

# Time to read is now!



On June 22, 2013, Mt. Fuji was registered as a World Heritage site. However, it took a long time to be registered. In 2006, people proposed that Mt. Fuji should be added to the proposed list of World Heritage sites. 6 years later, in 2012, the Japanese Government introduced a letter of recommendation to the World Heritage Center (UNESCO Headquarters). Then a field survey was taken. Finally, Mt. Fuji became a World Heritage site this year. Because of that, it was hoped that the number of climbers would increase, and there would be a good influence on the region.

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The site of Olympic and Paralympics 2020 was decided in Tokyo. Madrid and Istanbul were defeated in elections. The term of Tokyo Olympic is from July 24th to August 9th. And Paralympics is from August 25th to September 6th. Each city has merit and also demerit. What was the difference of three cities? Why Tokyo was selected?

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Do you know the local foods of foreign countries? This section introduces local food of America, Germany, UK, France and Canada. This article provides information on the food and good restaurants in Tokyo, selected by each person. We are confident you will be hungry!

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# The site of the Olympics

The site of 2020 Olympic games is decided. We researched the final selection.

The characteristics of the final candidate sites.

What are the strength and weakness of candidate sites?

*Tokyo*...At first, the infrastructure of Tokyo has developed more than the other cities. Also, compactness; 85% of the venues are concentrated within an 8km radius of the centre of Tokyo. However, in the view of weakness, the problems from the nuclear accident in Fukushima have been a concern.



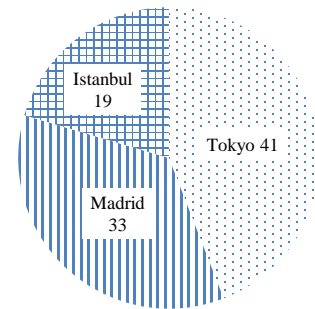
*Istanbul*... In the past few years, the development of infrastructure and the construction of competition venues have progressed rapidly. Moreover, against the background of the steady development of the Turkish economy, this would be the first Olympics in an Islamic country. Istanbul's economy is growing. Also, the government supports inviting the Olympics. Moreover, many people support the Olympics.



*Madrid*...The economy is in a difficult situation now. But, most of the athletic facilities have already been constructed. This is a strong point. The same as Tokyo, Madrid has received a high reputation in regards to infrastructure.



• The result of questionnaire  
Which country will become the site of Olympics?



The site of the 2020 Olympics is Tokyo ! Many Japanese people should be happy. Tokyo's presentation was far better than the other countries'. It led to success. Actually, many Media thought that Madrid would be the site of the Olympics. In the Tokyo Olympics, wrestling will be included as a competition. It is great. Anyway, many students will become a member of society in 2020. Still, that the Olympics will be held in Japan will be a once in a life-time experience for all.

## The truth of Olympics events

Wrestling was excluded from the Olympic core sports by the IOC (International Olympic Committee), however it was re-introduced over the other candidate sports of baseball (softball) and squash.

What are the selection criteria for new sports?

According to the Olympic charter:

- a sport that must be played in more than 4 continents and 75 countries (men) 3 continents, 40 countries (women)
- the limit is 28 sports - 25 core sports and 3 exhibition sports
- Core sports are in every games unless there is corruption in an organization or a case of serious doping.

Some sports can continue forever to maintain the Olympic tradition, as a relief rule (The modern pentathlon, Fencing, Horsemanship).

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# TOHOKU RAKUTEN GOLDEN EAGLES

Rakuten is the newest team in the professional leagues in Japan. This year Rakuten is top of the Pacific League (as of September 9, 2013). What is the secret of the strength of Rakuten? Maybe it is the Meiji University's OBs who are active in Eagles.



## *Masahiro Tanaka (Pitcher)*

Masahiro Tanaka has got 20 league wins as of September 6. It is no exaggeration to say that he supports Rakuten this year. His concentration and rhythm have improved in his pitching. Also, he throws seven different balls. He is always saying that a team win is more important than personal records. His pursuit of victory has led to the improvements in his pitching now. Personally, he is a fan of idol groups for example AKB48,

MOMOKURO etc.

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## *Hoshino Senichi (Manager) Meiji University's OB*

When he was manager of Hanshin Tigers and Chunichi Dragons, he led both teams to be champions. He also managed the Japanese national team for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Then, because he couldn't get a medal he was criticized by the media. Almost all people call him "BRAVE LEADER". He is known as a hot-blooded man. He has hit the players as part of training.



