

## #123 「Winter Solstice」

投稿日時：2021/12/22  ALT カテゴリ:

In some countries, such as Australia, it is summer instead of winter.

I wonder what it's like to celebrate Christmas in summer!

### Besshi English News

*#123 Wednesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – Winter Solstice*

Today is **winter solstice!** It is the **shortest day of the year.** In other words, we will get **the least amount of sunlight** today. From now on, we will get more sunlight.



#122 「Luge」

投稿日時：2021/12/21  ALT カテゴリ:

One or two people can ride a luge at a time.

I think Germany's teams are always so strong at the Winter Olympics.

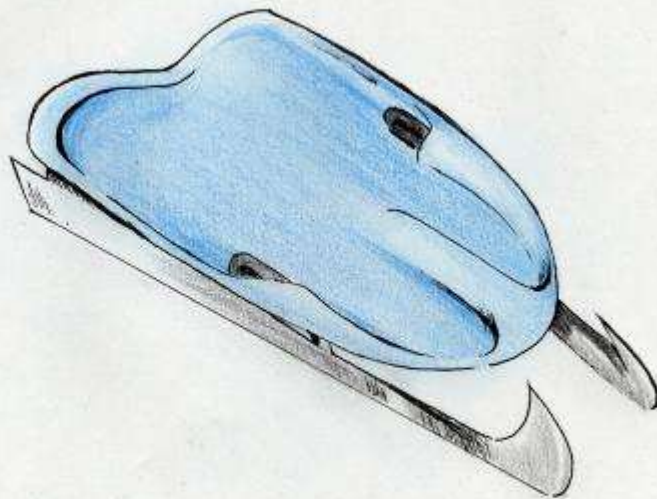
## Besshi English News

*#122 Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Luge*

Luge is one of the events at the Winter Olympics.

The type of sled used in this event is also called a luge.

Participants, or lugers, compete for the best time on a track.



#121 「We Must Stay Healthy!」

投稿日時 : 2021/12/20  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

Due to the pandemic, hospitals all over the world are in difficult situations.

With the flu, they might not have enough resources to help their patients.

## Besshi English News

*#121 Monday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – We Must Stay Healthy!*

This winter might be difficult for **Americans**. They have to worry about **two types** of **COVID-19: Delta** and **Omicron**. But **influenza**, or the **flu**, is also coming back. Please take care of yourselves!



