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Impressions

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This is the first issue of Impress.
It's a magazine for English learners about news and things to help in learning about English.

これはインプレスの初発行です。この雑誌は英語学習者がニュースや事柄を英語で学ぶ手助けになります。

We hope you enjoy the magazine. We worked very hard to make it just for you.

皆さんがこの雑誌を楽しんでほしいと思います。私たちは皆さんのために努力しました。

— the Team

Meet the Team



Hello!

My name is Martin. I like Japanese, English, and kendo!

I am at Yotsuba Gakuen. You can challenge me at kendo or talk to me in English there!

Have fun reading!

Martin



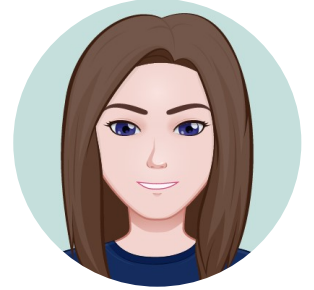
Hi, I'm George.

I teach English, but I'm pretty good with technology and music.

You can find me at Sakai Kita Junior High and at Uneme Elementary School.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

George



Hello! I'm Rachel.

My favorite hobbies are hiking, taking photos, and baking delicious desserts.

I teach English at Uehasu Junior High School.

I hope you enjoy reading this magazine!

Rachel

Voices



*"One kind word can warm
three winter months."
- Japanese Proverb*

*"I want to go skiing!"
- a Student*



*"Students have 18 days of winter vacation,
but teachers only have 7 days of vacation."
- a Teacher*



The American President

by George Liu

The American presidential election¹ was in November this year. There were two candidates²: Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Mr. Trump was the winner.

Many people liked Hillary Clinton because she is a woman. She is also experienced³ in politics⁴.

Mrs. Clinton has been a politician⁵ since 2001, working with President Bush and President Obama.

Many other people liked Donald Trump because he is a businessman⁶. He is different from most politicians.

Mr. Trump is best known for his real estate⁷ business and the *Miss Universe* beauty pageants⁸.

Many people say that the USA needs to change so that candidates and the government⁹ are more like the people voting¹⁰.

Maybe that is why Mr. Trump won the election.

Learn about the Election



Vocabulary

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|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Election | 選挙 |
| 2. Candidate | 候補者 |
| 3. Experienced | 経験豊富な |
| 4. Politics | 政治 |
| 5. Politician | 政治家 |
| 6. Businessman | ビジネスマン |
| 7. Real Estate | 不動産 |
| 8. Beauty Pageant | 美人コンテスト |
| 9. Government | 政府 |
| 10. Vote | 投票する |

Summary

今年11月のアメリカ大統領選で2人の候補者ヒラリー・クリントンとドナルド・トランプが戦い、トランプが勝利しました。

女性で政治経験のあるクリントン、ビジネスマンで初めて政治に携わるトランプでしたが、今までの政府に変革を求めてトランプが勝ったと思われます。

Questions

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| 1) Who won the election? | 1) 選挙で誰が勝ちましたか。 |
| 2) In Japan, are there any politicians that you like? Why? | 2) 日本には好きな政治家はいますか。理由は？ |
| 3) What do you think makes a good leader? | 3) 良い指導者にはどんな条件が必要だと思いますか。 |

Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is a famous holiday in America and Canada.

In Canada, people celebrate¹ Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October. Americans celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November.

Around the year 1621, some European² people came to America by boat³. Many of them died in the boat. Many of them died after they arrived⁴. A cold winter was coming, so they were very worried⁵.

Native American⁶ people saved⁷ the Europeans. They gave the European people food, taught them hunting⁸, and built houses.

These days, American families meet together on Thanksgiving to say "thank you" for many things. They eat a traditional⁹ dinner of turkey¹⁰, green beans¹¹, corn, squash¹², cranberries, and much more.

Giving Thanks

by Martin Campbell

Vocabulary

1. Celebrate	祝う
2. European	ヨーロッパ人
3. Boat	船
4. Arrive	到着する
5. Worry	心配する
6. Native American	ネイティブアメリカン
7. Save	助ける
8. Hunting	狩猟
9. Traditional	伝統的な
10. Turkey	七面鳥
11. Green Beans	サヤインゲン
12. Squash	ウリの類

Summary

カナダでは10月の第2月曜日、アメリカは11月の第4木曜日に感謝祭を祝って公休日になります。

1621年頃、ボートでアメリカに渡ったヨーロッパの人々のなかには寒さや疲れで亡くなる人も多くいましたがネイティブアメリカンが食べ物や狩猟、建築等で救いの手をさしのべました。

近年では、アメリカでは家族で集まり、多くのことに感謝し、七面鳥や豆、トウモロコシ、カボチャ、クランベリーなどの伝統的なごちそうを食べます。

Questions

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Why were European people worried? | 1) ヨーロッパ人はなぜ心配しましたか。 |
| 2) Who helped the European people? | 2) だれがヨーロッパ人を助けましたか。 |
| 3) Have you eaten turkey before? | 3) 七面鳥を食べたことがありますか。 |

Learn about
Thanksgiving





The Curse is Broken

by Rachel Beilsmith



The World Series¹ is the biggest baseball tournament² in the world. Every year in October and November, the best Major League Baseball³ (MLB) teams battle⁴ each other for the title of World Series Champions.

