Sho goes on

The Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani watches as the ball flies over the fence for a home run during the fifth inning of a spring training game against the Los Angeles Dodgers on April 3. Under a new rule, the two-way wonder began the game as a starting pitcher while batting for himself and remained in play as a designated batter.

大谷翔平選手
二刀流フル発揮

米大リーグ・エンゼルスの大谷翔平選手は3日、ドジャースとのオープン戦で「1番・指名打者(DH)」として先発出場し、5回に3号となるソロ本塁打を打ちました。打撃に入った大谷投手が開幕戦もDHとして出場を続けられる新ルールが今年から導入され、ますます活躍の機会が増えそうです。
Russian laureate offers medal for refugees

Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov, a co-winner of last year’s Nobel Peace Prize, said on March 22 he would donate his Nobel medal to be auctioned to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees.

The Novaya Gazeta newspaper, where Muratov is editor-in-chief, said earlier it would remove material on Russia’s military actions in Ukraine from its website because of censorship, responding to threats of criminal prosecution of journalists who veer from the official line.

In an article with his name, Muratov said he would donate the medal to the Ukrainian Refugee Fund, adding: “There are already over 10 million refugees. I ask the auction houses to respond and put up for auction this world-famous award.”

Grand Slam winner Barty hangs up racket

Women's tennis world number 1 Ashleigh Barty has announced her retirement from tennis at age 25 while ranked No. 1 and less than two months after winning the Australian Open for her third Grand Slam singles title.

Saying it was time to "chase other dreams," Barty said she no longer feels compelled to do what she knows is required to be the best she can be at tennis.

"I don't have the physical drive, the emotional want and everything it takes to challenge yourself at the very top of the level anymore. I am spent," she said.

Barty announced her engagement to trainee golf professional Garry Kissick in November. The pair had been dating since 2016.

世界を網羅する

1. ...   
2. テン汀テシテン テン汀テシテンテシテシテシテシ
3. 学校の教員の、全世界の地図を描いているのー... 
4. すべての国とその首都、山や川、水や
5. すべての人を愛してはすぎない大恋愛！
6. テンティンテシテシテシテシテシテシテシテシテシテシテシテシテシテシテシ
7. ここで一番厳しいところ、みんなの目を塞
8. ああ、犬が鳴いたのにもうすべて入れてるの、
9. よし！できた！でいてもいるものを作ったと
10. ああ、子供たちに愛の絵本には真実を組

題材：AW

スヌーピー(Snoopy)をsnoopyをつまずくと「せんらく好きな」の意味になる。読売英語は「こここそが英語世界で試験用語ありません」でtry to find out about someone’s private affairs by secretly looking into their house」ということ。用事の発送などを The detective snooped around in his office. のように言う。
Sunday morning at the Polk house.

- Roy: Good morning, guys! Are you cooking breakfast?
- Hannah: Good morning! Cliff and I are making banana pancakes.
- Roy: Smells great.
- Cliff: Want some coffee, Dad?
- Roy: You made coffee, too? Yes, please.
- Cliff: Do you want milk in your coffee?
- Roy: Just a little.
- Hannah: How many pancakes do you want?
- Roy: I'll have three, please. Oh, wow. I just had a moment of deja vu.
- Hannah: Really?
- Roy: Yeah, feels like this conversation happened before. Have you and Cliff made banana pancakes for Sunday breakfast before today?
- Hannah: No, this is the first time we've ever made banana pancakes.
- Roy: I just had a funny feeling that we had this conversation before on a Sunday morning.
- Cliff: What's deja vu?
- Roy: It's a French word meaning a feeling that you've seen or heard something before.
- Cliff: Oh, that happens to me all the time.
- Roy: Really? When does it happen to you?
- Cliff: Every time the teacher gives me back a test and I get an A.
- Hannah: That's not really deja vu. You're just bragging.
- Cliff: Maybe. Here's your coffee, Dad.
- Roy: Ah, what a wonderful breakfast. I hope you do this next Sunday so I can experience deja vu again.

日曜日の朝のポーク家.

- ロイ：おはよう、みんな！朝ごはんを作ってるのかな？
- ハンナ：おはよう！クリフと私はバナナパンケーキを作ってるの。
- ロイ：いいにおいだ。
- クリフ：パパ、コーヒーもいる？
- ロイ：コーヒーも入ったのかい？いいね、頼むよ。
- クリフ：コーヒーにミルクを入れる？
- ロイ：人の少し。
- ハンナ：パンケーキは何枚にする？
- ロイ：3枚お願いするよ。あ、これ、デジャブなんだ。

- ハンナ：本当？
- ロイ：ああ、前にこんな会話をしたような気がするよ。日曜日の朝食にクリフと一緒にバナナパンケーキを作ったことは、以前にもあったかい？
- ハンナ：いいえ、バナナパンケーキ自体、作るのは今日が初めて。
- ロイ：前にも日曜日の朝にこのような会話をしたというおかしな感覚があるんだよ。
- クリフ：デジャブって何？
- ロイ：フランス語で、前に何かを見たり聞いたしたりすることがあるっていう感覚のとき。
- クリフ：なんだ、それならちょっとあるよ。
- ロイ：本当に？どんなときかな？
- クリフ：先生がテストを返してくれるたびに、結果がAになる。
- ハンナ：それは別にデジャブじゃない。自慢しているだけ。
- クリフ：何かね、いいバナナ、コーヒー。
- ロイ：ああ、なんてすばらしい朝食だ。来週も同じようにして、バナにデジャブを味わわせてほしいね。

「ちょっと！ドラえもん」「しかたないdress」の英文音声をウェブサイトで公開しています。
Canterbury, ENGLAND

By David Pipe

Deep within the “Garden of England” is an ancient city famed for its historic buildings, traditional tea rooms, fish and chips, and fudge.

