organize 整理する 5.bridesmaid 花嫁介添人 6.ease stress ストレスを和らげる 7.bother 迷惑をかける 8.confidant 親友 9.caterer ケータリング業者 10.cover story 掩護のための話