## #119 「Tornado Trouble」

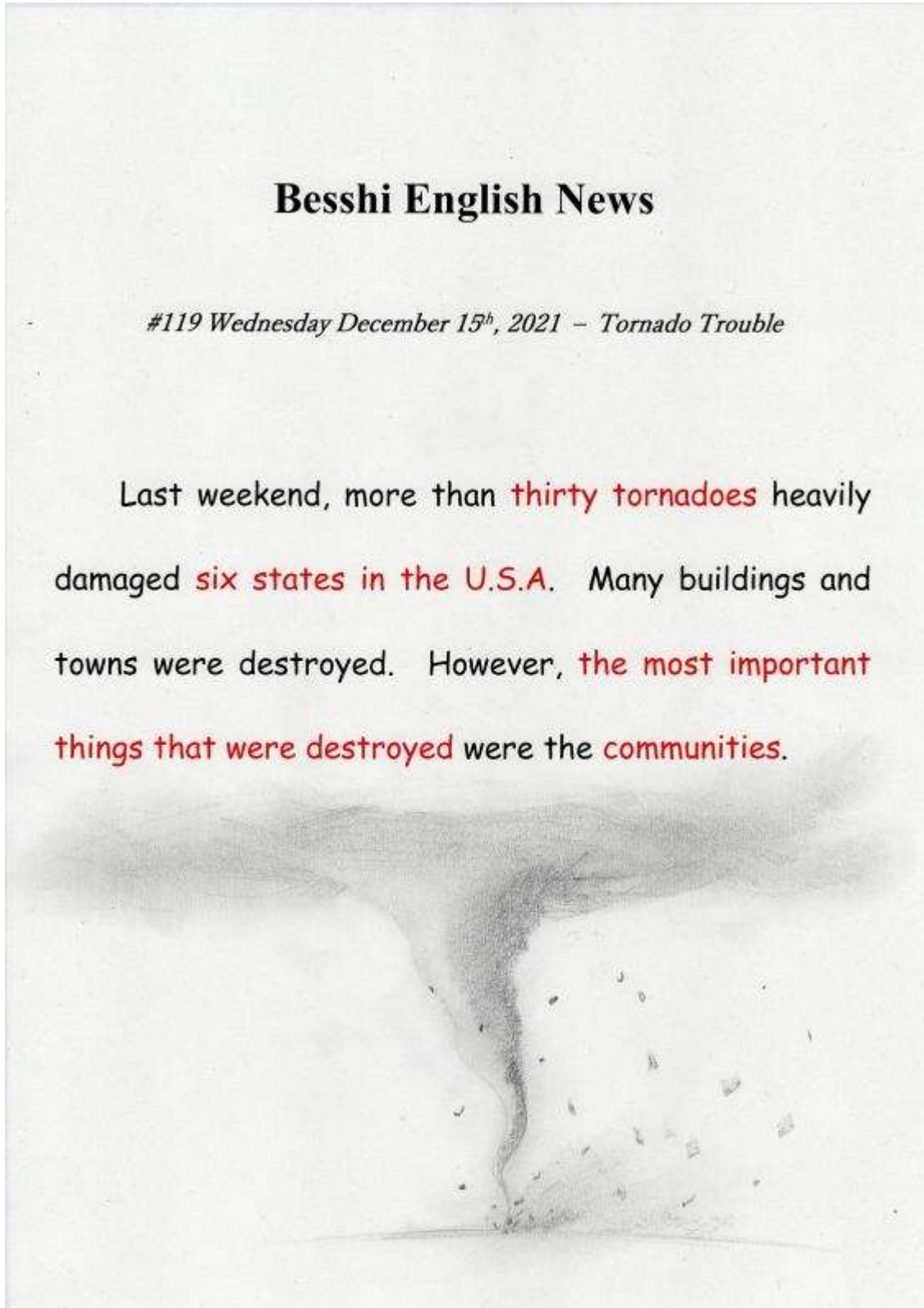
投稿日時 : 2021/12/15  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

I hope the communities are able to recover. They need lots of help now.

### Besshi English News

*#119 Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Tornado Trouble*

Last weekend, more than **thirty tornadoes** heavily damaged **six states in the U.S.A.** Many buildings and towns were destroyed. However, **the most important things that were destroyed** were the **communities.**



## #118 「Cuts in Supply」

投稿日時 : 2021/12/14  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

This seems to be a problem in Japan too.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many supply issues around the world. I hope it can be resolved soon.

### Besshi English News

*#118 Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Cuts in Supply*

By now, many people in Canada would have already bought a **Christmas tree** for their homes. However, **due to very hot weather and COVID-19** there are **hardly any trees to buy**. So, buying a tree is more difficult.



## #117 「Cross-Country Skiing」

投稿日時：2021/12/13  ALT カテゴリ:

Cross-country skiing is one of the sports at the Winter Olympics.

You should watch it if you get the chance!

### Besshi English News

*#117 Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Cross-Country Skiing*

**Cross-country skiing** is very interesting. Instead of going down a hill, you go **across the country** on a **flat path**. So, you need to use your **leg strength** to go far. It's great exercise, so please try it one day!



## #115 「Maple Taffy ②」

投稿日時：2021/12/08  ALT カテゴリ:

You have to be very careful when you boil the maple syrup. It needs to be just right!

### Besshi English News

*#115 Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Maple Taffy ②*

To make **maple taffy**, you need **maple syrup** and **clean snow**. Some people use the **sap from maple trees**. Then, you must **boil the syrup or sap**. Don't let it burn! After it has boiled, **you pour the hot syrup on snow**.



