

【FINAL】 「What a Fun Year!」

投稿日時：2021/03/25  ALT カテゴリ:

Here is the final Besshi English News article of the year.

Have a fun and safe spring break, everyone!

## Besshi English News

*☆FINAL Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – What a Fun Year!*

The school year finally comes to an end! It was a difficult year due to the pandemic, but everyone did their best to make the most out of it. I had a lot of fun and I hope everyone else did, too.

*See you in April!*

#205 「Amabie」

投稿日時：2021/03/24  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

Not many people in Canada know about *yokai*.

I think learning about Japanese culture is very interesting!

## Besshi English News

*#205 Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Amabie*

Last week, the **Vancouver Art Gallery** in **Canada** had an online presentation about the **Japanese yokai, Amabie (アマビエ)**. They made **special postcards** featuring **Amabie**. These **postcards** had messages wishing **good health to friends and family**.



## #204 「Cheering from Afar」

投稿日時：2021/03/23  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

I usually watch the Olympics on TV anyways, but now many people around the world will not have a choice.

Let's safely cheer the athletes on!

### Besshi English News

*#204 Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 - Cheering from Afar*

**People from overseas** will not be allowed to enter Tokyo to watch the **Olympics**. **This decision was made by the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee**. **COVID-19** still challenges our daily lives. So, we have to keep doing what we can to keep people safe.



## #203 「Going Green」

投稿日時：2021/03/22  ALT カテゴリ:

Did you know that St. Patrick's Day has a very strange tradition?

If you don't wear green on that day, people are allowed to pinch you! Ouch!

### Besshi English News

*#203 Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 - Going Green*

Last Wednesday was **St. Patrick's Day**. It is an **Irish** celebration held every year on **March 17**. It celebrates **Saint Patrick**, an important **Irish person**, and **Irish heritage**. Most people celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** by wearing **green**.



## #201 「One Week to Go」

投稿日時：2021/03/18  ALT カテゴリ:

Soon, the school year will end. It was very fun.

There are a lot of things to look forward to in the new school year, too. New friends and new adventures!

### Besshi English News

*#201 Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – One Week to Go*

*Graduation day has come and gone*, and so has this school year! There's only one week of school left before *spring break*. This year went by so fast. Let's keep doing our best with *no regrets!*



Special Besshi English News: 「Congratulations!!!」

投稿日時 : 2021/03/17  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

We said our goodbyes to the 3rd year students who graduated today.

Today was a beautiful day that we will always remember.

## Special Besshi English News

☆ *Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Congratulations!!!* ☆

Congratulations, 3<sup>rd</sup> year students, on graduating from junior high school! A new exciting journey is waiting for you. We hope you will always remember the memories you made here in Besshi.

*We're all wishing you the best  
on your new adventure!*



#200 「Tomorrow is Graduation Day」

投稿日時：2021/03/16  ALT カテゴリ:

Tomorrow will be a very big day. Let's make a lot of memories together!

## Besshi English News

*#200 Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Tomorrow is Graduation Day*

Tomorrow we will say our farewells to the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. Soon they will start a new journey in their lives. It felt like the school year had just begun. Time flies. Let's spend graduation day together with lots of smiles!



## #199 「Monday Motivation #5」

投稿日時：2021/03/15  ALT カテゴリ:

Our lives are filled with both happy and sad moments. Challenges, celebrations, and many lessons learned.

Through these things, we can reach our goal.

### **Besshi English News**

*#199 Monday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Monday Motivation #5*

I would like to share one last popular English quote with you for the school year.

**"Life is a journey, not a destination."**

This is a very popular quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson. **Life isn't about where you should be or want to be. It's about how you live to get there.**



#198 「... One Year Ago」

投稿日時 : 2021/03/12  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

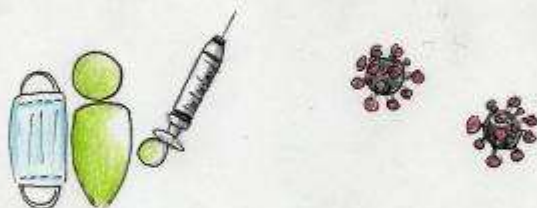
It has been a very difficult year for everyone.