On November 2nd, 2016, the Chicago Cubs made baseball history. For the first time⁵ in 108 years, the Cubs won the World Series.

Many people believe that the Chicago Cubs team was cursed⁶ in 1945, so that they would lose⁷ many games and never⁸ play in the World Series again.

The story goes that in 1945, a man named William Sianis was thrown out⁹ of a Cubs game. He was so angry, he said "those Cubs will never win again!" After that, the Cubs had very bad luck¹⁰.

However, this year the Cubs played very well! They won the National League Championship¹¹, and played against the Arizona Indians in the World Series. They won 4 out of 7 games! The Cubs were World Champions for the first time in 108 years. The curse was broken¹²!

People in Chicago were so happy that they had a big party in the street. Millions of Cubs fans celebrated¹³ around the United States and around the world!

Learn about the Cubs



Vocabulary

1. World Series	ワールドシリーズ
2. Tournament	大会, トーナメント
3. Major League Baseball	メジャーリーグ
4. Battle	合戦、バトル
5. First Time	初めて
6. Curse	呪う
7. Lose	負ける
8. Never	決して～しない
9. Throw Out	追い出す
10. Bad Luck	不運
11. Championship	選手権、優勝
12. Broken	壊れた
13. Celebrate	祝う

Questions

- 1) Which team won the 2016 World Series?
 - 2) In what year did the Cubs curse begin?
 - 3) How many games did the Cubs win in the World Series?
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- 1) 2016年のワールドシリーズで勝ったチームはどれですか。
 - 2) クラブチームの呪いは何年から始まりましたか。
 - 3) ワールドシリーズでクラブチームは何勝しましたか。

Summary

ワールドシリーズチャンピオンの選手権を奪い取るチーム戦、MLBを決めるため毎年10月、11月に世界1大きな野球大会が行われます。

2016年11月2日シカゴクラブが野球の歴史をめぐりかえました。108年間で初めてワールドシリーズで勝利しました。

1945年、多くの試合に負け、ワールドシリーズでは戦えないのは呪いのためと信じられていました。その年、ウィリアムシアニスという男がクラブの試合を追い出されました。怒ったシアニスはもう二度と勝てないと言い捨てました。その後、悪い運が付きまとうこととなります。しかし、今年のクラブはナショナルリーグチャンピオンシップで勝つほど上手くなっていました。

ワールドシリーズではアリゾナインディアンに7戦4勝で、ワールドチャンピオンになりました。呪いはとられました！

シカゴの人々は喜び、通りでは大規模なパーティが開催され、たくさんのクラブファンがアメリカ中ばかりか世界中で祝いました。

Winter Holidays around the World

Christmas in July
in the US



Christmas
gifts
in the US

Los Posadas
carolers in Mexico



Christmas in
Australia



Boxing Day
hunt in the UK



Eid el Adha cookies in Israel



Christmas market
in Germany



Hanukkah with
President Obama



Diwali lanterns
in India

Changing Lives

I became a teacher because I want to tell children that English is not difficult.

When I was a university student, I taught as a private tutor. Most of my students said English was difficult.

In junior high, English was easy for me. But I didn't like to speak English. I wouldn't talk with foreigners because I was very bad at listening.

"Talking in English is really interesting."

When I became an adult, I had many chances to talk to foreigners. I found that talking with them was really interesting.

I want to tell my students how interesting it is to talk in English. And I want to give them the opportunity to talk with foreigners in English.

Every issue, we will feature a different teacher.
Please nominate your teachers!



"I want to tell my students that English is not difficult."

Ms. Matsumura is an English teacher at Sakai Kita Junior High. The way she teaches is something special.



Showcase



Tete (테테) is important to me.

He is a Korean idol.

He sings very well.

He also dances very well.

He is cool.

I think it's good to like not
only Japanese
but also foreign people.

「私は日本人だけでなく、
外国の人を好きになるのも
良いと思います」

if you get the chance,
why don't you try
to get to know more foreign people?

- R. I., Sakai Kita Junior High

Every issue, we will feature some student work.
Please send us some material!

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