## #114 「Maple Taffy ①」

投稿日時 : 2021/12/07  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

Many Canadians know about maple taffy, but some have never made it before!

I want to try it one day.

### Besshi English News

*#114 Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Maple Taffy ①*

Maple taffy is a delicious candy enjoyed in Canada and some parts of the U.S.A. It is part of our traditional culture. Is maple taffy known in Japan? Let's learn how to make it!





## #113 「Toy Drives」

投稿日時：2021/12/06  ALT カテゴリ:

Many toy drives begin in November in order to collect a lot of gifts for these families.

### Besshi English News

*#113 Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Toy Drives*

Christmas is coming soon! However, some families cannot buy toys for their children. Some places hold **toy drives**. A **toy drive** is a **charity event** that **collects toys or money** and gives them to poor families.



## #111 「Heavy Rain in B.C.」

投稿日時：2021/12/01  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

The heavy rain started in the middle of November and a third storm is currently hitting the area.

The third storm is the strongest one so far.

### Besshi English News

*#111 Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 - Heavy Rain in B.C.*

Places in **British Columbia, Canada** are being hit by **heavy rain**. This rain caused **dangerous flooding** that damaged some towns. People were **forced to leave their homes**.



#110 「You Can Do It!」

投稿日時：2021/11/30  ALT カテゴリ:

I hope everyone does well on their tests!

## Besshi English News

*#110 Tuesday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – You Can Do It!*

Today, students from **Besshi Junior High School** will take their **final tests**. They have three days of tests this week. Each subject is very difficult. I hope everyone was able to study a lot!



**Do your best!**



## #109 「Souvenirs」

投稿日時：2021/11/26  ALT カテゴリ:

Souvenirs can also be given as great gifts for friends and family members.

### Besshi English News

*#109 Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Souvenirs*

When people travel, they often buy **souvenirs**.

**Souvenirs** are usually small items that people buy **to**

**remind them of a trip or event**. What are some famous

**souvenirs** in Japan?

Tea



Lucky charm



Masking  
tape

## #108 「American Thanksgiving」

投稿日時：2021/11/25  ALT カテゴリ:

There are many countries all over the world that celebrate Thanksgivings Day.

They celebrate it in different ways.

### Besshi English News

*#108 Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – American Thanksgiving*

Last month, Thanksgiving Day was celebrated by Canadians. Today is American Thanksgiving Day. We celebrate Thanksgiving on different days, but it is celebrated in the same way.



## #106 「School Festival」

投稿日時 : 2021/11/15  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

There was so much to enjoy at this year's school culture festival. I hope everyone had fun.

### Besshi English News

*#106 Monday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – School Festival*

We had our **school culture festival** on Sunday. It was so exciting! There were many great **performances** and **presentations**. I especially enjoyed the **taiko performance**. I had a lot of fun!



## #105 「Compost」

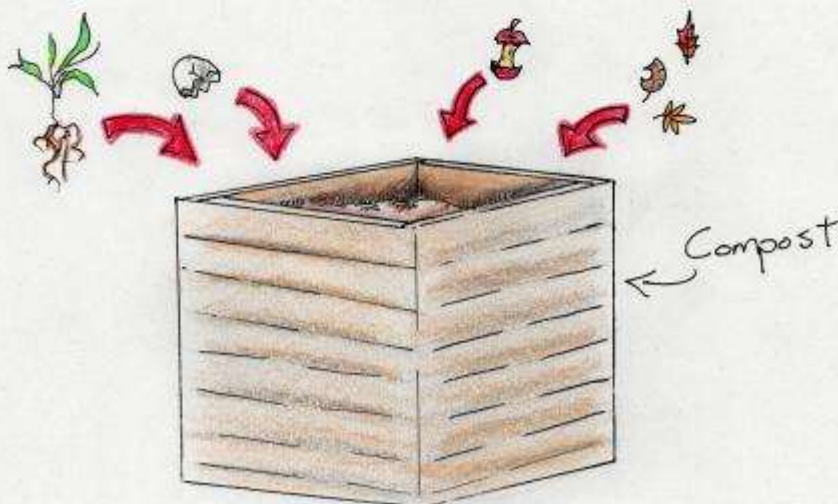
投稿日時：2021/11/11  ALT カテゴリ:

A compost is very useful if you're growing flowers or vegetables in your garden.

