

MUSTARD ROOT

Josh's November 3rd – Josh Fandel

What did you do for your holiday in November? I had no ideas, so I asked another teacher (Tanoue-sensei) for a suggestion. He suggested hiking the 3333 stone steps in Misato. I was a little scared, but it sounded like fun, so I agreed. That morning, Tanoue-sensei, my ALT friend Matt, and I hiked up the steps.

I thought it was a little difficult, because the steps were tall, and the distance was about 2km. However, we finished in 45 minutes! We visited a nice temple at the top, where an old lady (who we didn't know) suddenly gave us boiled eggs. We were surprised, but they were delicious.



At the temple after the stairs!
(Matt, Josh, Tanoue-sensei)



Inside Yachioza, Yamaga City

After that, we went down the stairs (it only took 26 minutes!). Then, Matt and I drove to Yamaga, where we met Valeria-sensei and two other ALT friends. We visited a famous theater (Yachioza), and Yamaga's famous onsen (Sakura-yu). After walking up and down 3333 steps, the onsen felt wonderful.

On the way back home, we stopped and ate dessert at a place called “Café フラッペ x フラッペ.” Eating strawberry *kakigori* and spending time with my friends was an excellent end to the holiday.

Have you finished the 3333 steps? How long did it take?

Valeria's November 3rd – Valeria Magallan

I love having mid-week-holidays! It is a great opportunity to try something new or simply break your daily routine. Actually, Josh-sensei invited me to hike the 3333 stone steps in Misato... but I was too *intimidated* (*scared) so I said no...I hope I can climb them someday so, I will train hard to climb them soon!

Instead, two ALT friends and I decided to explore Yamaga. There we went on a short hike (maybe 300 steps). At the top we ate some delicious mikan and took pictures of the wonderful view!

After exploring the countryside, we went to the central part of Yamaga city where we met Josh-sensei and Matthew. Yachioza is beautiful! And the water at Sakura-yu was wonderful! It definitely made my skin softer and I felt relaxed!



At Yachioza
(*from left to right: Valeria, Matt, Josh, Matthew and Fernando)

The entire day was very fun, but I think my favorite part was the ending. We went to a café and ordered dessert, but the dessert wasn't the *highlight* (*the best part). It was the time we spent together. I remembered we were laughing a lot, saying jokes and teasing each other. I thought I didn't want the night to end.

WORD SCRAMBLE! The spelling for these words is wrong! They are all mixed-up. Thinking of the stories above and the picture to the right, try to unscramble the words. The correct answers are on the back.

1. sirats: _____

3. tnmoian: _____

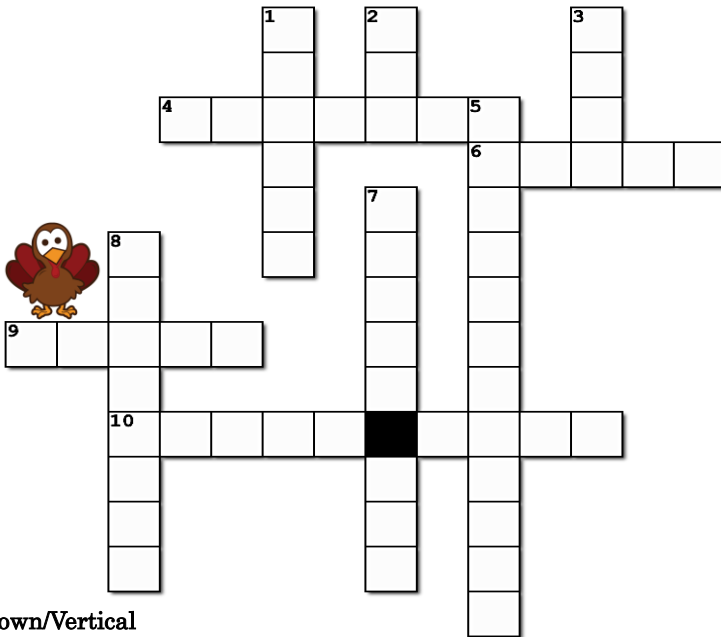
2. dsefrin: _____

4. aackckpb: _____



Crossword Puzzle #3

Read the clues and fill in the boxes with the correct words.



