

#156 「Merry Christmas Eve!」

投稿日時：2020/12/24  ALT カテゴリ:

Christmas is right around the corner. I hope everyone is able to enjoy a nice Christmas!

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#156 Thursday December 24th, 2020 – Merry Christmas Eve!

Merry Christmas Eve! Many people usually hold Christmas parties on this day so **they can spend time with their families on Christmas Day.** This year, many of us can't celebrate with our family and friends due to **COVID-19**, but we can still find ways to have a fun Christmas!



#155 「Christmas Dinners to Go」

投稿日時：2020/12/23  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

Ordering Christmas Eve dinners from these local restaurants also means you don't have to cook for yourself! How convenient.

Besshi English News

#155 Wednesday December 23rd, 2020 – Christmas Dinners to Go

This **Christmas** will be very **lonely** for many people due to **COVID-19**. However, many local restaurants in **Edmonton** are taking **takeout orders for Christmas Eve dinners**. People can enjoy a nice Christmas dinner while **safely supporting local businesses**.



#154 「Secret Santa」

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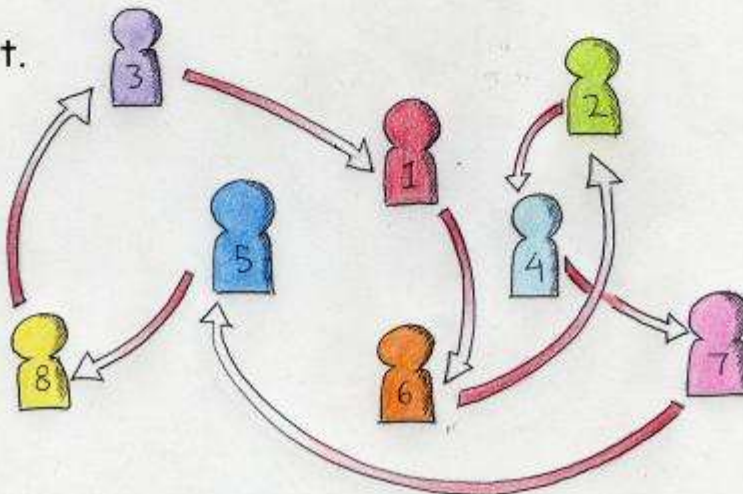
The biggest challenge in Secret Santa is finding the perfect gift on your own!

Besshi English News

#154 Tuesday December 22nd, 2020 – Secret Santa

Have you ever done a **Secret Santa** before?

Secret Santa is a **mystery gift exchange** within a group of friends. Each person **draws a name from a hat** and they have to buy that person a gift. After you open your gift, you must guess the person who bought you your gift.



#153 「Winter Solstice」

投稿日時：2020/12/21  ALT カテゴリ:

Today is the first day of winter. There are going to be many very cold days coming in the next month or two! Dress warm!

Besshi English News

#153 Monday December 21st, 2020 – Winter Solstice

Today is the **first day of winter**. It is known as **winter solstice**. **Winter solstice** is the **shortest day of the year**. In other words, **we get the least amount of sunlight today**. From now until **summer solstice**, we will start to get more and more sunlight. Let's all stay warm during this winter!



#152 「The Student Council Election」

投稿日時：2020/12/17  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

Yesterday was a very important day for the second-year junior high students here. They will work hard to make the students' school lives better.

Besshi English News

#151 Thursday December 17th, 2020 – The Student Council Election

The students at **Besshi Junior High School** had their **student council election** yesterday. The **five second-year students** all ran for the **position of Student Council Leader**. Soon, they will be **in charge of various student activities** at school.



#151 「The Yule Log」

投稿日時：2020/12/16  ALT カテゴリ:

The Yule log TV program is shown on TV every holiday season. Some people have this program on all day and pretend it's a real fireplace!

Besshi English News

#150 Wednesday December 16th, 2020 – The Yule Log

The **Yule log** is a popular **Christmas tradition**. It is a **wooden log burnt in a fireplace**. Its history is unclear, but **it's a Western Christmas tradition that comes in many forms**. There is a **Yule log cake** that we eat during Christmas. It's like a roll cake. We even have a **TV program on loop that just shows a Yule log burning!**



#149 「What's 'White Elephant?」

投稿日時：2020/12/15  ALT カテゴリ:

'White Elephant' is one of my favorite Christmas party games.

You never know what you will get!

Besshi English News

#149 Tuesday December 15th, 2020 – What's 'White Elephant?'

Have you ever heard of 'White Elephant?' It is a popular Christmas party game. People wrap up funny or interesting gifts and put them in a large pile. People take turns picking gifts out of the pile. Sometimes you can steal a gift from other players. The game is over when everyone has a gift.



#148 「Monday Motivation #4」

投稿日時：2020/12/14  ALT カテゴリ:

It's the start of the new week, which means it's time for another motivational English phrase!

Besshi English News

#148 Monday December 14th, 2020 – Monday Motivation #4

This week's motivational English phrase is:

"I can, and I will."

This means that you are able to do something, and because you can, you will do it... No matter how hard it is!

This phrase sounds very familiar, doesn't it?

できる。やる。

#147 「The COVID-19 Vaccine」

投稿日時：2020/12/11  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

Scientists and health experts have made great progress fighting the pandemic.

We should still wear masks and practice physical distancing until we know how effective the vaccine really is.

Besshi English News

#147 Friday December 11th, 2020 – The COVID-19 Vaccine

A 91-year-old woman in the UK was the first person in the world to receive a **COVID-19 vaccine**. **Millions more** will be **distributed** by the end of the month. **Many health experts** confirmed it is safe to use. However, we don't know how **effective** it will be **in the long run**. So, we still have to be careful.



#146 「Fruitcake」

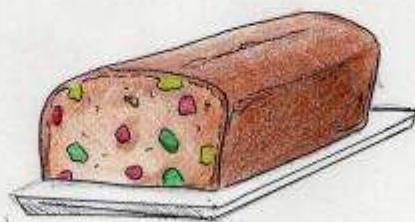
投稿日時：2020/12/10  ALT カテゴリ:

I was never a fan of fruitcake. The spices can be so strong! Maybe I should try eating it again.