### Besshi English News

*#105 Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Compost*

Food waste is a big global issue. However, we can reduce our amount of food waste at home by using a compost. We can mix food waste and plants into a mixture that improves the quality of the soil.



## #105 「Going Abroad」

投稿日時 : 2021/11/10  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

There are many international students who are supposed to study here in Japan.

After many months of waiting, they can finally come here.

### Besshi English News

*#105 Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Going Abroad*

Due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**, people all over the world could not travel. For the first time in many months, some countries are **opening their borders** to **people who are fully vaccinated**.





## #104 「Daylight Saving Time Ends」

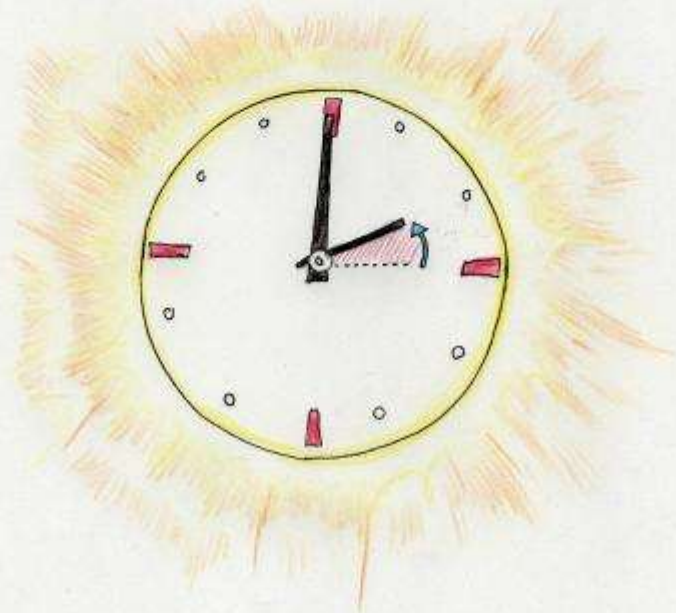
投稿日時：2021/11/09  ALT カテゴリ:

By setting our clocks one hour behind in the winter, we can enjoy more sunlight in the morning.

### Besshi English News

*#104 Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Daylight Saving Time Ends*

**Canada** and the **U.S.** set their clocks one hour behind on Sunday night. Every year, **Daylight Saving Time (DST)** starts in spring and ends in fall. We use **DST** to get more sunlight during the warmer months.



#98 「Sanma」

投稿日時：2021/10/27  ALT カテゴリ:Japan

I think *sanma* is a fish that most Japanese adults can eat. What about children?

Eating *sanma* is too difficult for me!

## Besshi English News

*#98 Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Sanma*

Do you like *sanma*? In English, we can call it **Pacific saury**. It is a popular autumn food in Japan. We can eat it whole with **grated daikon radish**. I don't know how to eat it well because **it is very bitter**.



## #97 「Komomaki」

投稿日時 : 2021/10/26  ALT カテゴリ:Japan

These straw mats are supposed to attract pine moths, insects that can damage these trees.

### Besshi English News

*#97 Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Komomaki*

Workers in Tsuruoka, Yamagata Prefecture are starting to wrap straw mats around pine trees this year. They do this to protect the pine trees from insects. This is an old Japanese tradition called komomaki.



## #96 「What a Fun Day!」

投稿日時 : 2021/10/21  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

Hiking in the mountains was wonderful. We were able to experience the beauty of nature!

### Besshi English News

*#96 Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – What a Fun Day!*

Yesterday, the students at **Besshi Junior High and Elementary** school spent the day **hiking up the mountain**. They were able to learn about important **landmarks**. It was so difficult, but fun!