Thanks to the vaccine, we've hit a turning point. If all goes well, our daily lives might start to return to normal later this year.

## Besshi English News

*#198 Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – ...One Year Ago*

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** is historically important for another reason. One year ago, the **World Health Organization (WHO)** declared **the COVID-19 outbreak** as a **pandemic**. It may be a long time before we return to normal, but many **medical developments** have been made since then.



## #197 「Ten Years Ago...」

投稿日時 : 2021/03/11  ALT カテゴリ: Japan

I first heard of the **Great East Japan Earthquake** after coming home from school. The news about the earthquake developed over time, and everyone learned how bad the situation was.

Many countries around the world worked together and helped Japan by fundraising money, providing help, and so on.

March 11 is a day that we must remember.

However, we shouldn't dwell on the past.

We should continue to work together in the present for a bright future.

### Besshi English News

<sup>197</sup>  
#196 Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Ten Years Ago...

Ten years ago, **the Great East Japan Earthquake** struck the Tohoku region. It is the most powerful earthquake recorded in Japan. People have worked hard to rebuild their cities and communities. We must not forget this day.



## #196 「International Women's Day」

投稿日時：2021/03/10  ALT カテゴリ:

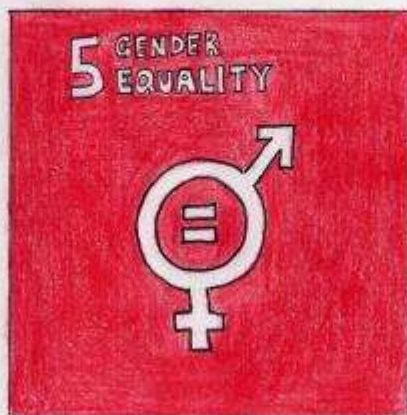
According to the United Nations, no country in the world has achieved gender equality yet.

We have to keep working towards a true gender-equal world.

### Besshi English News

*#195 Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – International Women's Day*

**International Women's Day** was celebrated on March 8<sup>th</sup>. It recognizes the **achievements made by women and the challenges they still face to achieve gender equality**. Everyone has a role to play to **disprove gender stereotypes and stand up for equality**.



## #195 「Where's the Water?」

投稿日時：2021/03/09  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

This problem reminds me of the sixth Sustainable Development Goal (SDG).

Many people living in Jackson, Mississippi, U.S.A. are struggling to get clean water.

### Besshi English News

*#195 Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Where's the Water?*

Thousands of people in **Jackson, Mississippi, U.S.A.** are being told to **boil the water they use.** These people don't have **clean water** due to the **big winter storm** that hit parts of the U.S.A. on **February 23<sup>rd</sup>.** The storm also affected the states of **Texas** and **Louisiana.**



## #194 「Medical Malfunction」

投稿日時：2021/03/08  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

These COVID-19 vaccines will play an important role during the pandemic. So, we have to be much more careful with them.

### Besshi English News

*#194 Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Medical Malfunction*

Last week, over 1,000 shots of the **COVID-19 vaccine** were wasted in Japan. This was due to a **storage malfunction**. Some **vaccines** must be stored in temperatures around  $-75^{\circ}\text{C}$ . When the **freezer's temperature settings changed**, the **vaccines** were ruined.



## #192 「Return to Classes ①」

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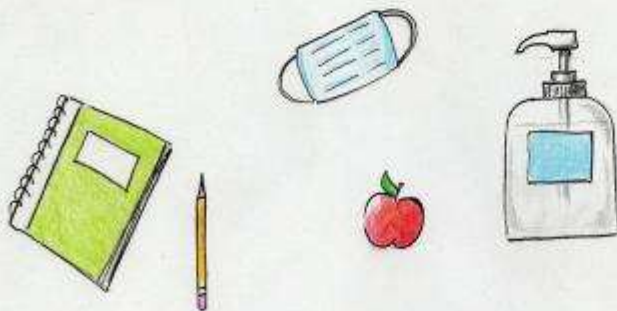
Preventing the spread of COVID-19 in schools is a huge challenge.