Home to a UNESCO World Heritage site and the oldest school in the world, Canterbury has witnessed key events from English history, from revolution and foreign invasion to civil war and the infamous 12th century murder of Thomas Becket. It is also the destination in a cornerstone of English literature: “The Canterbury Tales” by Geoffrey Chaucer.

The county of Kent is well known as the Garden of England and Canterbury is undoubtedly the centerpiece. Despite its size — with a population of around 65,000, it is only the 10th largest settlement in Kent — its location between London and English Channel ports has resulted in Canterbury being the principal stopover for travelers since Roman times.

Simply by traveling to Canterbury, visitors are literally stepping over history. The city is situated on Watling Street, one of the main Roman roads built in Britain. The road passes through Canterbury on the way to London in one direction and in the other, to the Kentish coast. In fact, according to recently unearthed archaeological evidence, that spot is the beach where the Romans first stepped foot on British soil in 43 CE. Meanwhile, if arriving by train, you will pass through the oldest regular passenger railway station in the world — Canterbury West, which was opened in the mid-19th century to carry holidaymakers to the seaside.

In many ways Canterbury feels like the English Rome. Whether strolling around the narrow roads and alleyways of the city center, or taking a punt down the River Stour, every street corner and grass verge seems to have an ancient stone structure of historical importance. There are too many places of interest to explore in a single day trip, but the most awe-inspiring must be the 6th century cathedral. Founded in 597, the original cathedral was constructed the same year as The King’s School, which is said to be the oldest continuously operating school in the world. The two occupy the same grounds. As a living, working environment, it’s possible to glimpse students, clergy and choir members walking through the cloisters on their way to class or service as they have done for 15 centuries.

The cathedral dominates the city landscape with its 160-meter length and grand tower 72 meters high. Step inside and it is difficult not to be overwhelmed by the craftsmanship found in every nook and corner. The breathtaking stained-glass windows, some dating from the 12th century, soar majestically from floor to ceiling. Their bright colors are so fresh they appear to have been finished just the previous day. Equally stunning are the intricately carved wooden ceilings said to date from the 13th century that can be found inside the cathedral and in neighboring buildings that together form the UNESCO World Heritage site.

Perhaps it is because so many historic buildings are still in use that Canterbury possesses such a welcoming feel. Visitors can wander around sites in relative freedom, not constantly confronted by signs saying, “No Entry” or “Keep Out.” Nor are they repeatedly told to keep off the grass while exploring hidden courtyards and gardens. With three universities, Canterbury has one of the highest student-to-permanent resident ratios in the United Kingdom. The result is a vibrant youthful atmosphere from the museums and theaters to the pubs and restaurants.
The government is planning to ease the upper limit on the number of credits* that college students can earn through online classes. The education ministry is considering the step with an eye to introducing the regulatory change in the fiscal year* that starts in April 2023.

In an era in which everything is online, the use of information technology will inevitably expand. But (1) effective and beneficial use of IT in education requires teachers and students to understand both the advantages and disadvantages of online learning and make steady efforts for improvement. Needless to say, the proposed relaxation of the regulations on Web-based university courses must be done without (2) the quality of education.

Online classes were introduced widely in Japan in the spring of 2020 in response to the outbreak of COVID-19. The biggest advantage of remote learning over the traditional face-to-face approach is that (3) allows/ classes / it/ students / take / to / anytime and anywhere and connect easily even with universities and students overseas.

Currently, students are allowed to earn only up to 60 credits, out of 124 required for graduation, through online courses. In a Jan. 16 meeting, the education ministry’s Central Council for Education* approved the proposal to scrap the ceiling under certain conditions. The ministry will work out the specific criteria that institutions need to meet to qualify for this measure. It intends to avoid (4) a high bar so that the benefits of online learning will not be reduced.

But there is also a downside to online learning. The quality levels of online university classes vary widely.

There have been reports on how videoconferencing and other online technologies have led to closer communication between teachers and students and improved academic performances among learners. But the opposite effects have been observed in some cases. (a) Many students have been complaining about mental and physical health problems due to their discontent with online classes and stress from being unable to have face-to-face communication with classmates and friends. It is also vital to enhance the system to provide care for students who are (5) to adjust to online learning.

The Central Council for Education is also considering the proposal to ease the accreditation standards* for academic staffing to make it easier for universities to open new faculties* and departments in response to the (6) needs of society.

This regulatory review also (7) / a / about / concerns / raises / decline / possible in the quality of higher education. Some universities, for example, might be tempted to reduce the number of professors and other full-time teaching positions and instead hire more part-time instructors to cut personnel costs. If the relaxed staffing standards are widely abused for such cost-cutting efforts, the step would only (8) / good / harm / more / than / do.

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