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■ 夏季オリンピック ～コレ知っとこ～

夏季オリンピックで盛り上がるイギリス。今回はイギリス出身の白河校のアンドリュー先生がイギリスの魅力を紹介してくれます！

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his summer people from all over the world will watch on television the 2012 London Olympic games, London will be the first city ever to have held the Olympics 3 times, in 1908, 1948 and now in 2012. For most people in Japan when they think of Britain it will be of three things: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Fish and Chips and the Olympics. But there is a lot more to Britain than this.

Like Japan, Britain is an island country, but not a single nation, we are a union of four separate peoples, the English, the Scottish, the Irish and the Welsh. Each people have their own flag, culture, customs and foods and even our own languages. Together our history goes back over 10,000 years

Our most famous ancient historical monument is Stonehenge, a ring of large stones that were cut from the Snowdonia mountains nearly 600km away which mark the solstices. On June 21st, the summer solstice, and December 21st, the winter solstice, the sun lines up perfectly with the stones so that ancient people would know when the lights would be getting longer or shorter. What you might not know is that Stonehenge is not unique, all over Britain there are thousands of these stone circles, although Stonehenge is the most complete.

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Britain is also famous for its beautiful gardens, the British have a love for gardens and natural beauty. Across the country there are some of the world's most beautiful gardens which have been cared for, for hundreds of years. The gardens are free to visit; the best time to visit is in June and July, when Britain has its best two months of summer.



読み解きのヒント

Fish and Chips	フィッシュ・アンド・チップス(フライドポテトを添えた魚フライ。英国の代表的料理)		
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monument	記念碑	the solstices	(夏至・冬至の)至点
the winter solstice	冬至	line up perfectly with ●	と完璧に並ぶ

More than Just the Olympics!!

～イギリスの魅力はオリンピックだけじゃない～

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*In our more modern history, the British have been the world's most successful traders; we are not a large country, but our traders, businessmen, soldiers and sailors over 300 years created the largest **Empire** ever known in the history of the world. Our success has meant that English is the world's most popular second language. This history is remembered in the Imperial War Museum and the National History museum in London; here you can see pieces from all over the world. To Egyptian Mummies, Native American Totem Poles, Ancient Greek and Roman **treasures** and even Japanese Samurai Armour and art. **Even** in Japan today the impact of Britain can be felt, you probably don't know that Kirin beer **was founded** with money from Scottish born businessman Thomas Blake Glover, who helped industrialise Japan in the Meiji era.*

*British food may be famous for not being delicious but this is not true. Our food is delicious but it is simple. The French love to make foods that are difficult and hard to make, but the British like simple food that is easy to cook and easy to eat. Did you know that curry is the most popular food in Britain? We love foreign foods and we love our own simple foods. Our desserts are world famous, the Americans talk about apple pie, but apple pie comes from England, and we have hundreds of kinds of cakes and **tarts**. Our afternoon teas which can be enjoyed in tea shops around the country offer a choice of delicious cakes and sandwiches as well as pies and tarts.*



*So there is far more to Britain than the Royal Family, the Olympics and Fish & Chips. We are a nation with a mysterious ancient history, **proud** modern history, a beautiful country side, delicious foods and love of all things foreign.*

読み解きのヒント

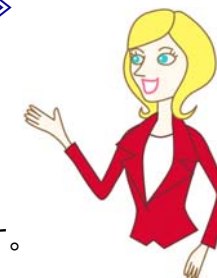
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treasures	宝物、財宝	be founded	~を設立する、創立する
tarts	タルト	proud	輝かしい、誇りを持った
era	[明確に規定された]時代		

夏季オリンピック ~コレ知っとこ
オリンピックの種目を英語で言ってみよう

卓球	table tennis
新体操	gymnastics rhythmic
水泳 (Swimming)	
自由形	freestyle
背泳ぎ	backstroke
平泳ぎ	breaststroke
個人メドレー	individual medley
体操 (Gymnastics)	
個人総合	individual all-round
団体総合	team competition
床運動	floor exercise
鉄棒	horizontal bar
平行棒	parallel bars
段違い平行棒	uneven bars
鞍馬	pommel horse
跳馬	vault
吊り輪	rings
平均台	balance beam

《 オリンピックは英語で? 》

- (1) the Olympic Games
 - (2) the Olympics
 - (3) the Games
 - (4) the Olympiad
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