## *Takashi Miwa (Battery coach) Meiji University's OB*

He got a bronze medal in the 1992 Summer Olympics before entering the Japanese professional leagues. When he was a professional player, his grade was not so good. But he strives in training as a backstage man now. This is no relation but he has been investigated in a tax evasion case.

## *Akihiro Shimauchi (Outfielder) Meiji University's OB*

Last season, he debuted as a pro so now he is a second year player. His characteristics are running very fast and a good hitter. He is also a slugger. He is a one of the key players in Eagles. Before entering Eagles, he participated in KOUSHIEN and Tokyo 6 universities leagues. His cheerful character has a good influence on the team.



## Summary

Eagles have two strong pitchers; one is Masahiro Tanaka and the other is Takahiro Norimoto. Tanaka has got 20 victories and Norimoto has got 13 victories. The pitchers support the team. Also, the batters are inspired. Rakuten has Meiji University's OB players and coaches. That is nice as we all will graduate from the same university.

# Mt. Fuji is World Heritage

On June 22, 2013, Mt. Fuji, including Mihonomatsubara, was registered as a World Heritage site. Because of that, people thought that the number of climbers would increase so car regulations were put into effect for 31 days on toll roads up to the halfway point to the top of Mt. Fuji. However, the total number of climbers decreased - group tourists increased, but the number of individual climbers decreased. The total number of summer climbers was about 230,000 people – a decrease of 14,000 compared with last year. It is said that the car regulations may have brought about the decrease in the number of climbers, except for at Gotenbaguchi. Police say “Because of being registered as a World Heritage site, the number of climbers who don’t have much knowledge about mountains increase this year”. Experimentally, a fee for entering Mt. Fuji was collected from July 25 to August 3 this year. The money collected was about ¥34 million. It is to be used for maintenance of toilets but there is still some dispute about how to use money.



## Why Mt. Fuji isn't a Natural Heritage Site?

There are some reasons as to why Mt. Fuji was selected. First, people have used Mt. Fuji a lot, so we can't see what it used to be. Second, there are problems with trash and the lack and quality of toilets. A system of management needs to be established.

Also, Mt. Fuji is a cultural icon. People emphasized the symbiosis between people and the volcano, which has an origin of the gods and Buddha who live on the mountain. Also, tradition states thanks spring water was cultivated on Mt. Fuji.

Mt. Fuji has been the object of worship for a long time. In the past the mountain erupted again and again, so people thought the gods lived in it. In order to pacify them, people erected Asama shrine at the foot of Mt. Fuji.

There are a lot of connections between Fuji and art. Mt. Fuji was painted many times. It was used many times as a motive of Western art in modern times, and a lot of works of art were influenced by Mt. Fuji. For example, Hokusai Katsushika painted Fugakusanzyuurokkei and Hiroshige Utagawa painted Toukaidougozyuusantsugi. The idea that Mt. Fuji is the symbol of Japanese culture is firmly established in Japan as well as in foreign countries.

# Tokyo Sky Tree and Shitamachi

What is the most “hottest” place for sightseeing in Tokyo? The area around Tokyo Sky Tree and Shitamachi is one of the most exciting places to visit in the Tokyo area.

## Sky Tree

Tokyo Sky Tree opened on May 22, 2012, as Tokyo’s new symbolic tower. Under the Sky Tree, there is Tokyo Soramachi, a large commercial building. The area including the Sky Tree, Soramachi, Tokyo Sky Tree east tower, a planetarium, an aquarium and station, is called “Tokyo Sky Tree Town”. The number of tourists visiting Tokyo Sky Tree Town surpassed all estimates. 5.8 million people have visited this area since Sky Tree opened. This area’s economic effect is high.



## Shitamachi

Around the Sky Tree, there is the area of Shitamachi (a low-lying area of a city with shops and factories). Asakusa and Nakamise Shotengai, are both famous places in Shitamachi. Asakusa is located to the west of Sky Tree, on the other side of the Sumida River. As well as being famous for Kaminari-mon and Sensou Temple, it is also famous as the town where the essence of Shitamachi remains strongly in evidence. Nakamise Shotengai, a street of stores leading to Sensou Temple, is very traditional and this street’s origins go back to the Edo era. This street has many types of stores (souvenir shops, craft shops, food shops, etc.), so, Nakamise Shotengai is typical of Shitamachi.