Besshi English News

#146 Thursday December 10th, 2020 – Fruitcake

Fruitcake is a **traditional** cake we eat during **Christmas**. It is a cake made with **candied or dried fruits, nuts, and spices**. So, it has a very strong flavor. It was **invented** many years ago. Many people say they don't like fruitcake. However, depending on the ingredients you use, it can be very delicious!



#145 「The Carbon Footprint」

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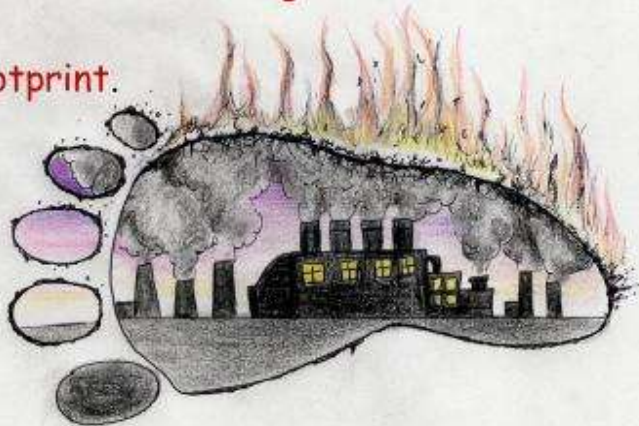
Fossil fuels are a very effective energy source. However, we need to be careful using them. If we use too much, we will destroy the environment or run out of fossil fuels to use.

That's why it's important to consider cleaner energy sources!

Besshi English News

#145 Wednesday December 9th, 2020 – The Carbon Footprint

A **carbon footprint** is the total amount of **greenhouse gas emissions** we cause as people or groups. As we continue using and burning **fossil fuels**, we release more **carbon dioxide (CO₂)** and **methane (CH₄)** into the **atmosphere**. **Greenhouse gas levels rise** and so does our **carbon footprint**.



#144 「Wind Power」

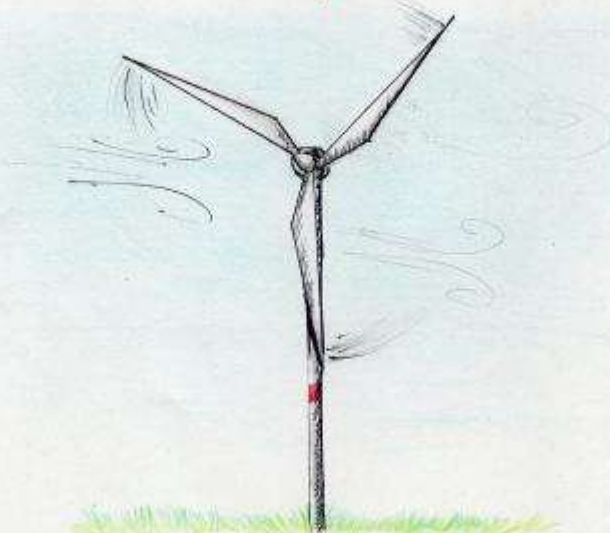
投稿日時：2020/12/08  ALT カテゴリ:

There are many kinds of renewable energy sources that have strengths and weakpoints. It's good to think about which one best suits our location.


Besshi English News

#144 Tuesday December 8th, 2020 – Wind Power

Wind power, or wind energy, is also a type of renewable resource that has become popular. Wind power provides mechanical power through wind turbines and windmills. Wind power is safer than fossil fuels. However, wind turbines are expensive and need lots of space.



#143 「Hydropower」

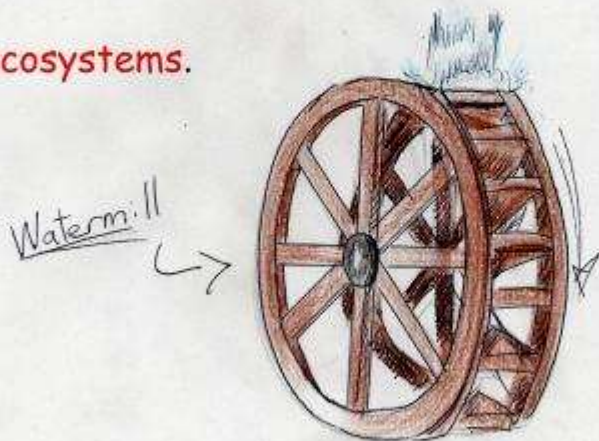
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Hydropower can be very useful in Japan because it is an island country. There's water surrounding it everywhere!

Besshi English News

#143 Monday December 7th 2020 – Hydropower

Water is a type of **renewable energy**. This is known as **hydropower**. We can get energy from **fast-falling water**. Some **structures** that use **hydropower**, such as **watermills**, were used hundreds of years ago. **Dams** are commonly used now, **but may hurt river ecosystems**.



#142 「Let's Talk About Solar Energy!」

投稿日時：2020/12/04  ALT カテゴリ:

This was last weekend's English article.

Let's explore many types of renewable energy resources!

Besshi English News

#142 Friday December 4th 2020 – Let's Talk About Solar Energy!

Solar power is a popular type of renewable energy.

Many people put up solar panels by their house. These panels capture solar energy and turn it into solar power.

Solar energy is becoming popular, but it has some drawbacks. Not only is it expensive, but some places do not get much sunlight to make good use of solar panels.



#141 「A Drink Made From... Eggs?」

投稿日時：2020/12/03  ALT カテゴリ:

Many people like to put nutmeg or cinnamon on this festive treat!

Besshi English News

#141

~~#140~~ Thursday December 3rd 2020 – A Drink Made From... Eggs?

Eggnog is a **dairy drink** that comes from the **United Kingdom**. People usually drink **eggnog** during the **Christmas season**. It is a strange drink because **it is made from eggs!** **Eggnog** is a **polarizing drink**, which means people either **love it or hate it**. **Eggnog** should be enjoyed on **rare occasions** because it is quite unhealthy!



#140 「New Restrictions...」

投稿日時：2020/12/02  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

The second wave is much worse than the first wave back in March.