## #95 「On the Right Track」

投稿日時 : 2021/10/20  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

Some health officials in Japan are confused at the current COVID-19 situation. It happened so quickly.

The number of cases could still increase in winter.

### Besshi English News

*#95 Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - On the Right Track*

On Monday, there were only 29 cases of **COVID-19** reported in Tokyo. This is the **lowest daily case count** in Tokyo this year. It's been a while since **this count** was so low.



## #94 「Counter Words in English」

投稿日時：2021/10/19  ALT カテゴリ:

This is a very difficult part to learn about English.

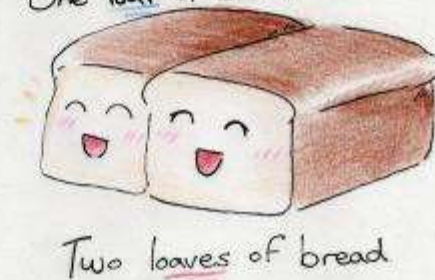
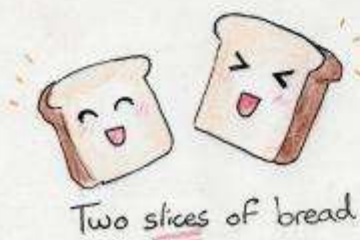
Here is another example: In English, we do not say, "I need a scissors." Instead, we say, "I need a pair of scissors."

### Besshi English News

*#94 Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Counter Words in English*

English has many **uncountable words** like "bread."

However, you can use **counter words** to make them **countable**. For example, you can use "slices of bread" or "loaves of bread." There are so many **counter words**!



## #93 「Corn Mazes」

投稿日時：2021/10/18  ALT カテゴリ:

Another word for "corn" is "maize."

So, "corn mazes" are also called "maize mazes!"

### Besshi English News

*#93 Monday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Corn Mazes*

**Corn mazes** are a popular **autumn event** in **North America**. People try to find their way out of a **maze** made from **corn plants**. Preparing a **corn maze** takes a lot of time for farmers.



## #92 「Save the Earth!」

投稿日時 : 2021/10/14  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

Even with the COVID-19 pandemic, we should not forget about climate change.

### Besshi English News

*#92 Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Save the Earth!*

According to the **World Health Organization (WHO)**,  
the biggest issue affecting our health is **climate change**.

It causes **natural disasters** which destroys homes. Also,  
farmers can't grow crops because of climate change.

### What can we do?





## #91 「The "Giving" in Thanksgiving」

投稿日時 : 2021/10/13  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

I'm so thankful for people who want to help their community!

### Besshi English News

*#91 Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – The "Giving" in Thanksgiving*

**Organizations** in **Edmonton Alberta, Canada** gave out **Thanksgiving meals** to their communities. Some people couldn't have their own **Thanksgiving dinner**. So, it's nice to **help these people in need**.



## #90 「Sudachi」

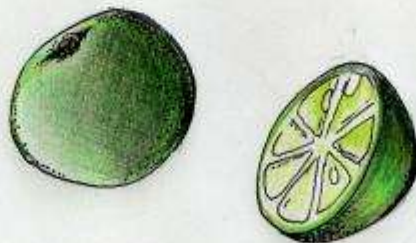
投稿日時：2021/10/12  ALT カテゴリ:Japan

Apparently, some people make *sudachi udon* or *sudachi soba*. Do they taste good?

### Besshi English News

#90 Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Sudachi

How often do you use *sudachi*? It is a *citrus fruit* that is famous in *Tokushima prefecture*. *Sudachi* is too sour to eat. So, Japanese people use it as *food flavoring*. For example, it is used in *ponzu sauce*.



#89 「What is a "Cornucopia?"」

投稿日時 : 2021/10/11  ALT カテゴリ:Canada

Today is Thanksgiving in Canada.

I hope Canadians are able to celebrate this holiday safely!

