



The Groundhog Who Is Never Wrong

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① Every year on February 2, thousands of people stand in the cold in a small town in Pennsylvania. Many of them arrive in the dark, hours before sunrise. They are waiting for a groundhog. His name is Punxsutawney Phil, and people say he can tell the future.



音声を聞こう

② The rule is simple. If Phil sees his shadow, winter will last six more weeks. If he does not see it, spring will come early. Men in tall black hats bring Phil out in front of the crowd. Their leader listens to Phil, and then another man reads the forecast to everyone.

③ This idea came from Germany. Long ago, German farmers watched a badger on February 2, a church holiday called Candlemas. When some of them moved to Pennsylvania, they used the groundhog instead. The first official Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney was in 1887.

④ Is Phil a good weather forecaster? Not really. Scientists at a U.S. government weather agency checked his forecasts. In the last ten years, he was right only about 30 percent of the time. But his fans have a funny answer. They say Phil is never wrong. The people who translate his words make the mistakes!

⑤ Phil is famous for another reason, too. In 1993, a movie called Groundhog Day came out. In the movie, a TV weatherman has to live February 2 again and again. And the weatherman in the movie is also named Phil! Today, people say "It's like Groundhog Day" when the same thing happens every day. So a small town's tradition gave the English language a brand-new expression.

Words 単語

groundhog グラウンドホッグ、ウツドチャック
shadow 影
last 続く
crowd 群衆、人だかり

forecast 予報／予報する
badger アナグマ
Candlemas キャンドルマス、聖燭祭
official 公式の

agency (政府の) 機関
percent パーセント
translate 翻訳する、通訳する
expression 言い回し、表現



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the reading mainly about?

- (A) How to take care of a groundhog
- (B) Why winter is long in Pennsylvania
- (C) A groundhog tradition and why it is famous
- (D) How to make a weather app

2. What happens if Phil sees his shadow?

- (A) Spring will come early.
- (B) Winter will last six more weeks.
- (C) There will be a big party.
- (D) Phil will get a new name.

3. Which animal did German farmers watch long ago?

- (A) A badger
- (B) A deer
- (C) A rabbit
- (D) A cat

4. When was the first official Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney?

- (A) In 1993
- (B) In 1840
- (C) In 1961
- (D) In 1887

5. In paragraph 4, what does "agency" mean?

- (A) A kind of animal
- (B) A group that does work for the government
- (C) A cold morning
- (D) A type of hat

6. Which sentence is true about the reading?

- (A) Phil is right about 90 percent of the time.
- (B) The men around Phil wear tall black hats.
- (C) Groundhog Day started in France.
- (D) The movie came out in 1887.

7. Why do fans say the translators make the mistakes?

- (A) Because the translators do not speak English
- (B) Because Phil cannot hear well
- (C) Because they want to keep the fun idea that Phil is never wrong
- (D) Because the government told them to say it

8. In the dialogue, how does Sota feel about Phil's accuracy?

- (A) He thinks it is worse than a weather app.
- (B) He thinks Phil is always right.
- (C) He thinks it is better than the news.
- (D) He does not care at all.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Groundhog Day is on February 2.	T / F
If the groundhog sees its shadow, spring will come early.	T / F
The idea came from an old German custom.	T / F
Phil is right almost every year.	T / F
A famous movie about Groundhog Day came out in 1993.	T / F
Groundhogs are a kind of pig.	T / F



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



● snow



● sun



● top hat



● candle



● flower



● movie



● cloud



● calendar

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. H D A S W O

2. E N T I R W

3. I S G N P R

4. O W R U B R

5. D O C U L Y

6. R H A E E W T

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

picture

noisy

coming

beach

wait

sleeps

cocoa

cloudy

hole

shadow

head

pumpkin

early

Lily and the Backyard Groundhog

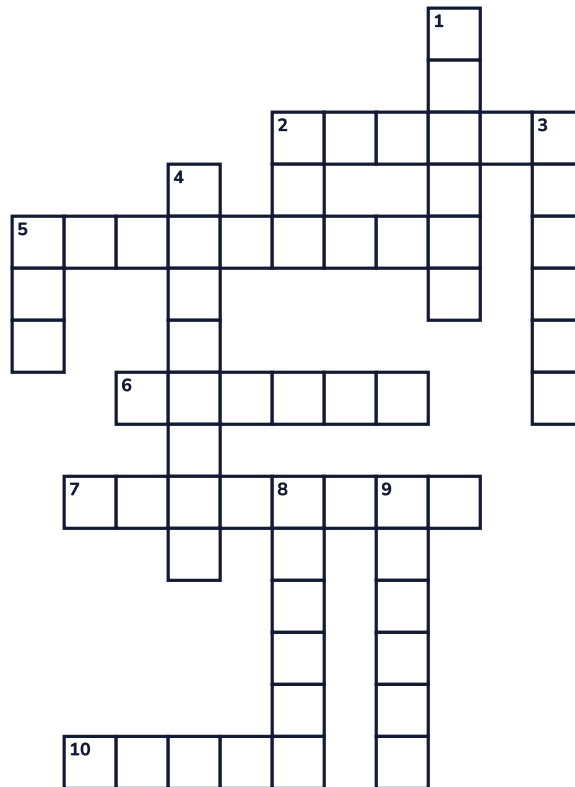
Lily lives in Ohio. A groundhog lives in a (1) _____ under her backyard tree. All winter, the groundhog (2) _____ deep in the ground. On the morning of February 2, Lily wakes up (3) _____. The sky is (4) _____ and gray. She waits by the window with a cup of hot (5) _____. Suddenly, a small brown (6) _____ comes out of the hole! The groundhog looks around. There is no (7) _____ on the snow. "Spring is (8) _____!" Lily shouts. Her mother laughs and says, "Let's (9) _____ and see." Lily draws a (10) _____ of the groundhog for school.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 2 A dark shape on the ground when the sun shines. (6)
- 5 To sleep all winter, like a bear. (9)
- 6 A hole in the ground where an animal lives. (6)
- 7 What the weather will be like tomorrow, told on TV. (8)
- 10 A film. Bill Murray was in a famous one in 1993. (5)