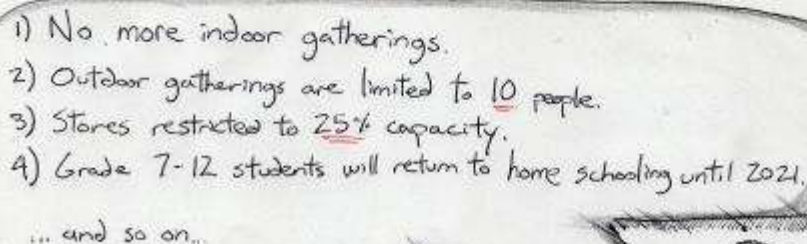
Even now, my home province is still reaching over 1,000 cases every day.

Besshi English News

#139 Wednesday December 2nd 2020 – New Restrictions...

Earlier last month, I talked about a **surge in COVID-19 infection rates** in **Alberta, Canada**. The province announced **new restrictions to keep COVID-19 under control again** last week. These restrictions will stay in effect until **mid-December** at the earliest.

These restrictions will affect many Christmas plans.

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- 1) No more indoor gatherings.
 - 2) Outdoor gatherings are limited to 10 people.
 - 3) Stores restricted to 25% capacity.
 - 4) Grade 7-12 students will return to home schooling until 2021.
- ... and so on...

#139 「Advent Calendars」

投稿日時：2020/12/01  ALT カテゴリ:

I remember opening Advent calendars as a child every year during Christmas. It was always so fun!

Besshi English News

#139 Tuesday December 1st 2020 – Advent Calendars

Do you know what an **Advent calendar** is? **It is a calendar that counts down the days until Christmas.** An Advent calendar starts on December 1st and ends on the 24th or 25th. Each day on the calendar has a **small window with a small gift in it.** They were first used in **Germany**, but are now popular all over the world.



Popular Advent Calendar Items

#138 「Monday Motivation #3」

投稿日時：2020/11/30  ALT カテゴリ:

Do you know this phrase? In Japanese, it means その日をつかめ

Besshi English News

#138 Monday November 30th 2020 – Monday Motivation #3

Today is Monday, which means it is time for another

motivational phrase!



"Carpe diem!"



Well... This is actually **Latin!** However, many

English speakers use this phrase. It means '**seize the**

day,' or, '**make the most out of today.**' We don't know

what tomorrow will bring. So, let's have fun today!

#137 「American Thanksgiving」

投稿日時：2020/11/30  ALT カテゴリ:

Although this year was a bit different, I hope Americans were still able to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving this year.

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#137 Friday November 27th 2020 – American Thanksgiving

Canadians celebrated **Thanksgiving** back in October.

Yesterday, many Americans celebrated their own

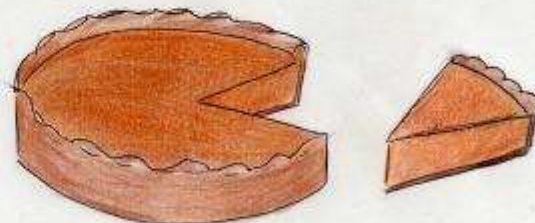
Thanksgiving. Both Canadians and Americans celebrate

Thanksgiving the same way: **with good food and family.**

One of the **classic staple foods** for **American**

Thanksgiving is **pumpkin pie.** Have you ever eaten

pumpkin pie before?



#136 「Aurora Borealis」

投稿日時：2020/11/26  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

You can find auroras in the **Southern Hemisphere** too. They are called **aurora australis**, or **southern lights**.

Besshi English News

#136 Thursday November 26th 2020 – Aurora Borealis

We can see something **very special and beautiful** in **Alberta, Canada**. I am talking about the **aurora borealis**, or **northern lights**. We can see them **in winter**. Many people travel to **Northern Canada** to see the **northern lights**. I was able to see them a few times in my **hometown** when I was younger!



#135 「One Month of the Term Left!」

投稿日時：2020/11/25  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

This term went by very fast. We were able to make the most of it despite the restrictions COVID-19 put on us.

There is only one more month to go. Let's keep pushing forward!

Besshi English News

#135 Wednesday November 25th 2020 – One Month of the Term Left!

We have one more month of school before the **end of the second school term** this year. This also means that there is one more month before **Christmas!** **Christmas** this year will be very different for many people. However, I think we can still **make the most out of this special time** of the year!



#134 「Good Luck!」

投稿日時：2020/11/24  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

Tomorrow is the first day of final tests for the students. I know everyone will do great!

Besshi English News

#134 Tuesday November 24th 2020 – Good Luck!

It's that time of year again. The **second term is almost over**, so it's time for the Besshi Junior High School students to take their **final exams** for the second term. Everyone studied very hard throughout the term. So, I think everyone will do just fine.



#133 「An English Phrase on Friday」

投稿日時：2020/11/20  ALT カテゴリ:

Next Monday is a holiday. So, instead of "Monday Motivation," we will have "English Phrase Friday" today!

This one is very easy. Please try to use it in your daily lives!

Besshi English News

#133 Friday November 20th 2020 – An English Phrase on Friday

Today I want to share another English phrase with everyone.

"A walk in the park."

This means that something is very easy to do. But if everything was "a walk in the park," then nothing would be a challenge. If nothing is challenging, then we can't improve. So, let's keep challenging ourselves!

#132 「Self Care and Mental Health」

投稿日時：2020/11/19  ALT カテゴリ:

Studying and working is important. However, taking care of your mental health is more important. Even if it means taking a day or two to relax.

Besshi English News

#132 Thursday November 19th 2020 – Self Care and Mental Health

2020 has been a hard year for many people around the world. Many people have experienced lots of **stress and anxiety** due to the **COVID-19 pandemic** and other **international current events**. It could **negatively affect our mental health**. So, it is important to be able to take breaks when we feel like we need to.



#131 「Here We Go Again...」

投稿日時：2020/11/18  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

It has almost been one year since the **COVID-19 pandemic** started, but the situation is getting much worse now. Many families' lives have changed because of it.

Besshi English News

#131 Wednesday November 18th 2020 – Here We Go Again...

Active COVID-19 cases in Canada are skyrocketing.

My **home province of Alberta** hit over **one thousand daily cases** this weekend. This is the first time Alberta had more than one thousand cases in a day. Many **lockdowns** are in place all over Canada. Canadians may not be able to celebrate a normal Christmas this year at this rate.