## Besshi English News

*#89 Monday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – What is a "Cornucopia?"*

Have you seen this before? It's a **cornucopia**. The **cornucopia** is a symbol used for **Thanksgiving**. It's a symbol of a **good harvest** and our **appreciation** for it. Thanks to **good harvests**, we are able to eat very well.



## #87 「A Win for Climate Research」

投稿日時：2021/10/07  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

Mr. Manabe will share this important award with his research partner, Klaus Hasselmann.

This is the first time the Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to research in climate change.


### Besshi English News

*#87 Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – A Win for Climate Research*

The **Nobel Prizes** are some of the most famous **awards** to get. This year, the **Nobel Prize in Physics** was awarded to **a team researching climate change**. One of the members is **Syukuro Manabe** from **Ehime, Japan**.



## #86 「Pumpkin Festivals」

投稿日時：2021/10/06  ALT カテゴリ:

You can see many large pumpkins at these festivals. You can also enjoy pumpkin pie. There are many ways to have fun at a pumpkin festival.

### Besshi English News

*#86 Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Pumpkin Festivals*

Do you like pumpkins? In North America, some cities hold pumpkin festivals. These festivals celebrate the harvest season in fall. Farmers put their largest or best pumpkins on display for local people to look at.



## #84 「You Are What You Eat #1」

投稿日時：2021/10/01  ALT カテゴリ:

Watching your diet is very difficult due to difficult and sudden life changes.

We should try keep ourselves and our families as healthy as possible.

### Besshi English News

*#84 Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – You Are What You Eat #1*

The **COVID-19 pandemic** is an **important health problem**, but it also leads to **another problem: our diet!**

Families and their children must remember to take care of their health with **healthy food** during hard times.



## #82 「Typhoon Mindulle」

投稿日時：2021/09/29  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

The Japan Meteorological Agency told people to make safety preparations before the typhoon hits.

### Besshi English News

*#82 Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Typhoon Mindulle*

**Typhoon Mindulle** is located **south** of Japan. The **Japan Meteorological Agency** said that **Mindulle** developed into a **strong typhoon** on Sunday. It will likely reach Japan this week while **gaining strength**.



#81 「Do Your Best!」

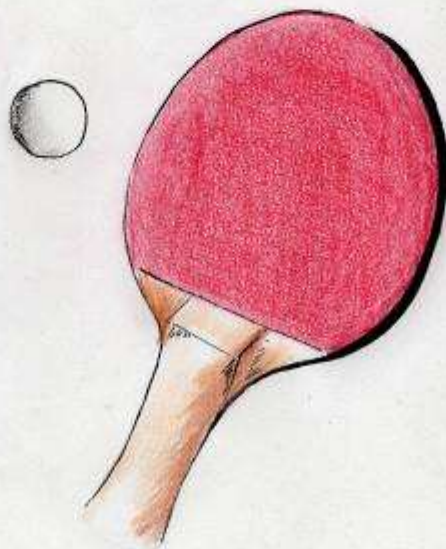
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We hope everyone tries their best and has fun at the competition.

## Besshi English News

*#81 Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Do Your Best!*

Tomorrow, the **table tennis club** at Besshi Junior High School will participate in a **city-wide sports competition**. This competition takes place over two days. **Everyone here is cheering you on!**





## #80 「Matsutake」

投稿日時：2021/09/27  ALT カテゴリ:Japan

*Matsutake* is a very rare type of mushroom, so many people don't get a chance to eat it.

### Besshi English News

*#80 Monday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Matsutake*

*Matsutake* mushrooms are a prized food in Japan.

They are especially popular during autumn. Now, they are becoming harder to find in Japan. However, some countries outside of Japan can grow matsutake.



