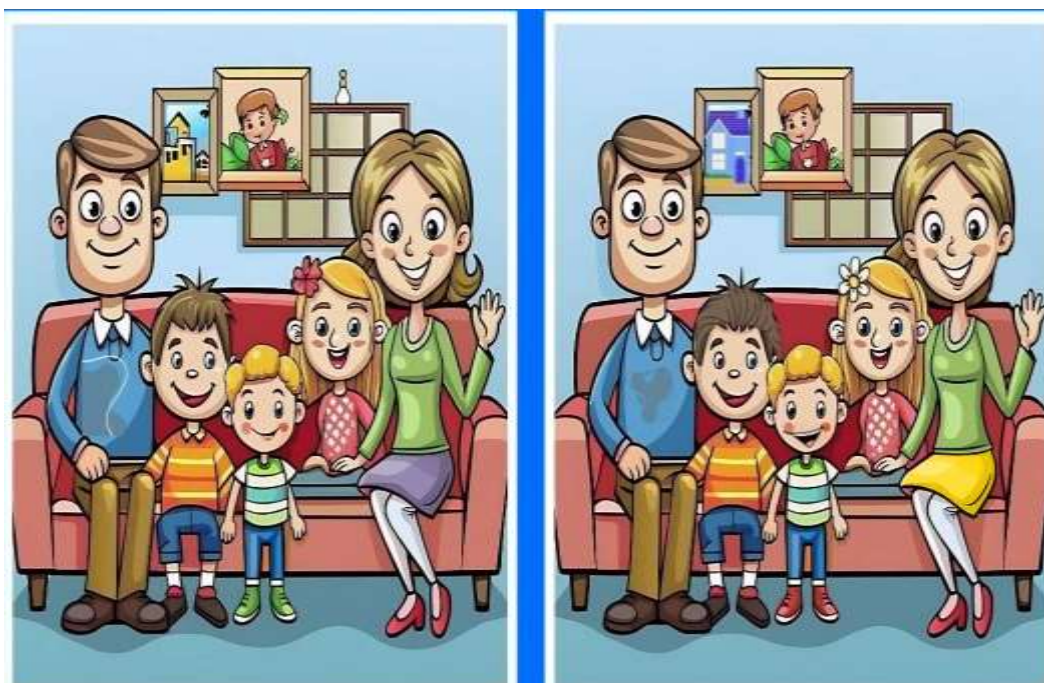


Have you donated¹ any food to the food bank yet? There is a box in all of your classrooms, so don't forget to put something in. We are all very lucky that we can pretty much eat whatever we want whenever we want. This time of year is Thanksgiving in America and we should not only give thanks for what we have, but try to help those who have less than us. Prices in Japan are rising rapidly and more and more people need to use a food bank. We should try to give them as much as we can to help them in their time of need². Many people that use a food bank don't use it very often, only when times are really hard. We can help them.



10 differences!

Last week's answer



Something you didn't know about farms

1. The oldest known farm was from the Middle East³ and it is 12,000 years old.
2. These days, there are more vertical farms⁴ because so much of the world is urban⁵.
3. The largest farm in the world is the Anna Creek Station in Australia. It is 24,000 km², which would make it the 146th largest country, bigger than Israel.
4. A lot of young people don't want to work on farms these days, so farms are joining together to become larger and they are becoming automated⁶. Many of them use automatic drones, tractors, and harvesting⁷ machines.
5. A lot of farms rent bees. Every year, their crops need to be pollinated⁸, and professional bee keepers bring millions of bees to the farm.

Farmer Proposes by Mowing His Field

A farmer in the UK decided to propose to his girlfriend by mowing⁹ "Marry Me" into his field. Farmer Tom Heal had been going out with Chloe Morley for four years and he wanted to propose to her, but he couldn't think of the best way to do it. He thought about proposing in the traditional way, but he decided to do something original. Tom went to his fields to work as usual. He did everything that he usually did, but on this day, he mowed giant letters into a hill at the end of his field. M-A-R-R-Y==M-E. Then he called his girlfriend and asked her to come and meet him just before sunset. He asked her to bring him some dinner, just so she wouldn't be suspicious¹⁰. When she arrived, Tom asked her to get out of the car, and just as the sun was going down she saw the words he had mowed into the grass. Marry me. The sunset was beautiful and the atmosphere was perfect. Tom got down on one knee and gave her a ring that he had in his pocket. Chloe was very happy and she said, "yes." They are going to get married next year in September. I wonder if they will have a wedding on their farm as well. It must have taken him a long time to mow the words into the grass, but he forgot to put the question mark on the end. What do you think? Is this a good way of proposing to somebody?



- 1.donate 寄付する 2.time of need 困っているとき 3.Middle East 中東 4.vertical farm 垂直農法 5.urban 都市の 6.automated 自動化された 7.harvest 収穫する 8.pollinate 受粉する 9.mow 刈る 10.suspicious 疑わしい



World record

Let's have some egg records this week. The largest egg of a living animal is the ostrich¹ egg. They are about 15 cm long and weigh 1.4 kg. That is about 20 times larger than a chicken egg. The largest eggs of any animal (that we know about) were the eggs of a dinosaur called Beibeilong. It was a giant oviraptorosaur and. Its eggs were about 45 cm long and weighed about 5 kg. The most expensive egg in the world is not actually a real egg. Have you ever heard of Fabergé eggs? They are works of art made by a jewellery firm² called The House of Fabergé. They are made to look like eggs, but they are made of

precious metals³ and jewels. They were made for the Russian Imperial family and have become a symbol of opulence⁴. The Russian Imperial family's use of money was one of the reasons for the Russian Revolution⁵. The most expensive Fabergé egg is called the Third Imperial Easter Egg and it was sold for \$33 million. 69 eggs were made, and 12 have disappeared. One was found recently. If you find one somewhere in your basement or attic⁶, remember, give it to me!!! Ha ha.



“Start before you're ready.” – Steven Pressfield

An Unusual Job

Voice Over Artist

There are quite a lot of people doing this job, but it is still fairly⁷ rare. I have heard of some students that want to do this job, but I don't know if any of our students have managed to do it. The most famous voice actors do the voices for anime and cartoons, but there are many different types of voice actors. Pretty much⁸ every commercial you watch on TV has a voice actor in it telling you about the product. There are also voice over actors that do trailers for movies, and there are many people that specialize in reading audiobooks. However, probably the biggest type of voice actor these days are the people who do the voices for video games. If you really want to become a voice actor, you don't really need to go to university, but a university or a college that has an acting course would probably help. You need to do a lot of voice training and you need to practice so you can speak smoothly and clearly. If you want to work in anime, you need to be able to do a lot of different characters as well. The most popular voice actors can make a lot of money, but it takes a lot of practice and experience to reach the top.



- 1.ostrich ダチョウ 2.firm 会社 3.precious metals 貴金属 4.opulence 豪華さ 5.Russian Revolution ロシア革命 6.attic 屋根裏 7.fairly かなり 8.pretty much ほとんど