Down/Vertical

- 1 A bird eaten during the American Holiday in November.
- 2 Pumpkin ____ is a popular dessert in the fall.
- 3 A gold-colored crop used to make popcorn.
- 5 An American holiday in November.
- 7 What is a person who stays up all night called? (2 words)
- 8 Another word for 'thankful.'

Across/Horizontal

- 4 A collection of food from the fields. 6 Bees make this.
- 9 A piece of clothing that keeps your neck warm.
- 10 What is a person who wakes up early called? (2 words)

Eikaiwa Pointers

今回は “So far, so good.” 「今のところ順調です。」
単語の far「遠い」に気を取られてしまうと、なんだか意味が分かりません。ビンテージでも勉強しましたね、so far とは「今までのところ」という意味の非常に重要な表現なのです。

Kumi and Daniel are students of Dainikko University. They were almost late for their lecture last time...

Daniel: (Sitting in the auditorium) (^_^)??... Hey Kumi, what are you doing?

Kumi: I heard Dr. Lancaster's lecture is difficult, so I'm going to take notes with this tablet.

Daniel: Oh, okay. Well, if you don't understand words he uses, you can ask me.

Kumi: Thanks!

After 20 minutes...in a small voice...

Kumi: His joke is funny!

Daniel: Oh, I'm glad to know that. So you understand almost all of his English?

Kumi: Yes, *so far so good!*

Daniel: Awesome!

Answers for WORD SCRAMBLE:

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| 1. Stairs | 3. Mountain |
| 2. Friends | 4. Backpack |

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Crime Puzzle Story #3 – Toy-Money Thief

“The guard called me early this morning. He said there was a robbery here at my toy factory,” Edward Elf told Dr. Quicksolve.

“Let's talk with the guard,” Dr. Quicksolve said.

“I was over on the east side of the building checking doors. I heard a noise, like something crashing, over on the west side of the building by the offices. I ran over there, and I saw the office had been broken into and the safe was open and empty. I could see someone getting into a car out there, but the sun was in my eyes and I couldn't see him very well,” the guard said.

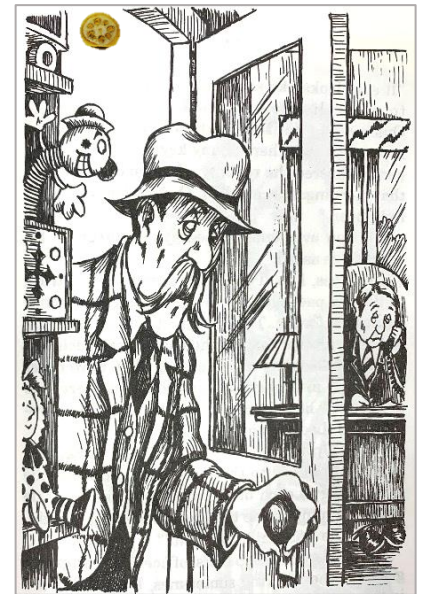
“How much money was in the safe?” Dr. Quicksolve asked the guard.

“I don't know how much, but I knew there was a lot,” the guard answered.

“It looks like he got away,” Mr. Elf said. “But it seems like it had to be someone who knew exactly where to go and what to do to get away with it while a guard was right here in the building.”

“Unless, of course, the guard was in on it,” Dr. Quicksolve said.

Why does Dr. Quicksolve suspect the guard? The answer will come next time.



Tied Up – ANSWER

Jonathan said he heard the door **lock** when the robber left, but the person who untied him was **able to easily run inside**. Something is suspicious...