## #75 「There's Music in the Air」

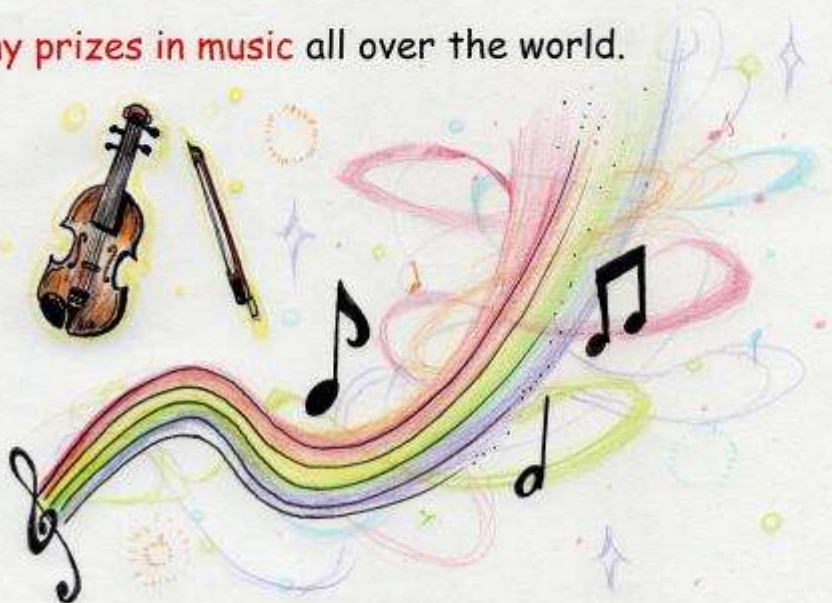
投稿日時：2021/09/16  ALT カテゴリ:

Many young musicians participate in these music competitions to start their music careers.

### Besshi English News

*#75 Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – There's Music in the Air*

On Sunday, a Japanese violinist named Seiji Okamoto won the top prize at a music competition in Munich, Germany. Mr. Okamoto is 27 years old and has won many prizes in music all over the world.



## #74 「A Talented Shogi Player」

投稿日時 : 2021/09/15  ALT カテゴリ:Japan

I hope many young shogi players in Japan are inspired by Mr. Fujii.

### Besshi English News

*#74 Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – A Talented Shogi Player*

On Monday, **Sota Fujii** became the **youngest shogi player** to win **three major titles**. He is only 19 years old. His next big match is in **October**. If he wins, he will be the **youngest shogi player** to win **four major titles**.



## #73 「Apples Everywhere」

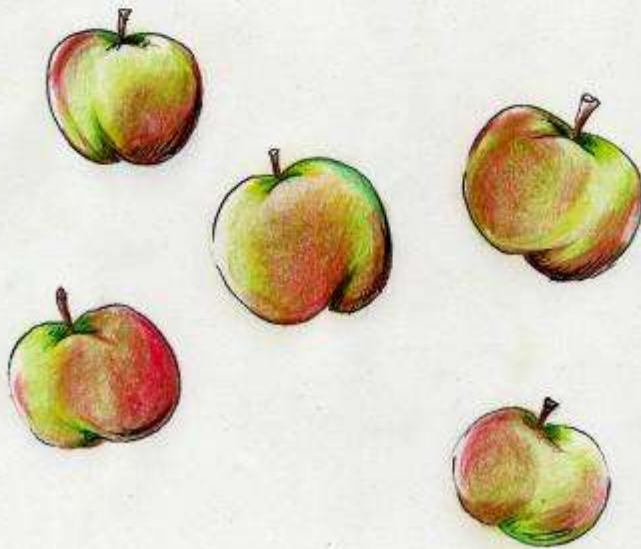
投稿日時：2021/09/14  ALT カテゴリ:

This is a good way to get involved with your community. It also reduces food waste.

### Besshi English News

*#73 Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Apples Everywhere*

Some people like to grow fruits in their **backyards**, including apples. Sometimes **there are too many apples that go to waste**. Local businesses in my hometown collected these apples to make a **community apple cider**.