When Japanese people visit the Sky Tree and Asakusa, they are really surprised at the number of tourists there. So foreign tourists also love to visit these places. The Tokyo Sky Tree is sixth and Asakusa is eighth in Tokyo Tours ranking of places to see in Tokyo. This result may be the outcome of there being not only Japanese tourists but many foreign tourists who want to see a traditional area of Japan (Shitamachi) and the new famous symbol of Tokyo, in the Tokyo Sky Tree and Asakusa. So, Tokyo Sky Tree and Shitamachi are loved and supported by many people beyond our borders!

# An attraction of the Kansai area

The Kansai area has many differences compared with the Kanto area, so there are attractive differences between the Kansai area and the Kanto area.

Students at Meiji University filled in a simple survey. It included,

Q1. Which prefectures have you been to in the Kansai area? (Please choose all prefectures you have been to)

Q2. Which place did you like the best in the Kansai area?

	No.1	No.2	No.3
Q1.	Kyoto(85)	Nara(70)	Osaka(55)
Q2.	Kiyomizu Temple	Kinkaku Temple	Universal Studio Japan



In Q1, Kyoto and Nara are outstanding. This is because Kyoto and Nara are frequently selected as trip destinations by schools from the Kanto area. Actually, 84% of junior high schools in the Kanto area go to the Kansai area as their school trip destination (1594 schools out of 1814 schools - 2009).

The main reason why schools choose the Kanto area is that when students visit the Kansai area, they can have a good opportunity to learn about Japanese history and traditional culture in Kyoto and Nara. Also when they visit Osaka, the second largest city in Japan, it is good opportunity for them to compare the city with Tokyo.

Then, why has the Kansai area attracted people and students in the Kanto area enough to be selected as school trip destination? Mainly because in the Kansai area there are many historic tourist areas going back to the Nara era (e.g. Horyu Temple, Ginkaku Temple). In addition there are many modern tourist areas (e.g. Dotonbori, Port Island).

So it is an attraction that you can experience both styles at the same time.


This shows Q2's result!

Why don't you visit the Kansai area where you can experience completely different things compared with the Kanto area?


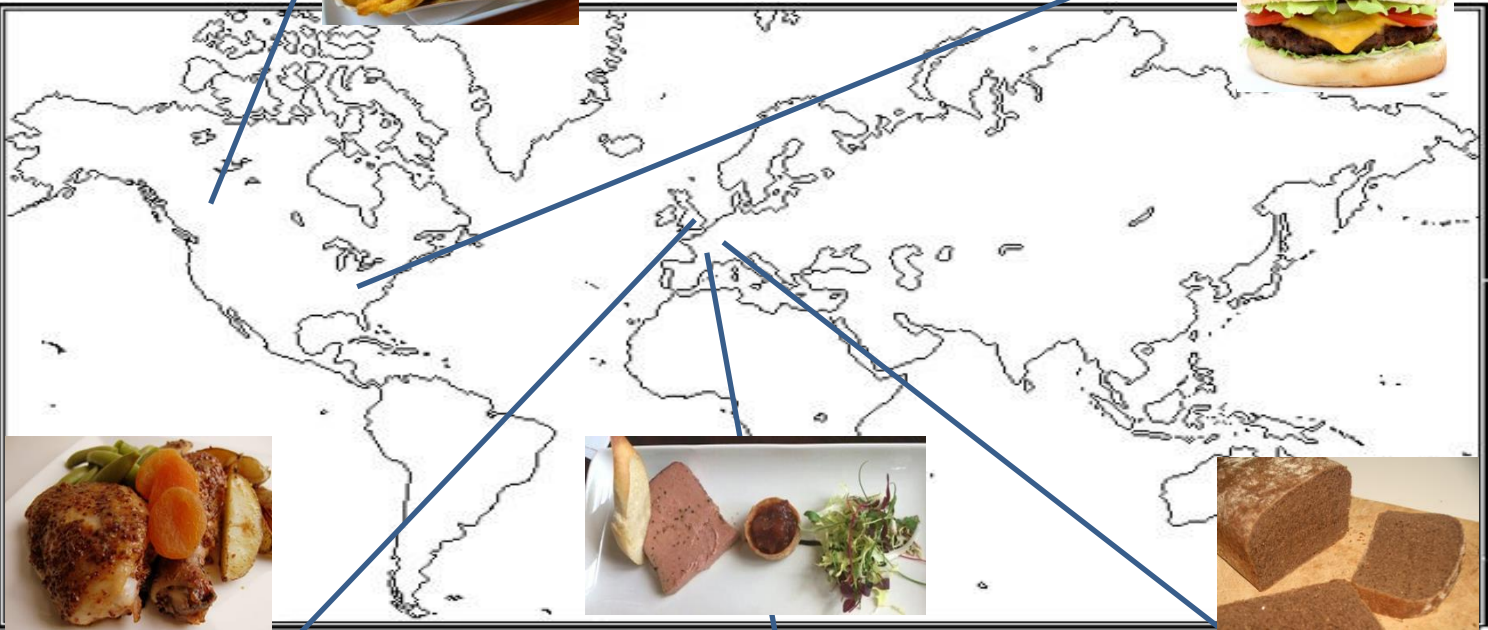
Though there are many good foreign restaurants in Tokyo, most students don't know which restaurant is good. So, we asked the foreign teachers on our Summer Seminar about their favorite national food and local food, and a restaurant where we can eat their favorite food.