#131 「Besshi School Marathon」

投稿日時：2020/11/17  ALT カテゴリ: Besshi

The students and some teachers at Besshi Elementary and Junior High School participated in the annual school marathon yesterday.

The second half of the marathon is uphill. So, it is very difficult!

Besshi English News

#131 Tuesday November 17th 2020 – Besshi School Marathon

Besshi Elementary and Junior High School held their **annual marathon** yesterday. It was supposed to be held on Friday, but it was **postponed due to the rain**. Everyone ran with **good effort** and **spirit**. Let's continue practicing so we can run **better and faster!**



#130 「Monday Motivation #2」

投稿日時：2020/11/16  ALT カテゴリ:

This is a very famous English quote. Always keep trying!

Besshi English News

#130 Monday November 16th 2020 – Monday Motivation #2

I want to share another famous English phrase with everyone today.

**"You miss 100% of the shots
you don't take."**

This means that **you can't succeed if you don't try.**

In other words, a **1%** chance of getting something right is better than a **0%** chance!

#128 「Daylight Saving Time」

投稿日時：2020/11/12  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

Japan doesn't have Daylight Saving Time. They're so lucky!

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#128 Thursday November 12th 2020 – Daylight Saving Time

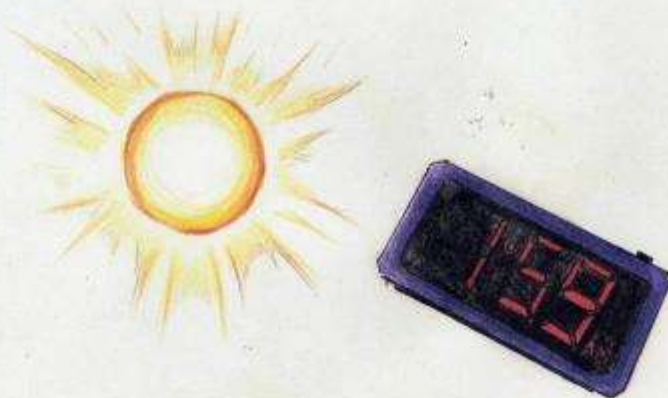
Do you know what **Daylight Saving Time (DST)** is?

Some countries set their clocks **one hour ahead in April.**

We do this to make better use of **daylight.** In

November, DST ends. So, we set our clocks **back one**

hour. DST ended this year on November 1st, 2020.



#127 「"Lest We Forget"」

投稿日時：2020/11/11  ALT カテゴリ:

Many people sacrificed their lives so we can live in peace. We take today to remember and honor those people.

Besshi English News

#127 Wednesday November 11th 2020 – "Lest We Forget"

November 11th is **Remembrance Day** in many countries. Today, we **remember and honor** the people who died in war to protect our countries. Many people wear poppies and take a **moment of silence** on "**the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month (11:00 AM on November 11th).**"



*"We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields." - "In Flanders Fields"
by John McCrae*

#125 「The School Festival」

投稿日時：2020/11/09  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

This year's school festival was very fun! It was nice to see so many people.

I hope everyone enjoyed the school festival very much!

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#125 Monday November 9th 2020 – The School Festival

Yesterday, **Besshi Elementary and Junior High School** held their **annual school festival**. The students sang songs, displayed their schoolwork, and had their **taiko** performance. It was a very fun day! I really enjoyed today's school festival.



#124 「This is Good!... Or Bad?」

投稿日時：2020/11/08  ALT カテゴリ:

Here is this weekend's English article! I think English also has many confusing words.

Besshi English News

#124 Friday November 6th 2020 – This is Good! ... Or Bad?

When I first learned Japanese, I came across a very confusing **slang word**. That word is やばい. My classmates used it all the time. I learned that it meant "bad" or "terrible." But I learned that it could also mean "good" or "amazing!" I had to listen very carefully in order to know which meaning they were using.



#123 「History in the Making」

投稿日時：2020/11/05  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

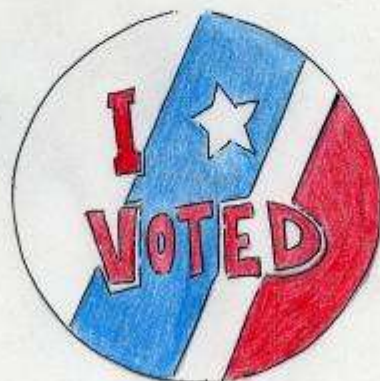
The election is still going as of today.

I am certain that the whole world will continue to watch what will happen over the next couple of months.

Besshi English News

#123 Thursday November 5th 2020 – History in the Making

Yesterday was the day of the **United States Presidential Election**. This election is held every four years. This year, the election was between the **Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden**, and **President Donald Trump**. This election is considered one of the most **divisive elections** in modern U.S. history.



#121 「The Besshi English Speech Presentation」

投稿日時：2020/10/29  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

Students at Besshi Junior High School gave wonderful and interesting speeches yesterday! Their English skills are improving every day!

Besshi English News

#121 Thursday October 29th 2020 – The Besshi English Speech Presentation

Yesterday, the students at Besshi Junior High School participated in the annual **Besshi English Speech Presentation**. Students practiced very hard. They were able to give wonderful speeches. Everyone **listened to the speeches with their eyes, ear, and hearts**. They improved their English-speaking skills so much!



#120 「Open School Day Comes to a Close」

投稿日時：2020/10/28  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

We held our Open School Day last Sunday. It was very fun! I hope all the families had fun watching the lessons we held!

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#120 Wednesday October 28th 2020 – Open School Day Comes to a Close

The staff and students at **Besshi Elementary and Junior High School** took part in the **Open School Day** on Sunday October 25th, 2020. **Sixth-year elementary school students** stopped by to see classes in Besshi.

Thank you for your hard work and positive energy!



#118 「A Difficult Winter Ahead」

投稿日時：2020/10/23  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

The number of active **COVID-19** cases has increased a lot over a short period of time. At this rate, many countries could see another lockdown by the end of the year.

