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CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter June, 2019

June Holidays

Here are some unusual holidays celebrated in America every June.

June 1st Heimlich Maneuver Day:

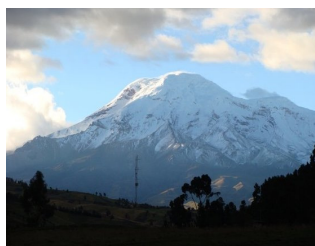
For those who don't know, this is a first-aid procedure for dislodging an obstruction, such as a piece of food, from a person's windpipe.

June 2nd National Rocky Road Day:

The stock market crashed in 1929 and there seemed to be only "rocky roads" ahead for most Americans after the crash. What did Americans do to take their minds of their troubles? They ate ice-cream of course! And they named their favorite flavor – a delicious mix of cream, marshmallows, almonds and chocolate – "Rocky Road." To this day, Rocky Road is still one of the most popular among the assortment of ice-cream flavors.



June 3rd Chimorazo Day:



What is the tallest mountain in the world? If you measure from the center of the globe, it's, no not Everest, it's Chimorazo in Ecuador!

June 6th National Yo-Yo Day:

When you are feeling bored and there is nothing exciting on TV, you usually pull out your yo-yo and try some new tricks, right? Did you know that there is a national holiday for this entertaining pastime, at least



in America? Yoyos were first invented and manufactured by Pedro Flores in the 1920's, but they didn't become mainstream until Donald Duncan purchased Flores' toy company and began to mass-produce them.

June 7th National Doughnut Day:



Staying in a "sweet-tooth" mood, how about a doughnut day? This day is celebrated on the first Friday every June. It

was first celebrated in 1938 to honor the "Doughnut Dollies," members of the Salvation Army who, during WW1, distributed doughnuts to soldiers as a supplement to their rations.

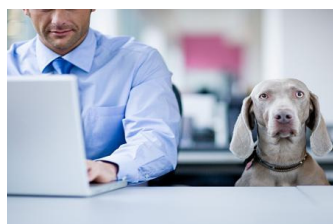
June 18th International Sushi Day:

It was bound to happen - a holiday to celebrate sushi. Sushi restaurants can be found all over the world these days, so why not?



June 21st Take Your Dog to Work Day:

Pet Sitters International created this holiday in 1999 to encourage people to adopt stray dogs from animal shelters. One possible motive was an intention to make your co-workers so jealous that they would go to their local shelter and adopt a stray of their own!



June 27th National Handshake Day:

More or less self-explanatory, and why not a holiday to celebrate this time honored custom of expressing trust and friendship?



These are a few offbeat holidays you could also enjoy along with the Americans. Or, how about making up a few wacky new ones of your own?

Net News

NET LESSONS: Too busy to come to CROSSROADS?

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Find all the world's June holidays here. Follow the links for some extra info: <https://travelnotes.org/Events/06-jun.htm>

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: Samuel Johnson (1709 – 1784), a British author is quoted as saying, “The happiest conversation is that in which nothing is distinctly remembered but a general effect of pleasing impression.” He may have been on to something. To first gain a “pleasant impression” from the new language you are studying before you get into the nitty-gritty of understanding such issues as vocabulary, grammar, etc, it might do you well to relax a bit and get the gist first before struggling with the particulars.

Junko Says: Japan’s names for the months are very easy to remember as we only use numbers. When we used the lunar calendar, the names of the months had meanings expressing the characteristics of each month just as the names in other languages do. So, I checked through the internet to find out how or why we started using numbers. Unfortunately, I haven’t been able to find a good answer yet. I’ll keep looking, but if anyone else knows the answer, please let me know.



Kevin Says: Japan play England in France in the Women’s World Cup this month, the 19th. The women don’t cheat as much as the men, so I often prefer to watch them play. Both these sides are fairly strong so we should expect a good game. May the best side win. Competitive sport at the highest level should inspire or entertain us. I think too often our competitiveness gets the better of us and we resort to unfair methods of winning, from the subtle to the downright malicious. That’s a shame.