1. What is your name? Where are you from?
2. What is your favorite food? What is made of?
3. What is your favorite local food? What is made of?
4. Where is your favorite national restaurant in Tokyo?
5. What is the difference between the restaurant in Tokyo and the restaurant in your country? How to improve the restaurant in Tokyo?


1. Nico Struc from Calgary in western Canada
2. Poutines- fried potatoes with curd cheese and gravy sauce
3. Alberta beef steak
5. Tip is unnecessarily, good service and waiters are formal and polite
5. Portions are smaller




1. David Groff from Philadelphia in the United States.
2. Hamburger
3. Cheese steak sandwich – thinly sliced steak with onion and cheese
4. Rocco's NY style pizza in Oji
5. In the United States, one waitress takes care of one table, and they are so friendly. In Japan, more attention is needed.


1. Merwyn Torikian, SE England-near London.
2. Roast meat of chicken, beef, or lamb with some vegetables.
3. In England the difference between areas is not so clear so local food doesn't really exist.
4. The Tavern (Meguro)
5. Japanese restaurants are much too expensive



1. Jean Alexis Donati from the Alps of France.
2. Pate made of duck and basil.
3. Cheese and wines
4. プルミエ (Sengoku)
5. In Japan, the image of French restaurants is too expensive.



1. Mathias Kroll from Hamburg of Germany
2. German bread made of German rye-bread
3. Curry sausage fried - sausages covered with tomato spicy sauce
4. KÖNig in Kichijouji and Ogikubo
5. In Tokyo, restaurants are too expensive, so lower price is needed.



This article highlights three interesting points. First, the character each nation clearly appeared, for example, France is the most proud of their food. The second point is that most foreign teachers answered that Japanese restaurants, especially in Tokyo, were too expensive. This is surprising for us, Japanese. The last point is that Tokyo is very cosmopolitan. In fact, no teacher answered that restaurant with their national food isn't in Tokyo.

# Foreign Drama

Dramas make us feel excited, amused, moved and sad. But how many American dramas do you know?

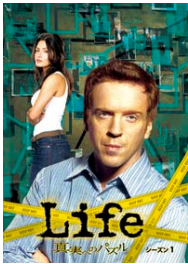
Here is an introduction to 4 American Dramas.

## 1. FLASH FORWARD

In summer seminar, we watched “*Back to the Future*”. Many people may be interested in SF. This Drama is a popular SF Drama. When it was first broadcast in USA, it got an audience of 12million. It is amazing. In FlashForward a mysterious event has caused nearly everyone on the planet to lose consciousness for 137 seconds. During this time, people see a vision of their own life six months in the future. A team of Los Angeles FBI agents, led by Stanford Wedeck and Mark Benford and his partner Demetri Noh, try to find out what happened, why, and whether it will happen again. In this drama, Japanese actress Yuko Takeuchi appeared. Also, the DVD has been released.



## 2. LIFE

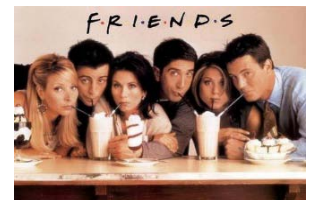


This drama can be watched easily. “Life” is broadcasted from this fall in Japan on Fuji TV.