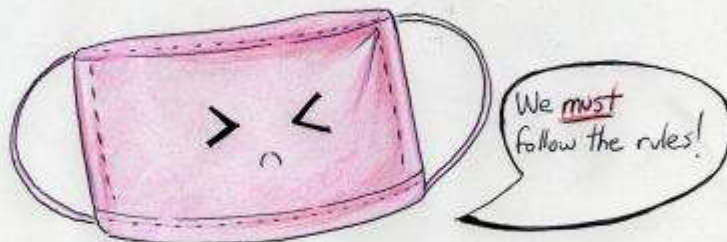
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#118 Friday October 23rd 2020 – A Difficult Winter Ahead

The **COVID-19 pandemic** has gotten much worse.

This week, my **home province** of **Alberta, Canada** had over **400 cases in one day** for the first time. The country of **Ireland** has moved to a '**Level 5**' lockdown.

This is the **highest level** of lockdown in Europe right now.



#117 「English Speech Preparations」

投稿日時：2020/10/22  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

There are only 6 days left before the Besshi English Speech Presentation! It's coming up very fast.

Besshi English News

#117 Thursday October 22nd 2020 – English Speech Preparations

The **Besshi English Speech Presentation** is coming up. On Tuesday, the second and third-year students at Besshi Junior High School had an English class together. They helped each other with their speeches positively. The big day is next Wednesday. I am looking very forward to it!



#116 「Snowing in Canada」

投稿日時：2020/10/21  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

Many places in North America experienced snowfall this month. Besshi gets snow so late compared to Canada and the USA!

Besshi English News

#116 Wednesday October 21st 2020 – Snowing in Canada

Right now, we are in the middle of **autumn**. But, it has already started snowing back in my **home province** of **Alberta, Canada**. Usually we get small amounts of snow during the autumn. These **gusts of snow** usually do not last long. We call them **flurries**. The temperature will likely stay **below 0°C** from now on.



#115 「A Trip to a Paper Factory!」

投稿日時：2020/10/20  ALT カテゴリ:

We use paper products like toilet paper and paper towels everyday. So, I think it's interesting to see how they are made.

Besshi English News

#115 Tuesday October 20th 2020 – A Trip to a Paper Factory!

Last week, the students and teachers at Besshi Junior High School went on a **field trip**. They went to visit a **paper factory** to learn how many paper **products** are made there. For example, **tissues**, **paper towels**, and **toilet paper**. It was a very interesting school trip!



#114 「Daikon Radish」

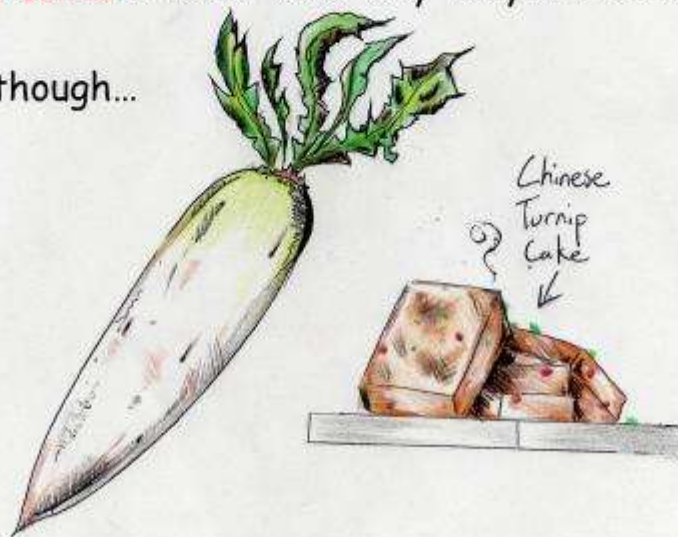
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Daikon is very popular in Japan! There are many ways to cook with it.

Besshi English News

#114 Friday October 16th 2020 – Daikon Radish

Do you like *daikon*? It is a popular vegetable in *East Asia*. We can grow some types of *daikon* in the winter. In Japan, it is eaten in many ways. For example, we can eat it *pickled* or in *oden*. I like to eat *daikon* in *Chinese turnip cakes*. I don't know why they are called turnip cakes, though...



#113 「Food Bank Donations ②」

投稿日時：2020/10/15  ALT カテゴリ:

There is no better gift than the 'gift of giving.'

Please try to be as generous as possible!

Besshi English News

#113 Thursday October 15th 2020 – Food Bank Donations ②

Winter is **quickly approaching**. This is when people need food the most because it gets very cold outside. Some people are unable to feed themselves or their families during the winter. This year, the **COVID-19 pandemic** affected many more people this year. So, the **food bank** needs many more **donations**.



#112 「Food Bank Donations ①」

投稿日時：2020/10/14  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

One of the ways we can give the earth a future is by donating food to food banks. Many people do not have money to buy food. So, we must help them as much as we can.

We can reduce food waste by donating food to food banks too.

Besshi English News

#112 Wednesday October 14th 2020 – Food Bank Donations ①

Have you ever heard of the **food bank**? **Food banks** give food out to people who cannot buy their own food. Some **food banks** store **donated food** in a **warehouse**. People go to these **warehouses** to get food for free. Some other food banks hand out food **directly to people**.



#111 「Happy Canadian Thanksgiving!」

投稿日時：2020/10/13  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

Many Canadians celebrated Thanksgiving yesterday, but maybe with less people than usual.

Besshi English News

#111 Tuesday October ~~12th~~^{13th} 2020 – Happy Canadian Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is a **holiday** loved by many people. In Canada, we celebrate Thanksgiving **one month earlier than Americans**. Due to **COVID-19**, many families cannot celebrate **Thanksgiving** together. But, they can still enjoy delicious food such as **turkey, potatoes, and stuffing!** I miss Thanksgiving dinners very much.



#110 「Monday Motivation #1」

投稿日時：2020/10/12  ALT カテゴリ:

From now on, we will try to post popular English phrases on Mondays. This is a very famous example. Please take a look!

Besshi English News

#110 Monday October 9th 2020 – Monday Motivation #1

Today, I'd like to share a very famous English phrase with you!

"There is no 'I' in 'Team.'"

No one is alone in a team. Everyone must help each other and work together!

