

MUSTARD ROOT

Eggs and Bunnies—It's Easter! – Josh Fandel

If you aren't Christian, you probably didn't know that Easter was on April 4th. Actually, you might not know what Easter is. If



you've seen pictures of rabbits, eggs, or baby chickens (chicks) that are popular in the spring, those are probably for Easter. In Christianity, Easter celebrates the *resurrection* (復活) of Jesus Christ, and all of the new life that starts in the spring.

An interesting fact is that the day of Easter changes every year! Easter is the Sunday after the first full moon that comes after the *Spring Equinox* (春分). This year, Easter was April 4th, but next year it will be on April 17th.

Easter has many fun traditions, including *dyeing eggs* (卵を染める), going on *Easter egg hunts* (探索), getting candy from the Easter Bunny, and eating a big meal. Fun fact: eggs are used to celebrate Easter because they are symbols of life!



An English Club student dyeing an Easter egg.

Usually the Easter egg hunt happens outside, but it was raining. This year, we decided to celebrate Easter with members of the English Club in the seminar house. On May 14th and 15th (a long time after real Easter), the English Club dyed eggs, and did many Easter activities. We had a lot of fun!



Left: English club members dyeing eggs. Right: beautiful eggs by the club members.

Sports Festival vs. Field Day – Valeria Magallan

Two years ago, before coming to Japan to work as an ALT, I googled “Kumamoto Daini High School.” On google images, I could only see pictures of previous sports festivals, so I was very curious about it. Last year many events were cancelled, so I was so happy to have experienced a sports festival at Daini this year!

My favorite event was the last relay. The possible winner changed at every lap. It was so *intense* (ハラハラ)! Of course, I also enjoyed watching the dance and



Baton pass by the Yellow team

Enbu performances, and the cheers were very creative!

Unfortunately, we don't have sports festivals in American high schools. In elementary school we have something called ‘field day’. However, we don't have team colors. Instead, it's like Class Match.

Classes in each grade compete to see who the best is. We have similar events like the tug-of-war and relay, but then there are some typical events like the Potato-Sack Race! In this event, participants wear a potato sack over their pants. Then, they have to jump to the finish line! It is quite fun to watch! We also have other events like bean-bag toss and a water balloon fight at the end.



Potato-Sack Race



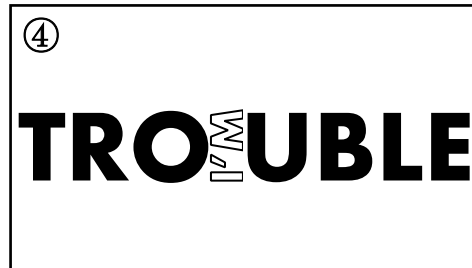
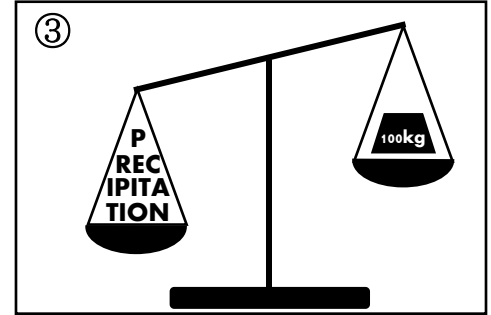
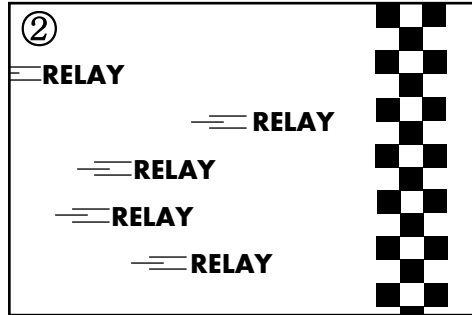
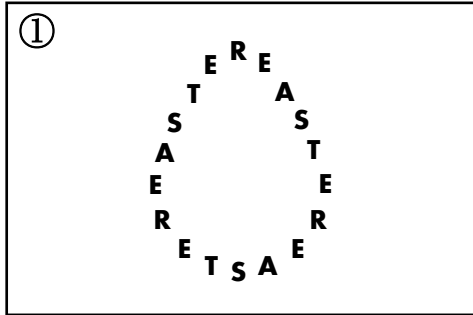
Tug-of-War for the Blue Team

Overall, I thought the Sports Festival was a very good experience for the school! The 1st year students could feel welcomed, the 2nd year students could experience the event for the first

time, and 3rd year students could practice leadership. I hope everyone had fun!

Rebus Puzzles #3

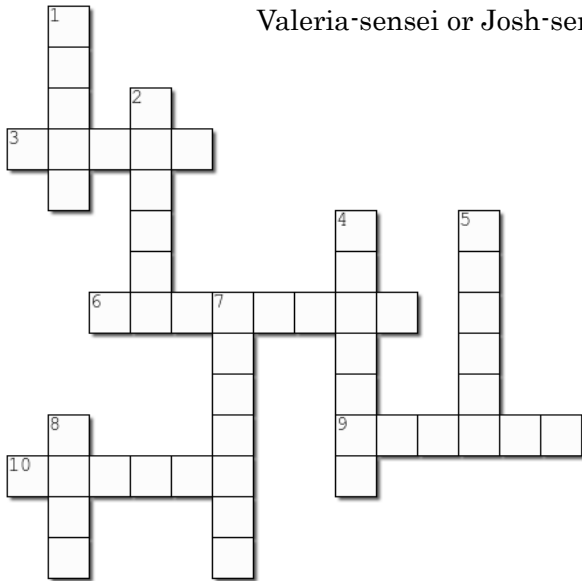
Some new puzzles for you! For 1 年生: The answers to these puzzles is a simple English word or phrase. *The answers are at the bottom of the page.*



- ①'s answer is 2 words
 ②'s answer is 2 words.
 ③'s answer is 2 words.
 (Find a synonym)
 ④'s answer is 3 words.
 ⑤'s answer is 1 word

Crossword Puzzle #5

Read the clues and fill in the boxes. Use your dictionary if you need help! You can check your answers with Valeria-sensei or Josh-sensei.



Down/Vertical

- 1 If I could, I ____ travel the whole world.
- 2 The common color of Iris flowers
- 4 This item allows you to see better.
- 5 IDIOM: Don't put all your eggs in the same ____.
- 7 The famous ship that sunk in 1912

Across/Horizontal

- 3 It brings rain and lives in the sky.
- 6 The Sports ____ and Culture ____ are popular school events.
- 9 Christian holiday on which people dye (染める) eggs
- 10 The rainy ____ is very humid.

Test Yourself!

Here is a question from an examination of 慶応大学, 2017, composition part. You can write it on any kind of paper.

When you want to turn in to the ALTs or Ms. Goto in teachers' room, you will get it checked and you can get their feedback. Be sure to write your name and your class. Good luck!

問：以下の問題文は大学1年生のAとBの会話です。英語に直しなさい。

注意点：日本語の表現をうまく英語にできない場合は、別の言い方に変えてから英語にしてみましょう。

(例) 難解 → わかりにくい → hard to understand

問題文：

A：今週末テニス部の合宿に行かないって聞いたけど、本当？

B 1：うん、週明けに経済学の試験が二つもあって、それどころではないんだよねー。

B 2：でも、テストが終わったら、思いっきり練習するから今は我慢するよ。

Rebus Puzzles – ANSWERS

- ① Easter Egg ② Relay Race ③ Heavy Rain ④ I'm in trouble ⑤ Hotdog