

These tiny, plastic-munching caterpillars can clean up our world – but there's a catch

Vocabulary

munch	むしやむしや ^な 食 ^べ る	break down	ぶんかい ^い 分解する	rate	そくど ^い 速度
catch	お ^{あな} 落とし穴	larva	ようちゅう ^い 幼虫	honeycomb	ハチの ^す 巣
waste	はいきぶつ ^い 廃棄物	explanation	せつめい ^い 説明	pest	がいちゅう ^い 害虫
ton	トン	micro-organism	びせいぶつ ^い 微生物	crops	さくもつ ^い 作物
non-biodegradable	ひ ^い せいぶつぶんかい ^い 非生物分解	gut	ないぞう ^い 内臓	get rid of	とり ^い 除く・処分 ^い する

Sentence Ondoku

1. Why did you choose to study French?

I have some family in France. Plus, some people consider it the language of love.

家族がフランスにいるんだ。それに、フランス語を愛の言葉と考える人もいるしね。

2. Whoa! How did you know what I was thinking??

Don't tell anybody, but I've been able to read minds ever since I started drinking ketchup milk.

誰にも言わないでね。実はケチャップミルクを飲み始めてから、心を読めるようになったんだ。

3. Oops! Doesn't it bother you when you mess up like that?

Not at all! You have to get it wrong a bunch of times in order to get it right.

全然！正しい答えを得るためには、何度も間違えないといけないんだ。

4. There's something called a "chaos burger" on the menu. What's that?

It's a hamburger with tomato, grilled onions, hot sauce and vast amounts of cheese.

それはトマト、グリルオニオン、ホットソースと大量のチーズが入ったハンバーガーです。

5. That looks awesome! How did they draw that? Or is it CG?

Probably. Computer graphics are commonly used in anime to make it look more modern.

多分ね。より現代的に見せるためにコンピューターグラフィックスがよくアニメに使われているよ。

6. These trains are pretty cool. Ooh, and those Pokemon, too!

You can have them. My mom won't buy me a new computer until I get rid of all these old toys.

もらってもいいよ。僕がこの古いおもちゃ全部を処分するまで、お母さんは新しいパソコンを買ってくれないんだ。

7. What do you have planned for summer?

During summer vacation, my days pretty much revolve around going to the pool.

夏休み中は、たいていプールに行くことが中心の毎日になるね。

8. Hey, are you ready to go out to dinner?

Sure, just let me freshen up a bit. I just go home from soccer practice and I'm sweaty.

もちろん。ただ、ちょっとシャワーを浴びたりさせて。今、サッカーの練習から帰ってきたばかりで、汗だくなんだ。

Writing prompt

Do you like bugs? What's your favorite or least favorite bug? Why?

example:

I don't mind bugs. There aren't any I think are really scary or gross. I don't especially like them, either, but there's one I think is pretty cool. It's called the Brush Jewel Beetle. It's a big, shiny beetle, which looks pretty cool, but it also has tufts of hair coming out of its shell that makes it look like a brush. I've never seen a real one, but the pictures look neat.