In the past, many schools had outbreaks right after reopening.

### Besshi English News

*#192 Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Return to Classes ①*

We are at the end of the school year here in Japan.  
However, some American students are finally able to  
return to their schools this month. **This comes after  
nearly one whole year of remote learning.** So, American  
schools must keep a careful eye out for **COVID-19.**



## #191 「Move Your Body, Move Your Heart」

投稿日時：2021/03/03  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

Yesterday's Special English Class theme was so difficult!

The students did their best to understand the content.

### Besshi English News

*#191 Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 – Move Your Body, Move Your Heart*

Yesterday, **Besshi Junior High School** held its final **Special English Class** of the year. The students positively talked about **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Everyone's English skills improved so much throughout the year!



## #190 「Medical Developments」

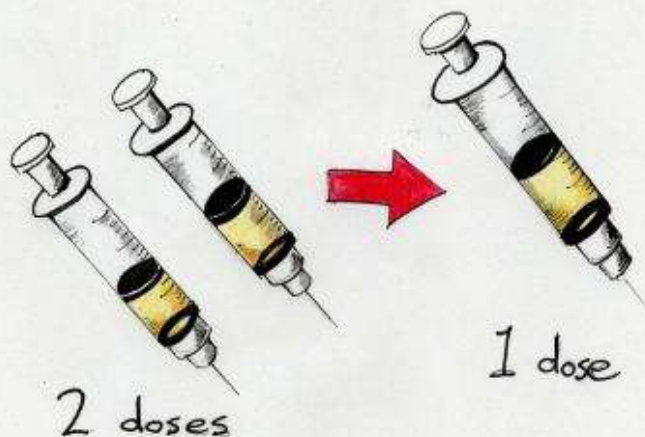
投稿日時：2021/03/02  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

Right now, the new single-dose vaccine is recommended for people over the age of 18 in America.

### Besshi English News

*#190 Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – Medical Developments*

Today, the U.S.A. **approved** a new **COVID-19 vaccine** for use. All **vaccines** up until now needed to be taken in **two doses**. However, **this new vaccine is a single-dose vaccine**. So, you only need to get the shot once.





## #189 「” Auld Lang Syne” 」

投稿日時：2021/03/01  ALT カテゴリ:

”Auld Lang Syne” is a song we sing during New Year’s Eve.

The original words are very difficult!

### Besshi English News

*#189 Monday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – “Auld Lang Syne”*

In Japan, students sing “*Hotaru no Hikari*” at *graduation ceremonies*. Did you know that the *original* is called “*Auld Lang Syne?*” It’s a *Scottish poem*. *Auld Lang Syne* may mean “*days gone by*.” It’s very difficult, but here are some *lyrics*:

♪ “Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?”

Should old acquaintance be forgot and auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne my dear, for auld lang syne,

We’ll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.” ♪

## #187 「A Degree of Normality」

投稿日時：2021/02/25  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

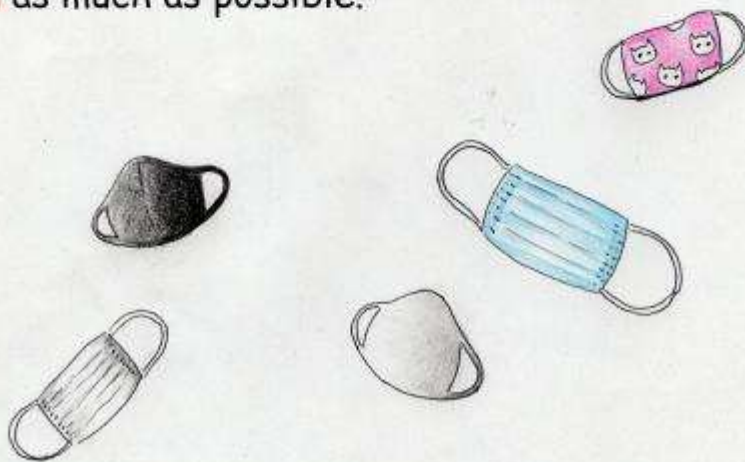
Right now, the new types of COVID-19 are quickly spreading.