In “Life” Detective Charlie Crews is released from prison after serving twelve years of a life sentence. In 1995, he was wrongfully convicted of the triple murder of his friend, and his friend’s family. Thanks to his lawyer, DNA evidence shows he did not commit the murders. He leaves prison with an obsession with solving the murder that nearly cost him his life and exposing the conspiracy that framed him for it.

## 3. FRIENDS

The third drama is a very popular drama in America. The title is “Friends”. This drama is a comedy. This drama features useful English because they speak without accents and there are a lot of useful idioms.



## 4. ARROW

This drama won the first prize in TUTAYA’s monthly ranking. It is an action-adventure drama. In Japan, the first season’s DVD was released on October 21, 2013 and started to be broadcast on AXN.

The series follows Oliver Queen a billionaire playboy of Starling City who spends five years on an island following a shipwreck that killed everyone else on board, including his father and the sister of Oliver's girlfriend Laurel. When he returns to Starling City, he is reunited with his mother, her new husband, and his younger sister. During the day Oliver tries to catch up with society after being absent for 5 years. He also owns and runs a nightclub. At night he becomes a green-hooded vigilante. Oliver's vigilante persona becomes the focus of police detective Quentin Lance, who is determined to arrest the vigilante.



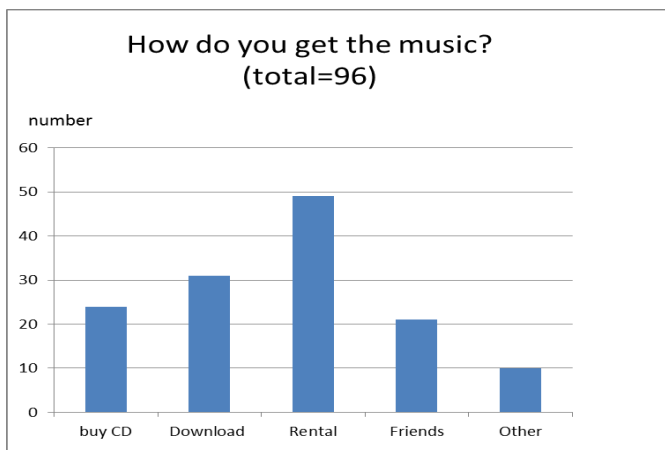
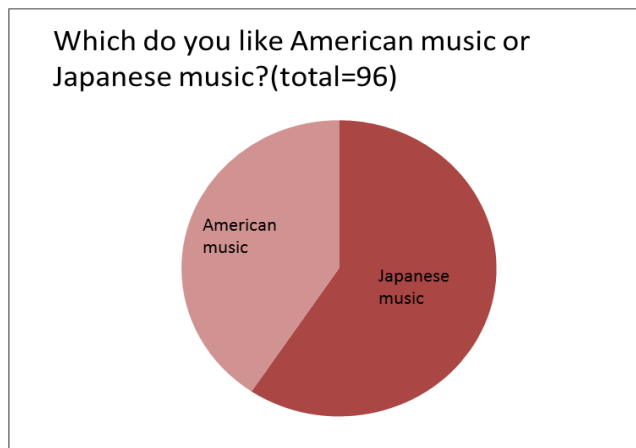
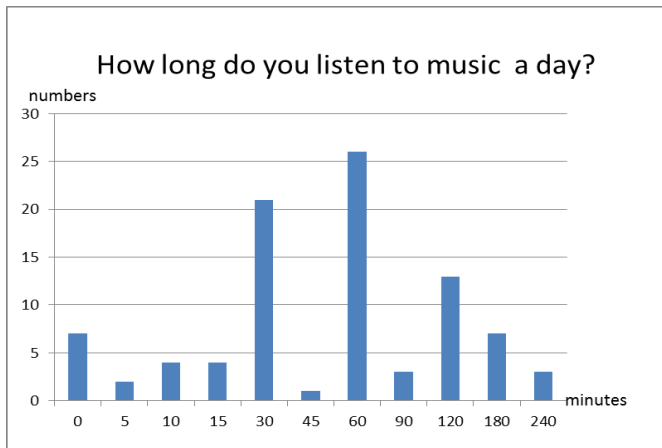
## COMMENT

A lot of dramas are broadcasted in the world. It is wonderful to watch not only Japanese dramas, but also foreign dramas. Let’s watch various dramas!