#109 「Typhoon 14 (Chan-hon)」

投稿日時 : 2020/10/09  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

Last week, a typhoon headed towards Japan. It was supposed to hit Niihama on the weekend, but it only rained in Besshi. I wonder how the weather was down in the city on Saturday.

Besshi English News

#109 Friday October 9th 2020 – Typhoon 14 (Chan-hom)

Another **typhoon** is about to hit Japan. This time, it's **Typhoon 14**. It is also called **Chan-hom**. This **typhoon** is **expected to approach Japan from the west** and make its way to **eastern Japan**. I wonder how many more typhoons we will have this year. Please stay safe, everyone.



#108 「Provincial Achievement Tests」

投稿日時：2020/10/08  ALT カテゴリ:

PAT's cover class content suited for grade 6 and 9 students in Alberta, Canada.

The pandemic would greatly affect their test results due to the school closures and additional stress put on the students.

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#108 Thursday October 8th 2020 – Provincial Achievement Tests

Every year, **Albertan** students in grades 6 and 9 must take **Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs)**. Students take these tests to **show their understanding** of various subjects. This year, however, the **school board** in my hometown of **Edmonton** voted to cancel **PATs** due to **COVID-19**.



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#107 「A Hidden Problem」

投稿日時：2020/10/07  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

Sometimes the solution to one problem can lead to another problem. We need to carefully think ahead when we try to solve problems.

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#107 Wednesday October 7th 2020 – A Hidden Problem

Three months ago, all the stores in Japan had to start **charging extra money** for plastic bags in order to **reduce plastic waste**. Everyone must bring their own **reusable shopping bags** now. However, some stores are now finding more customers who are **hiding unpaid goods** inside the bags. This could become a big problem.



#106 「Why is it Called "Softball!?"」

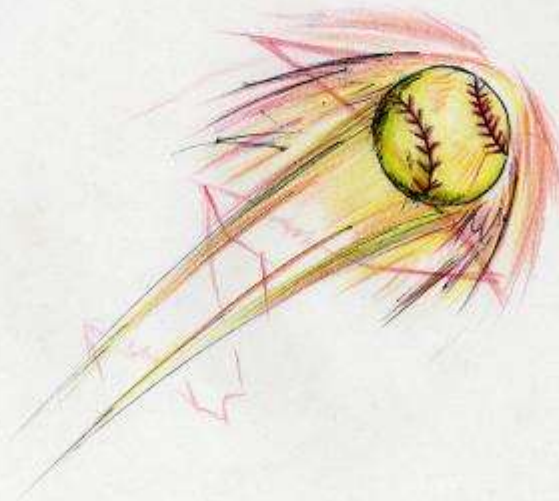
投稿日時：2020/10/06  ALT カテゴリ:

I tried to catch a softball last week, but it hit my arm. It hurt a lot!

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#106 Tuesday October 6th 2020 – Why is it Called "Softball!?"

The students at Besshi Junior High School are playing **softball** in P.E. class. It is called "**softball**," but the ball is **very hard!** So, why is it called "**softball**?" They named the sport "**softball**" in 1926 because the balls used to be soft. Now, the balls are harder than before.



#105 「A New Chapter of Besshi Farm!」

投稿日時：2020/10/05  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

It was so exciting seeing all the new plants in the garden. I can't wait to see how this season's harvest is!

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#105 Monday October 5th 2020 – A New Chapter of Besshi Farm!

We said our goodbyes to summer, but the activities at **Besshi Farm** are **far from over**. The students already started growing more fruits and vegetables that are **suited** for the **cooler fall temperature**. I am looking forward to seeing everyone's hard work pay off this season!



#103 「Canada gets Colder...」

投稿日時：2020/10/01  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

0°C is known as the **freezing point**. Liquids can freeze at this temperature.

Soon, the temperature in Canada will become much lower than 0°C.

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#103 Thursday October 1st, 2020 – Canada gets Colder...

Fall has just begun and there is already a **frost advisory** issued in the **province of Alberta, Canada**. A **frost advisory** warns people to be careful of **colder temperatures that can damage plants and crops** growing during this season. People in **Alberta** will experience temperatures around 0°C.



#102 「Wild Maple Trees」

投稿日時：2020/09/30  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

Losing these trees would have a big impact on the ecosystem. Humans also benefit from these trees too. So, we must protect them.

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#102 Wednesday September 30th, 2020 – Wild Maple Trees

Studies are showing that many types of **maple trees** might be at risk. These **maple trees** might go **extinct** in the future. **Climate change** is one of the reasons for this. These trees will likely be put on **conservation list**. This means **they must be protected**.



#101 「Is it the Second Wave?」

投稿日時 : 2020/09/29  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

The prime minister of Canada already declared that the **second wave** of the **COVID-19 pandemic** is already happening in Canada.

Many families will not be able to get together for Thanksgivings Day this year.

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#101 Tuesday September 29th, 2020 – Is it the Second Wave?

A **province** in Canada called **Ontario** reported the highest number of new **COVID-19** cases since May. The province reported almost 500 new cases on Sunday.

Many Canadians believe that Canada is experiencing the **second wave** of **COVID-19**.



#100 「Roasting Chestnuts」

投稿日時：2020/09/28  ALT カテゴリ:

It's chestnut season! Many people in Europe and Asia love to eat chestnuts during this time of year. There are many ways to prepare and eat them too.

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#100 Monday September 28th, 2020 – Roasting Chestnuts

Many people all over the world love **chestnuts**.
Some people in Japan **put them in rice** and some people
like to **eat them as is**. Many people in Europe prefer to
roast chestnuts. **Roasted chestnuts** are often sold and
eaten as a **street food**.



#99 「Troubles with Remote Learning」

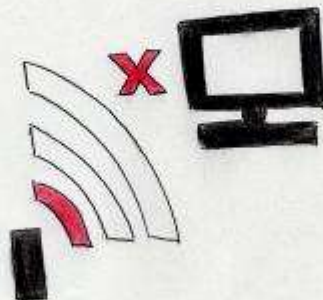
投稿日時：2020/09/25  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

People are still struggling meet the demands of the new pandemic lifestyle. Schools and workplaces need fast internet, but some families are unable to get it.