So, we must do what we can to slow down the spreading of the virus.

### Besshi English News

*#187 Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – A Degree of Normality*

Many Americans may start to return to their **normal lives** in the **autumn of 2021**. However, according to the U.S.A.'s **chief medical advisor**, Americans may still need to wear masks throughout 2022 to slow down the **rate of infection** as much as possible.



#186 「Almost There」

投稿日時：2021/02/24  ALT カテゴリ:

Let's continue to enjoy our school lives for the rest of the school year!

## Besshi English News

*#186 Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Almost There*

The students will have their **final tests** of the school year today and tomorrow. There is around one month of the school year left, and less than a month before **graduation**. Time went by very fast. We hope everyone can enjoy the rest of the school year!



## #185 「New Record Lows in the U.S.A.」

投稿日時：2021/02/22  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

This situation in Texas was much worse than people thought.

People had trouble staying warm and getting clean water because of power outages caused by the snowstorms.

(NOTE: The “-30°C” in the last line should say “-30°F!”)

### Besshi English News

*#185 Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – New Record Lows in the U.S.A.*

The city of **Dallas, Texas**, reached a temperature of -2°F (nearly -20°C) during last week's **snowstorm**. This was the **second lowest recorded temperature** in **Dallas** since 1930. A city called Hastings, Nebraska hit its lowest recorded temperature of -30°C (nearly -38°C).



## #183 「Vaccine Rollout Begins in Japan」

投稿日時：2021/02/18  ALT カテゴリ:

Some studies show that a few of the vaccines can protect people against the new types of COVID-19.

### Besshi English News

*#183 Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Vaccine Rollout Begins in Japan*

Japan began its **COVID-19 vaccination program** this week. Around 40,000 **health care workers** in Japan are **first in line to get a vaccination shot**. The **elderly** will be **next in line** for the shots in April. Right now, there are still **ten prefectures under a state of emergency**.



## #182 「The Winter Storms Continue」

投稿日時：2021/02/17  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

We got some snow in Besshi today! However, some places in the U.S.A. got a lot of snow recently.

### Besshi English News

*#182 Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – The Winter Storms Continue*

A cold winter storm hit Texas in the U.S.A. earlier this week. This led to historically cold temperatures in the state. Around twenty-five states in the U.S.A. are currently under a winter weather warning. Many Americans lost electricity due to these storms.



## #181 「Earthquake Shocks Tohoku Area」

投稿日時：2021/02/16  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, last weekend's earthquake was an aftershock of the Great East Japan Earthquake from 2011.

### Besshi English News

*#181 Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Earthquake Shocks Tohoku Area*

A powerful earthquake hit eastern Japan late on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>. The earthquake had a magnitude of 7.3. No serious injuries were reported. The Great East Japan Earthquake hit the Tohoku area almost ten years ago.



## #180 「Playing for a Good Cause」

投稿日時：2021/02/15  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

People go to great lengths for even greater causes.

### Besshi English News

*#180 Monday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Playing for a Good Cause*

Recently, the days and nights were extremely cold in **Alberta, Canada**. Yet many players still played in the **World's Longest Hockey Game to raise money for cancer research earlier this month**. Their goal was to play for **252 hours** until today.





## #178 「Lunar New Year」

投稿日時：2021/02/10  ALT カテゴリ:

The Lunar New Year is celebrated among many Chinese communities all over the world. I celebrate it, too!

### Besshi English News

*#178 Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Lunar New Year*

The **Lunar New Year**, or **Chinese New Year**, begins on February 12<sup>th</sup> this year. **Lunar New Year celebrations** last for 16 days. **Ten baby pandas** made their **public debut** to mark this year's **Lunar New Year** in one of China's **panda reserves** last week. How cute!



## #177 「The Cold Snap」

投稿日時 : 2021/02/09  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

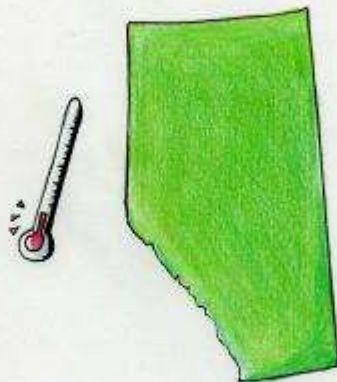
An extreme cold warning was issued in Alberta, Canada for this week.