Why people enjoy music and whether they like Japanese or American music is interesting. 96 students and teachers were asked how long they listen to music, which they think is more popular Japanese music or American music, who is the best American/Japanese artist and how they get music.

Here are the results.



#### Japanese artists ranking

1.	L'Arc~en~Ciel
	Mr.Children
2.	flumpool
	Arashi
	BUMP OF CHICKEN
	GReeeeN

#### American artists ranking

1.	Michael Jackson
	Taylor Swift
2.	Rihanna
	Back Street Boys
	Linkin Park
	Arainna Grande
	Lady Gaga

#### ▼ Mr Children



#### ▲ L'Arc~en~Ciel



▲ Michael Jackson

#### Taylor Swift ▼



#### COMMENT

This research shows that many people enjoy listening to music. Music may be the best way to learn about foreign and local culture. Music is the most common language in the world. It is used to communicate with others; there is no need to say anything more just listen to the melody.

Golf and rugby sevens were included as exhibition sports for Rio de Janeiro, 2016. All exhibition sports make changes to be included. For example, rugby changed by shortening the game and reducing the number of players. Many Japanese people expected baseball to come back. But the baseball league had some problems. 90% of major league baseball teams in Japan, United States, and Mexico. Moreover, the Japanese Baseball League doesn't get along with MLB, and it is also reliant on Olympic revenue. MLB also refuses to suspend the season for fans because many professional stars would have to be dispatched to the Olympics.

However, there are interesting Olympic sports that Japanese people don't know in detail. Here are some examples. **The modern pentathlon** comprises of five events. Fencing, 200m freestyle swimming, show-jumping, and a final combined event of shooting and 1000m running. Moreover, players have to do these 5 sports in one day. This sport is very traditional. However, there are only 31 players in Japan because of Firearm and Sword Controls.

**Horsemanship** (dressage, eventing, jumping) is the only sport that uses animals in the Olympics. In **dressage**, riders compete to show how they can control their horses beautifully. In the finals, they show a free performance like Figure skating. In **jumping**, riders compete to jump hurdles of various shapes, heights, and widths without making mistakes. **Eventing** is a "3-day event": Dressage, Cross-country and Jumping.

**Bicycle motocross or BMX** is racing bicycles in a motocross style on tracks that have obstacles. The bicycles also look like motocross bikes (a kind of the motorcycle)

**Road bicycle racing** is held on paved roads. Women ride 29km and men ride 40km. Even individual riders use organized tactics, gathering national groups in order to "assist" the player called the "ace" get first place.

**Track bicycle racing** is held in a bicycle stadium. The circuit has a slant, called "Kant". Riders should not ride in front of another competitor simply because the air resistance that the bicycle causes is the key to win. They always check each other until the end of the race when there is an explosive sprint at the finishing line. These Cycling sports are popular next to soccer.

**Taekwondo** is the national sport in Korea and derives from "Karate". There are various kicking techniques and these are more dynamic and powerful than Karate. As a result, **taekwondo** has become a global martial art having about 8 million players in 204 countries.

**Shooting** can be divided into two sports. In **clay shooting** a player shoots flying plates made of clay and destroys them. While, in **rifle shooting** a player shots at a target put at a specific distance, within a limit time, with a specific number of bullets.



# Creative Writings

~ Please enjoy reading! ~

## A Many-sided Love Story

fiction by Shunsuke Kunugi

One side

He works in an urban office. He always gets up at six and goes to bed at midnight. He is so brilliant that he is depended on by his colleagues. In his life, there were no problems and no reason for any to arise. But, he has no fun in his life because everything is too monotonous for him, except one thing. He is in love with one woman. On the way to his office, there is a flower store. The store is very small, but there are many colorful flowers. She sells those flowers. She has the most beautiful smile of anybody he has met. He fell in love with her at first sight. However, he has not confessed his love to her yet. He is afraid that she will refuse him. If she does not like him, he will not be able to live. So he only buys one flower, one rose. He does not know any flowers except this flower. He brings it home, and he puts it into a vase. He likes to sit and appreciate the rose he bought from her. ...

## MOON

English haiku by Eiko Tomizuka

Run in the moonlight;  
here comes a troublesome cloud –  
is the moon frightened?

Close your eyes, you hear  
the sound of moonlight in your mind:  
a silent choir fills you. ...

