



Never Travel Without a Towel

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① On May 25, you may see people with towels on the train. They are not going to the beach. They are fans of a writer named Douglas Adams. This day is called Towel Day.

② Douglas Adams was a British writer. His most famous story is The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. It started as a radio show in 1978 and became a book in 1979. In the story, Earth is destroyed to make room for a road in space. One man escapes and travels across the galaxy. The story is very funny, and millions of people around the world love it.

③ In the book, a towel is the most useful thing for a space traveler. You can wrap it around you when it is cold. You can sleep on it, and you can wave it when you need help. Also, other people will think you are ready for anything. The book also says the answer to life and everything is 42. Adams later said it was just a joke.

④ Douglas Adams died suddenly on May 11, 2001. He was only 49 years old. Two weeks later, his fans carried towels to remember him. Some fans wear their towels around their necks all day. Today, people do it all over the world, and two astronauts even did it in space. So next May 25, take a towel with you, and don't panic!



音声を聞こう

Words 単語

towel タオル

writer 作家、書き手

galaxy 銀河

destroy 破壊する、取りこわす

escape 逃げる

useful 役に立つ

wrap 巻く、包む

astronaut 宇宙飛行士



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the main idea of the reading?

- (A) Towel Day is a day to go to the beach with friends.
- (B) Towel Day is a day when fans remember Douglas Adams with towels.
- (C) Towel Day is a holiday made by the British government.
- (D) Towel Day is a day to clean your house with towels.

2. When did The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy start as a radio show?

- (A) In 1979
- (B) In 2001
- (C) In 1978
- (D) In 1942

3. Which is NOT a way to use a towel in the reading?

- (A) Wrap it around you when it is cold
- (B) Sleep on it
- (C) Wave it when you need help
- (D) Use it as a map

4. Why did fans first carry towels on May 25, 2001?

- (A) To remember Douglas Adams after he died
- (B) To celebrate the birthday of Douglas Adams
- (C) Because the weather was very hot
- (D) Because a new book came out that day

5. In the dialogue, why does Sophie say Ryo is "a real hitchhiker now"?

- (A) Because he read the book in Japan
- (B) Because he likes the number 42
- (C) Because he always carries a small towel
- (D) Because he is going swimming

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Towel Day is on May 25.	T / F
Douglas Adams was an American singer.	T / F
In the book, a towel is very useful in space.	T / F
Towel Day is a national holiday in Britain.	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。



●

● star



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● radio



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● rocket



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● robot



●

● books



●

● Earth

② Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

book

useful

towel

river

panic

umbrella

beach

space

A Towel for Space

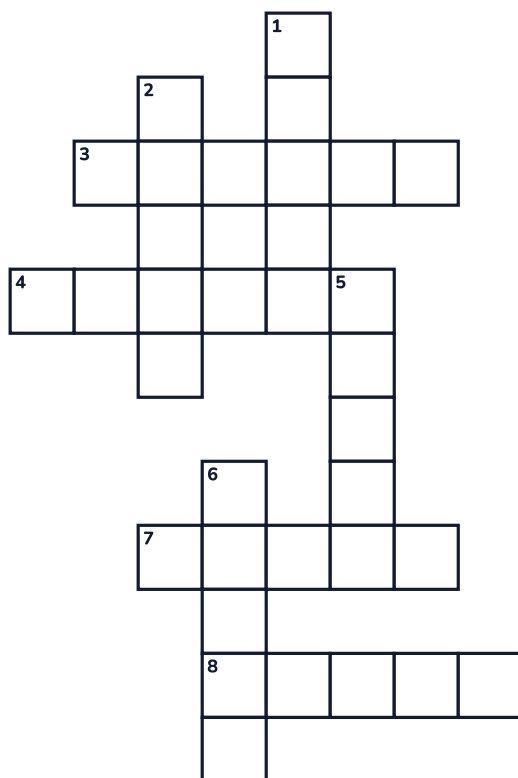
Today is May 25. Max puts a blue (1) _____ in his bag. His sister laughs. "Are you going to the (2) _____?" she asks. "No," says Max. "It's Towel Day. In my favorite (3) _____, people travel in (4) _____. A towel is very (5) _____ there." He shows her the cover. It says, "Don't (6) _____!"



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 →**

- 3** A very big group of stars, like the Milky Way. (6)
4 A person who makes stories and books. (6)
7 A machine that can move and work like a person.
(5)
8 Our planet. In the story, it is destroyed. (5)

Down ↓

- 1** Rockets fly up into it. (5)
2 The book's cover says: Don't do this! (5)
5 The story first started on this, in 1978. (5)
6 You use it to dry your body after a bath. (5)



Word Search

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

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R	J	B	O	S	V	F	O	U	E	J	G	N
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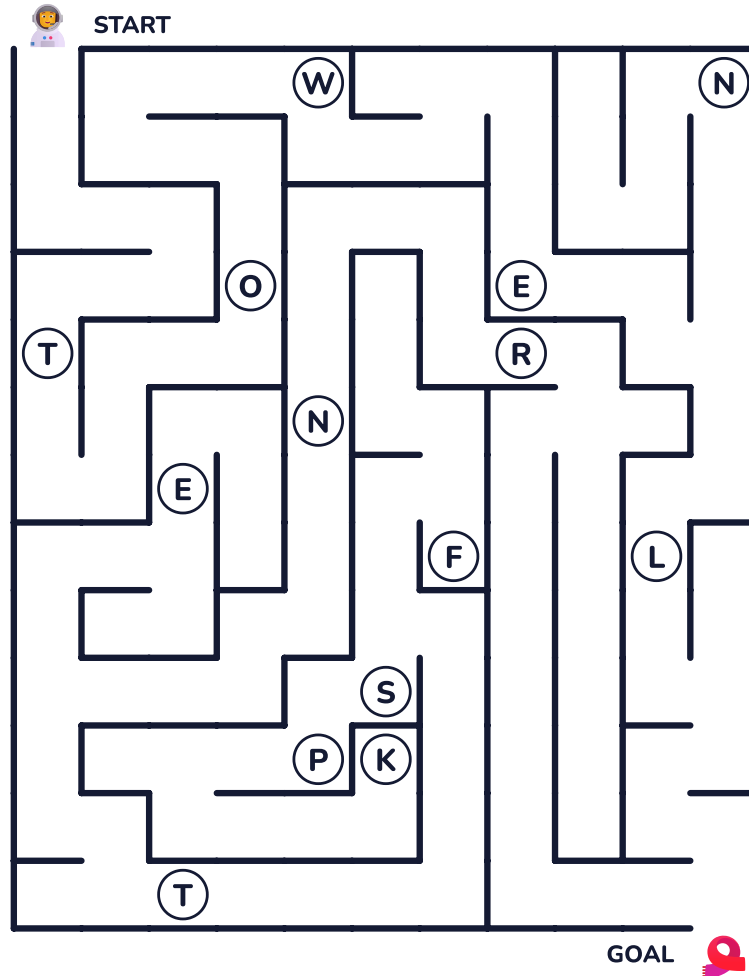
Find these words! 10

- ☐ BOOK
- ☐ EARTH
- ☐ FANS
- ☐ GALAXY
- ☐ PANIC
- ☐ RADIO
- ☐ SPACE
- ☐ STAR
- ☐ TOWEL
- ☐ WRITER



Help the space traveler find his towel!

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: _____



Class Activity & Writing

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Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If I traveled in space, I would take _____ because _____.

My favorite writer is _____. I would remember this writer by _____.



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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rocket



earth



star



radio



books

Draw your Towel Day! タオルの日 (Towel Day) の絵を描こう。