They are only issued when temperatures and wind chills cause health risks such as **frostbite**.

### Besshi English News

*#177 Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – The Cold Snap*

Last weekend, a sudden **cold snap** hit my home province of **Alberta, Canada**. Temperatures quickly reached **below -30°C**. With **wind chill**, the **temperature felt as low as -42°C** in some places. This **cold snap** will last until Wednesday.



## #176 「English Tip: Gerunds」

投稿日時：2021/02/08  ALT カテゴリ:

Gerunds are a type of grammar that can be tricky for people learning English. So, it's good to review them often.

### Besshi English News

*#176 Monday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – English Tip: Gerunds*

Learning English is very difficult. Sometimes a

**verb (動詞)** can be a **noun (名詞)**. For example,

"swimming," "cooking," "singing," and so on. They all

have "**-ing**" at the end! In English, we call these

**gerunds (動名詞)**. They are very important!

**write**  
(動詞)  
Verb  
+  
**~ing**  
= **writing**  
(動名詞)  
Gerund

## #174 「Shonen Shiki」

投稿日時：2021/02/04  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

Congratulations to our second-year junior high school students!

We hope they had fun today!

### Besshi English News

*#174 Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Shonen Shiki*

Today is *Shonen no hi*! 2<sup>nd</sup> year students celebrate the *coming of adolescence*. At this age, they *start thinking about their responsibilities*. It seems that it is only celebrated in Ehime. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year students declared their goals and sang songs together.



## #173 「Groundhog Day」

投稿日時：2021/02/03  ALT カテゴリ:

The most well-known American groundhog named "Punxsutawney Phil" saw his shadow this year. So, this would mean 6 more weeks of winter!

Groundhog Day is just for fun, though!

### Besshi English News

*#173 Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 – Groundhog Day*

Do you know **Groundhog Day**? Some people believe that if a **groundhog** comes out of the ground and **sees its shadow** on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, **it will return underground** and winter will be longer. If the **groundhog doesn't see its shadow**, spring will arrive early.



## #172 「The Most Infected Country」

投稿日時：2021/02/02  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

The U.S.A. has faced many issues relating to COVID-19 in the past few months.

### Besshi English News

*#172 Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – The Most Infected Country*

The country with **the highest number** of **COVID-19 cases** is the **U.S.A.** As of this weekend, there have been a total of **26 million cases of COVID-19** in the country. It took almost a year to reach 13 million cases. It only took about 64 days to double.



## #171 「A Tornado in Tallahassee」

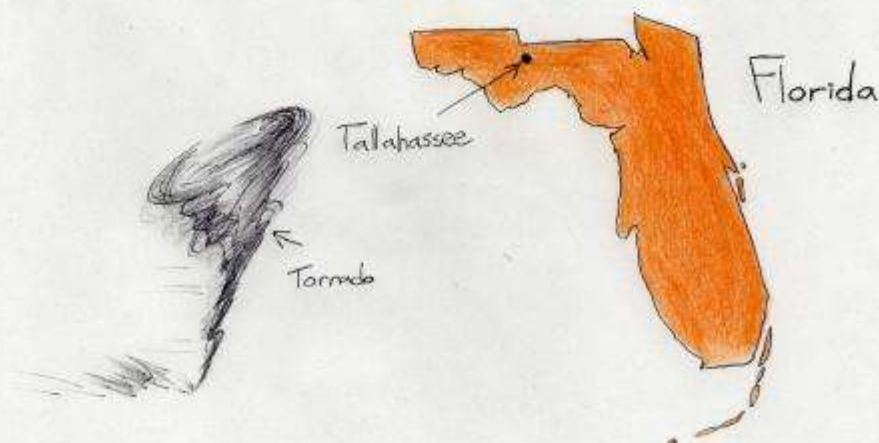
投稿日時：2021/02/01  ALT カテゴリ:

The tornado severely damaged a hangar and flipped a plane over.