## Report on Artificial Love

fiction by Minamo Shionaga

In the laboratory of Dickson University, Professor Ben Philipps was doing an experiment, and invented a love potion. He called his favorite assistant, Jack Hamilton, and asked if he wanted to try it on someone. Jack was in love with Kate Reggie, also Prof. Philipps' assistant. He told this to Prof. Philipps and got the potion from him. ...

## The ~~song~~ Song of the ~~whale~~ Whale

fiction by Yuri U

In a deep sea, there was a ~~very large~~gigantic shell. No one knew where it was. The mermaids lived in it. It ~~is~~was the kingdom of mermaids. The kingdom was lit all around. It seemed like a big pearl. If you looked closely, everything was made of coral. ...

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## Two Men

fiction by Sayaka Takehara

One autumn afternoon, in a small cafeteria, a man is sitting at a counter table near the window. The man seems to be about fifty years old. The window reflects many people crossing the avenue. You can see that this is a business district. The man drinks a cup of coffee while reading newspaper through rimless glasses. He has gray hair. He has gray eyes. And he wears a gray, worn-out suit. His color assimilates with the scene. ...

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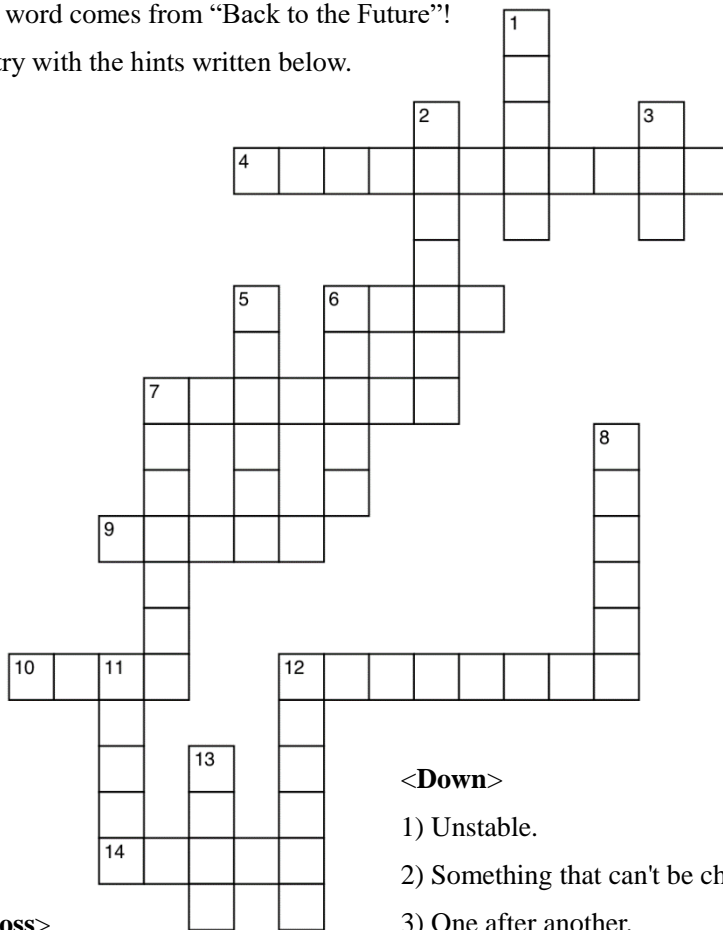
CHILDHOOD

Everything is fascinating and feels new.  
 Nothing is old for you.  
 You may find treasures in things that look boring.  
 Your weight is light so you are capable of soaring.  
 Sometimes you unintentionally do something wrong.  
 Sometimes you do a silly thing and regret it for long.  
 However every experience brings you valuable time.  
 It makes your life prime.

Time for a crossword!!

Every word comes from "Back to the Future"!

Let's try with the hints written below.



<Across>

- 4) Protect a person from guns.
- 6) Jump something over.
- 7) Simple and not very accurate.
- 9) Spoil something.
- 10) A form of clothes in 1940s and 50s.
- 12) So-so.
- 14) To take someone else's child.

<Down>

- 1) Unstable.
- 2) Something that can't be changed.
- 3) One after another.
- 5) Appear on the skin.
- 6) Steal something.
- 7) An idea connected with something abstract.
- 8) A boring person.
- 11) Out of.
- 12) Change into a new form.
- 13) Hang something.

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