## #70 「Back to a "Normal" Life?」

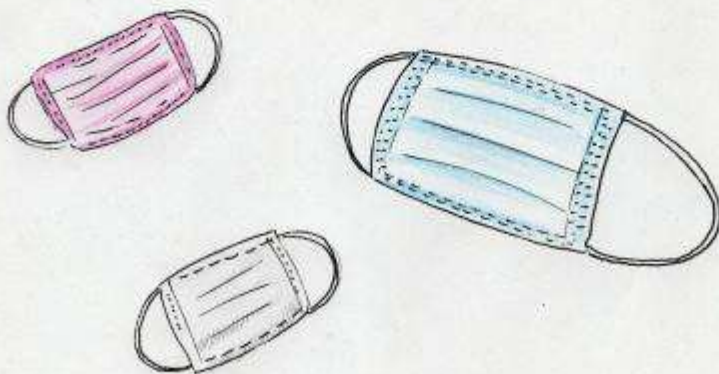
投稿日時 : 2021/09/07  ALT カテゴリ:Current event

For some students, this is the first time being in a classroom since March 2020.


### Besshi English News

*#70 Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Back to a "Normal" Life?*

Many students in **Canada** and the **U.S.A.** returned to their classrooms at school last week. However, students must live a very careful school life to **prevent the spread of the Delta variant (株) of COVID-19.**



## #69 「What is Boccia?」

投稿日時 : 2021/09/06  ALT カテゴリ:

Even though boccia is played at the Paralympics, it is not played at the Olympics.

### Besshi English News

*#69 Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – What is Boccia?*

**Boccia** is a sport that is played at the **Paralympics**.

Players must throw a **leather ball** as close as they can to a **white ball called the jack**. Last week, Japan got the **gold medal in Boccia** at the **Paralympics**.



## #67 「Kayaking」

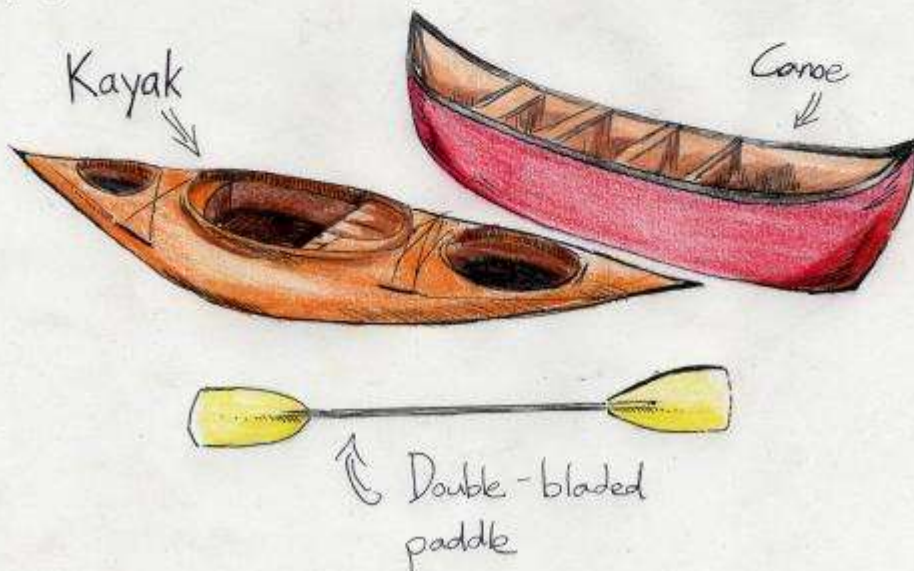
投稿日時：2021/09/02  ALT カテゴリ:

If you go kayaking in autumn, you can see many colorful trees by the river. It's so beautiful.

### Besshi English News

*#67 Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 - Kayaking*

Do you know what this is? This is a **kayak**. It's like a **canoe**. However, **kayaks** are lighter than canoes. Also, kayaks use **double-bladed paddles**. **Kayaking** is a popular outdoor activity in **summer** and **fall**.



## #66 「The Second School Term」

投稿日時 : 2021/09/01  ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

We're back! There's so much to look forward to this term. Let's do our best!