### Besshi English News

*#171 Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – A Tornado in Tallahassee*

On Wednesday January 27, a **tornado** hit **Florida's capital city, Tallahassee** in the U.S.A. The **tornado** struck **Tallahassee International Airport**. The **airport** closed so workers could check for any **major damage** and clean up. **No injuries** were reported at the time.



## #170 「The Big Game」

Many people enjoy the commercials that play during this game!

## Besshi English News

*#170 Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - "The Big Game"*

The **American football league** in the U.S.A. will hold its **championship game** soon. It is held once a year. It will be held on February 8 this year. This **event** is one of the **most-watched television broadcasts in America**. Many famous singers perform during the **halftime show**.



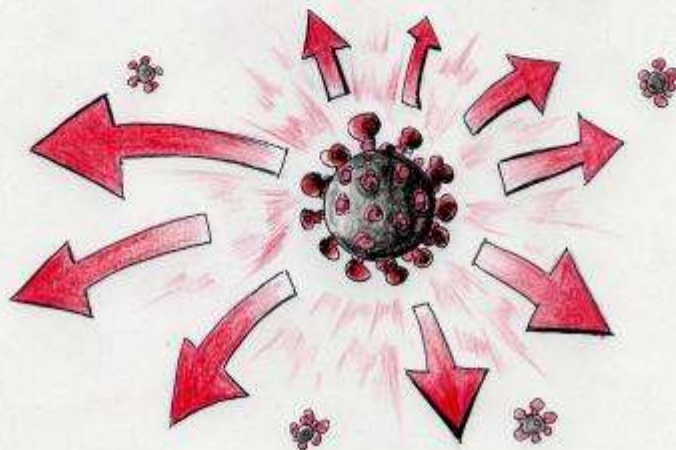


Japan will likely extend its state of emergency due to the current situation.

## Besshi English News

*#169 Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – How is Japan Doing?*

Parts of Japan entered a **state of emergency** at the end of last year. Today, the number of active cases in Tokyo was **below seven hundred** for the first time **during this state of emergency**. However, these cases could **spread easily** to other prefectures.



## #169 「One Year of COVID-19」

投稿日時：2021/01/26  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

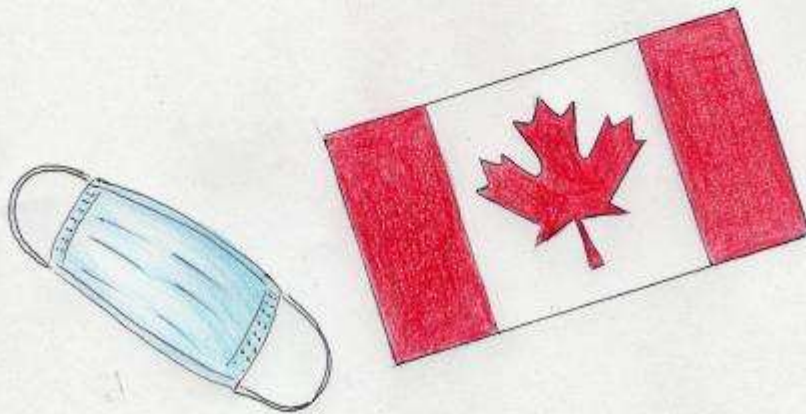
There are more and more cases of the new COVID-19 varieties in Canada now.

So, there will need to be more testing in the country.

### Besshi English News

*#169 Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – One Year of COVID-19*

*Yesterday marks one year since Canada confirmed its first case of COVID-19 in Toronto. At the time, many people did not know how serious this pandemic would become worldwide. Even now, there's still a long way to go for everyone.*



## #168 「English Tip: Homophones」

投稿日時：2021/01/25  ALT カテゴリ:

I think Japanese has many homophones too!

### Besshi English News

*#168 Monday January 23<sup>d</sup>, 2021 – English Tip: Homophones*

**Homophones** are words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings. "Homo-" means "same" and "phones" means "sounds." Famous examples of homophones are "flower" and "flour." Many English speakers have trouble with these!



## #166 「The Hockey Season Begins Late」

投稿日時：2021/01/21  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

The teams in the league will play less games than usual this season.