Down ↓

- 1 German farmers watched this animal long ago. (6)
- 2 The bright star in the sky. Without it, there is no shadow. (3)
- 3 The cold season. It may last six more weeks. (6)
- 4 The second month of the year. (8)
- 5 Men in the Inner Circle wear a tall black one on their heads. (3)
- 8 A stick of wax that gives light. Churches bless them on February 2. (6)
- 9 The season after the cold one. Flowers bloom. (6)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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Y	C	M	C	C	J	D	C	O	G	R	O	S
F	B	K	A	P	H	I	L	R	L	D	W	S
E	A	P	N	I	K	B	U	R	R	O	W	P
B	D	N	D	T	C	R	W	I	N	T	E	R
R	G	K	L	F	O	R	E	C	A	S	T	I
U	E	T	E	M	C	Y	L	C	G	O	R	N
A	R	M	L	G	H	P	S	C	P	Y	O	G
R	H	O	V	U	K	K	H	V	K	N	V	K
Y	J	V	L	P	E	L	A	O	U	O	R	V
E	R	I	P	E	V	D	D	S	S	N	O	W
R	H	E	W	J	H	G	O	Y	G	K	Y	P
L	A	I	G	B	N	H	W	W	O	J	G	O
O	T	E	J	S	U	O	P	O	A	F	U	T

Find these words! 14

- ☐ BADGER
- ☐ BURROW
- ☐ CANDLE
- ☐ FEBRUARY
- ☐ FORECAST
- ☐ HAT
- ☐ MOVIE
- ☐ PHIL
- ☐ SHADOW
- ☐ SNOW
- ☐ SPRING
- ☐ SUN
- ☐ WEEKS
- ☐ WINTER

Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。



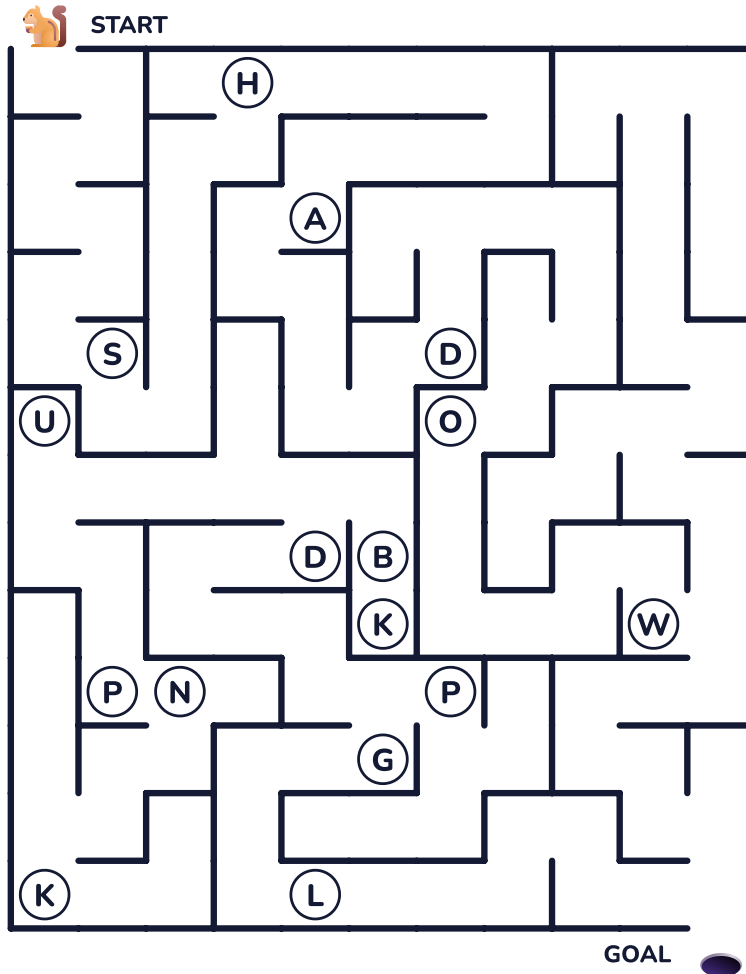


Maze & Sentences

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Help the groundhog get back to its burrow!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _____

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. groundhog / The / its / hole / out / comes / of .

2. weeks / six / more / last / Winter / will .

3. in / Thousands / the / people / of / wait / cold .

4. idea / an / came / old / The / custom / German / from .

5. not / weather / good / Phil / is / a / forecaster .



Class Activity & Writing

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Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... likes winter more than summer	
... has seen a squirrel in a park	
... checks the weather forecast every morning	
... knows the meaning of shadow	
... has thrown beans on Setsubun	
... can say the four seasons in English	
... has watched a movie about time travel	
... likes to sleep late on winter mornings	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If I were Phil, I would say "_____" this year because _____.

If I had to live the same day again and again, I would _____.

In my town, people know spring is coming when _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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top hat



snow



flower



sun