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⑨ *Friday September 25th, 2020 – Troubles with Remote Learning*

Many students and their parents are frustrated at **online studying**. One of the main reasons is due to living in rural **locations**. It can be hard to get fast internet outside of large cities. So, these families immediately get **disconnected** from **online classrooms**.



#98 「How Sweet!」

投稿日時：2020/09/24  ALT カテゴリ:Nature

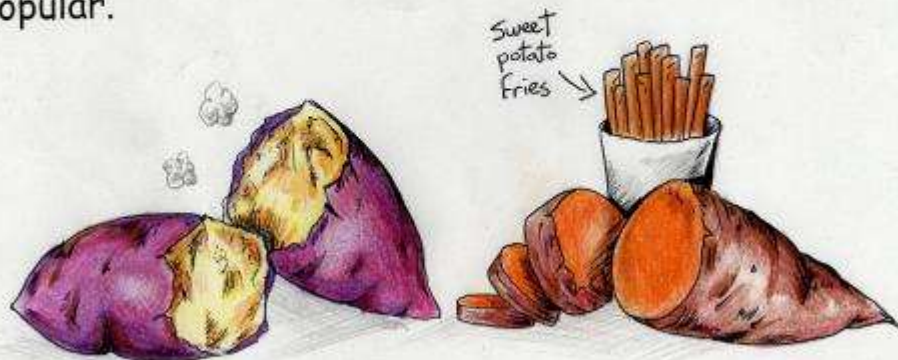
There are so many different types of sweet potatoes. There are even more ways to eat them!

They are so delicious!

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📅 *Thursday September 24th, 2020 – How Sweet!*

Last week, the students at Besshi Junior High School **harvested** many **Japanese sweet potatoes** from **Besshi Farm**. They have a beautiful **purple** and **yellow** color! They are much more different than **orange** sweet potatoes we normally eat in Canada. They are very popular.



#97 「Falling for Autumn!」

投稿日時：2020/09/23  ALT カテゴリ:Nature

Autumn is finally here! I like autumn because of the cool, fresh air. It feels very nice.

Do you like autumn?

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㊦ *Wednesday September 23rd, 2020 – Falling for Autumn!*

The days are getting **shorter** and **colder**. This means that **autumn** is here! We call this season **autumn**. But in North America, we usually call it **fall**. Why do we call it **fall**? Maybe it's because **leaves fall from trees** during this season!



#96 「Surges in Infections」

投稿日時：2020/09/18  ALT カテゴリ:

The number of active **COVID-19 cases** in many places around the world recently reached **record highs** since the start of the **pandemic**.

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🕒 *Friday September 18th, 2020 – Surges in Infections*

We are 9 months into the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

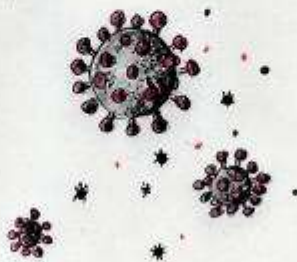
But the number of cases in Canada is **rapidly increasing**.

One of the reasons behind this is because **schools have**

recently reopened. Students are sitting too close to

each other. Also, many young adults are suffering from

pandemic fatigue. They want to see their friends.



#95 「A Pair of Pears」

投稿日時：2020/09/17  ALT カテゴリ:

Asian pears are fruits that are highly prized for their shape and sweetness. They are often served to guests or given as gifts.

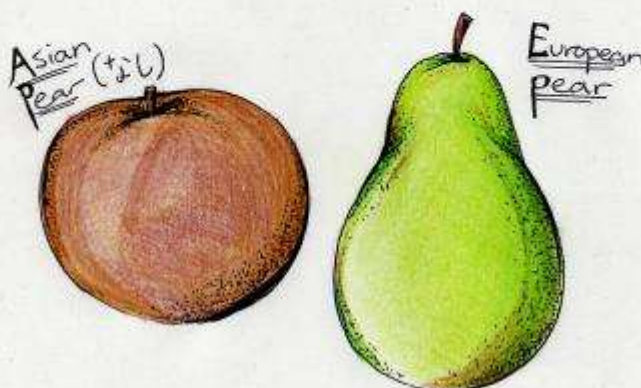
They are called 梨(なし) in Japanese.

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㊦ Thursday September 16th, 2020 – A Pair of Pears

Asian pears are very different from **European pears**.

Asian pears have a round shape similar to apples that European pears don't have. Asian pears are **crisp** and **grainy**, so **they are often served raw** instead of being used in **baking**. On the other hand, many people like to **bake with European pears**.



#94 「Shopping Locally」

投稿日時：2020/09/16  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

A few months ago, I wrote an article about local shops struggling due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

Now, people are finding ways to support these shops!

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🕒 *Wednesday September 16th, 2020 – Shopping Locally*

Due to **COVID-19**, many people are **shopping online** now. So, local shops are having a hard time staying open. One person in **Edmonton** created a **website** to help local shops sell their products on the **Internet**. This way, people can safely shop while supporting local shops at home.



#93 「Fun in the Sun」

投稿日時：2020/09/15  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

What a fun way to enjoy the last days of summer! Soon, fall will come and the weather will become much colder. We hope everyone enjoyed Field Day!

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⑬ *Tuesday September 15th, 2020 – Fun in the Sun*

The community in Besshi was able to enjoy this year's **Field Day** on September 13th, nearly one week before the end of summer! **Field Day** was **delayed** on September 6th due to the weather. Many people participated in each activity with lots of **energy** and **positivity**.



#92 「Finally... Field Day!」

投稿日時：2020/09/11  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

We finished the preparations for this year's Field Day today, but it rained a lot.

Let's hope for better weather on Sunday!

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🕒 *Friday September 11th, 2020 – Finally... Field Day!*

Last week, **Typhoon No. 10** was close to Japan. So, we could not have **Field Day**. But, **Field Day** will finally happen this Sunday on September 13th! I am very excited for this year's **Field Day**. I hope the weather will be very nice.