There are only 56 games.

### Besshi English News

*#166 Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – The Hockey Season Begins Late*

The **ice hockey season** in **North America** started last week. It usually begins in October, **but was delayed** due to **COVID-19**. This season's schedule is different from usual because the league must **reduce the amount of traveling**. So, Canadian teams only play in Canada this year.



## #165 「The 46th President of the U.S.A.」

投稿日時：2021/01/20  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

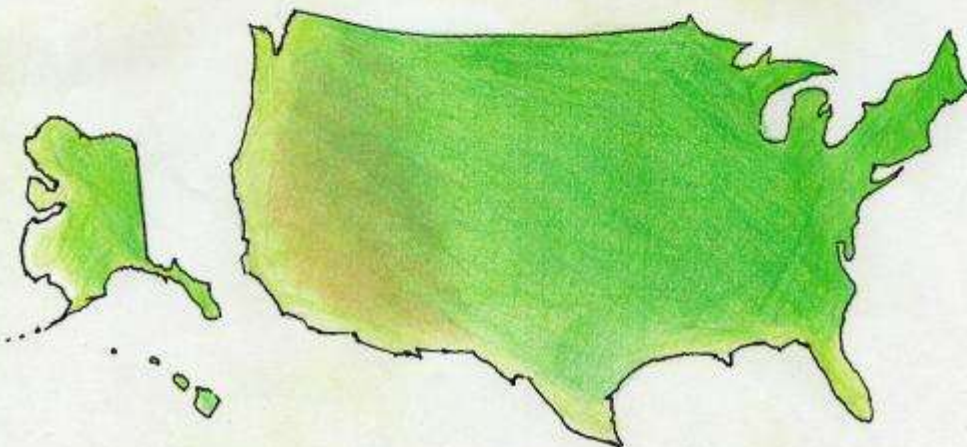
American history will be made while we're asleep tonight.

I'm sure many people around the world will be following the events tomorrow.

### Besshi English News

*#165 Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – The 46<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S.A.*

**Joe Biden** will officially become the new **president of the U.S.A.** on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The country will hold a formal ceremony for Joe Biden. His term will start in the middle of **various problems** such as the **COVID-19 pandemic** and **political conflict in the U.S.A.**



## #164 「Snow Tubing」

投稿日時：2021/01/19  ALT カテゴリ:

There are many ways to enjoy the cold winter days!

I remember snow tubing when I was an elementary school student.

### Besshi English News

*#164 Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Snow Tubing*

**Snow tubing** is a fun winter activity that the everyone can enjoy. People ride **inner tubes** and slide down **snowy hills or slopes** at fast speeds. **So, it's very similar to sledding.** Many **ski resorts** have **tubing hills** for children, but many adults enjoy tubing too.



## #163 「Curling」

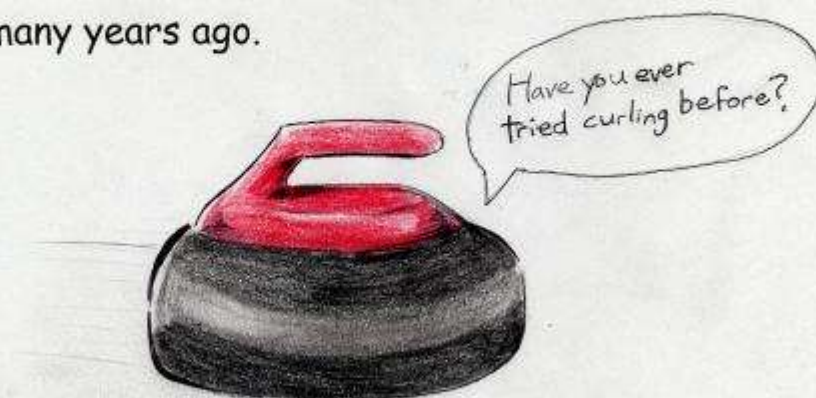
投稿日時：2021/01/18  ALT カテゴリ:

The Canadian curling season usually begins around this time of year, but was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Besshi English News

*#163 Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Curling*

**Curling** is a very interesting sport that is played all over the world. Players **slide curling stones** on a long sheet of ice towards a large **target**. Then, their team members must **brush the ice** to help the rock slide towards the target. Curling was first played in **Scotland** many years ago.