#91 「Is it Safe?」

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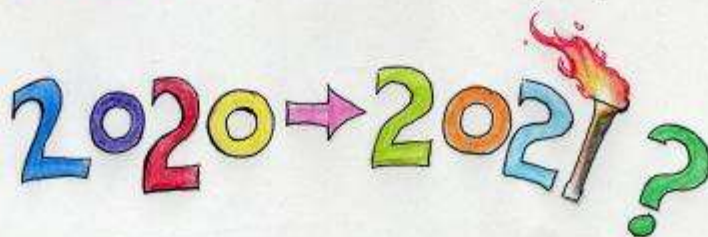
Apparently, the **Tokyo Olympics** is supposed to go on next year, regardless of the **COVID-19** situation. It's a truly difficult situation for everyone, though... Will it be okay?

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① *Thursday September 10th, 2020 – Is it Safe?*

The **Vice President** of the **International Olympics Committee (IOC)** said that the Tokyo Olympics will start next year on July 23rd '**with or without COVID.**'

However, some people in Japan are **concerned** with the IOC's decision due to **health and safety reasons**. A vaccine for **COVID-19** hasn't been developed yet.



#90 「Wildfire Season」

投稿日時：2020/09/09  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

Although there are natural causes to wildfires, they can also be human-caused, too. **One of the largest wildfires in California was caused by humans.** We must be more careful to prevent unnecessary disasters from happening.

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⑨ Wednesday September 9th, 2020 – Wildfire Season

Wildfires are common **natural disasters** in North America. **Wildfires** can occur in the spring but occur more **frequently** between August and November. Hot, dry weather and thunderstorms are the main causes of wildfires. There is currently a large wildfire burning through the state of California in the US.



#89 「What a Storm!」

投稿日時：2020/09/08  ALT カテゴリ:

Typhoon No. 10 was featured on the news in my home country. Canada doesn't get hurricanes or typhoons, so I still have to get used to them.

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📅 *Tuesday September 8th, 2020 – What a Storm!*

Due to **Typhoon No. 10**, morning classes at Besshi were canceled on September 7th, 2020. The strong winds even knocked over some trees in Besshi. Some say that **this is one of Japan's strongest typhoons**. I hope everyone is able to stay safe during this storm.





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#88 「Do You Like Okra?」

投稿日時：2020/09/07  ALT カテゴリ:

Okra is an interesting vegetable. It's usually crunchy, but the texture changes quickly when put in water.

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  Monday September 7th, 2020 – Do You Like Okra?

Okra is a very healthy pod-shaped fruit. Like *goya*, we eat okra as a vegetable. Many people use okra in curry, salads, and *gumbo*. *Gumbo* is a famous soup from Louisiana in the USA. Please try cooking okra in many different ways!



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#87 「Stepping Down」

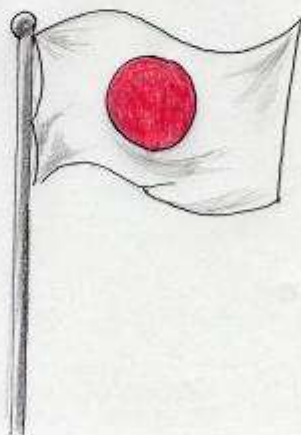
投稿日時：2020/09/04  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

Not only did this news shock all of Japan, but it surprised the entire world last week. This is because this announcement came out of nowhere.

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🕒 *Friday September 4th, 2020 – Stepping Down*

Last week, **Japan's Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe**, announced that he will **resign from office**. This comes after several hospital visits due to a **chronic**, long term, **illness**. Abe was Japan's Prime Minister since 2012 and is Japan's **longest-serving Prime Minister**. Abe had one more year left of his term as Prime Minister.



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#86 「Typhoon No.9 Update」

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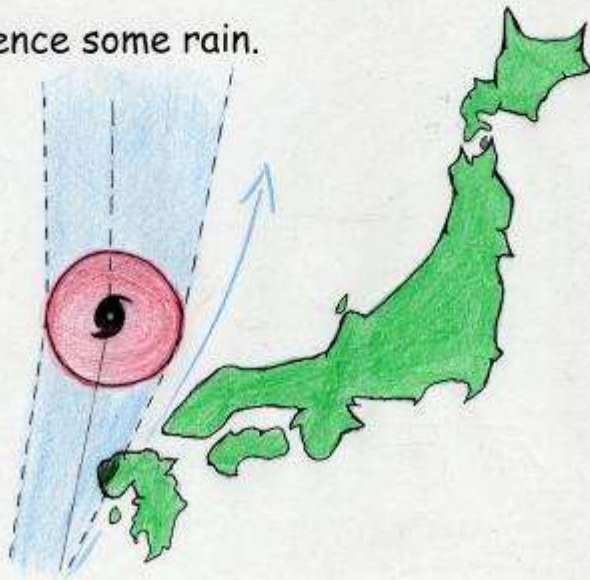
There were very strong winds in Besshi last night. It was so loud!

Was it because of Typhoon No.9?

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🕒 *Thursday September 3rd, 2020 – Typhoon No. 9 Update*

Typhoon No. 9, also known as **Typhoon Maysak**, hit **Okinawa Prefecture** earlier this week. Strong winds, storms, and landslides caused some damage. Many homes did not have electricity during the storms. The typhoon may hit **Kyushu**. At the same time, **Shikoku** may experience some rain.



#85 「What is Labor Day?」

投稿日時：2020/09/02  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

Many people celebrate Labor Day right before the start of the new school year in North America. This is why Labor Day is considered the 'unofficial end of summer!'

We must be respectful to all the workers who help make our lives better.

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㊦ *Wednesday September 2nd, 2020 – What is Labor Day?*

Many Americans and Canadians celebrate a holiday called **Labor Day**. It takes place on the **first Monday of every September**. So, this year's Labor Day will be on September 7th. We celebrate **workers, their hard work, and achievements**. Labor Day usually marks the '**unofficial end of summer**' for most people.



#85 「Ready, Set, Goya!」

投稿日時：2020/09/01  ALT カテゴリ:

Goya is a very healthy food. Even though it is bitter, it tastes very good!

Do you like *goya*?

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📅 *Tuesday September 1st, 2020 – Ready, Set, Goya!*

Goya is a very bitter fruit. It is used in many dishes. It is a fruit but we eat it as a vegetable. In English, *goya* means 'bitter melon.' *Goya chanpuru* is a famous Okinawan food. I think *goya chanpuru* is very delicious!