## #162 「The State of Things」

投稿日時：2021/01/15  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

COVID-19 is getting worse in many places. However, the world is also making great developments in medicine.

### Besshi English News

*#162 Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – The State of Things*

2021 has gotten off to a very interesting start.

Vaccines for COVID-19 are being rolled out in many countries around the world. However, more types of COVID-19 are being discovered. So, more places are going into lockdown again. Japan is under another state of emergency.





## #161 「Quinzhees」

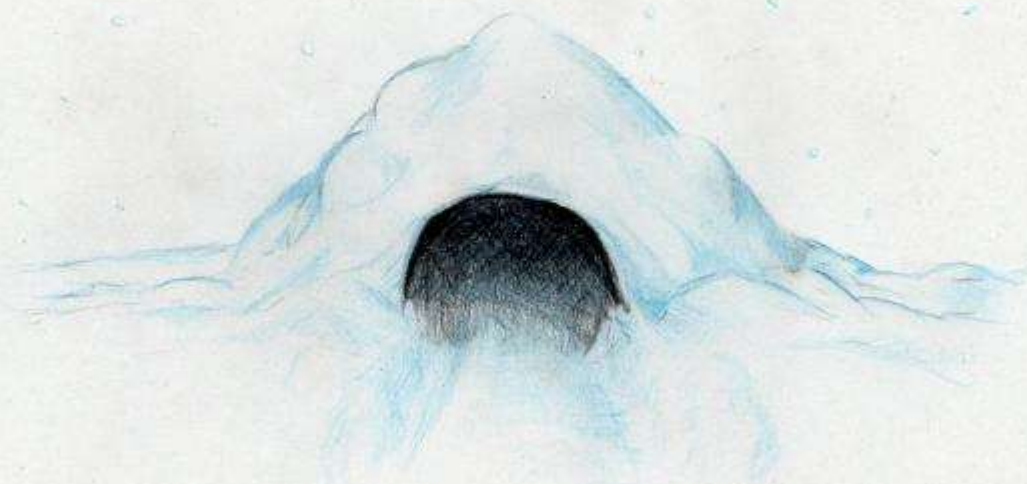
投稿日時：2021/01/14  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

Many people used quinzhees for survival, but now it has become a popular winter activity that everyone can enjoy!

### Besshi English News

*#161 Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Quinzhees*

If there's a lot of snow on the ground, you should try building a **quinzhee**. A **quinzhee** is a **shelter** made from a **pile of snow**. The word "**quinzhee**" is **Athabaskan**, a family of **native languages** mainly spoken in **western Canada**... Which is where I'm from!



## #160 「Tourtiere」

投稿日時：2021/01/13  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

Tourtiere can be eaten hot or cold, but it's nice to eat it hot on a cold day!

### Besshi English News

*#160 Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Tourtiere*

**Canadians** don't have many special **New Year's Day traditions**. However, many French-Canadians eat **tourtiere** on New Year's Eve. **Tourtiere** is a traditional **French-Canadian meat pie** that is made with **minced pork or beef and potatoes**. It's so delicious!



## #159 「New Year's Resolutions」

投稿日時：2021/01/12  ALT カテゴリ:

The start of the new year is a good time to try learning new skills!

Is there anything you want to try this year?

## Besshi English News

*#159 Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – New Year's Resolutions*

Many people, especially in the West, try to **keep up good habits** or **achieve a new goal** for the **new year**. We call these actions **New Year's Resolutions**. Some **common resolutions** are to **exercise more**, to **stay healthy**, or to **learn a new hobby**. Let's think of some goals for 2021!



## #158 「Ringing in the New Year」

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Happy New Year! We finally said our goodbyes to 2020 and were able to start 2021 with a blank slate.

I hope 2021 is a good year for everyone.

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*#158 Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Ringing in the New Year*

**Welcome to 2021!** Did you have a good winter break? We're glad to see everyone again. The next three months will be very busy. So, let's start the final term of this school year off strong!