Darrin Says: The first Rugby World Cup held in 1987 was hosted by both Australia and New Zealand. 32 matches were played between 22 May and 20 June. The tournament featured one African nation, three American nations, one Asian nation, seven European nations and four Oceanic nations. One notable omission was the Springboks who were not competing due to the international sports boycott. New Zealand became the first ever Rugby World Cup Champions, defeating France 29 points to 9 at Eden Park in Auckland.



Mandcy dit: Connaissez-vous la fete de la musique? Chaque année, le 21 juin, une grande fête est organisée dans chaque ville. Et alors, vous pouvez écouter, chanter, danser ou bien jouer de la musique. Avec le beau temps, c'est idéal!! Et vous, qu'est-ce que vous allez écouter?? Racontez-moi tout!! Personnellement, j'ai bien envie d'écouter "sous le soleil exactement" de Gainsbourg en sirotant un petit verre de rosé!

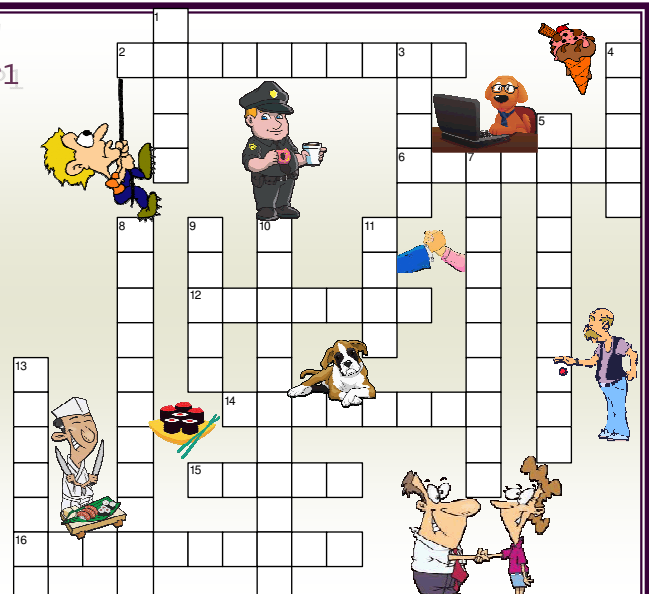
ACROSS

- 2 current and accepted norms
- 6 diversion to occupy time with
- 12 fixed and limited portion (usually food)
- 14 tube-like part of the body that supports breathing
- 15 (to) governed by fate
- 16 collection of various things

DOWN

- 1 very strange or eccentric
- 3 take in as a new family member
- 4 uninterested
- 5 moving out of position
- 7 a quantity added
- 8 something blocking the way
- 9 move about aimlessly
- 10 spread or given out
- 11 feeling
- 13 very unconventional















Play A Game!
Find the answers on P1

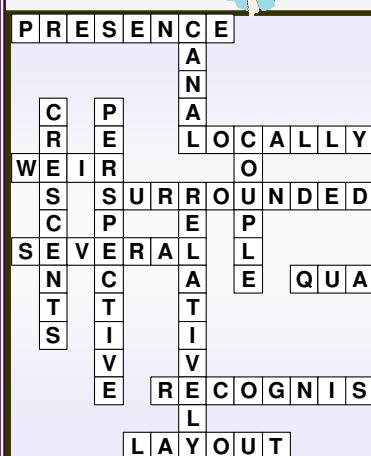


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Here is another idiom puzzle to think about. Look at the list below and use the images in the passage to complete the story.

- giving him **the cold shoulder**: to show no interest in someone.
- two peas in a pod**: very similar in appearance.
- fly off the handle**: suddenly get very angry.
- string (ing me) someone along**: to keep someone's attention while deceiving or fooling them.
- the cat got your tongue**: said to someone who can't or won't speak freely
- pain in the neck**: someone or something that is very annoying or troublesome.
- pull (ing my) someone's leg**: to jokingly tell someone something that is not true.
- speak of the devil**: to be talking about someone when they unexpectedly appear.
- egg on his face**: to look embarrassed or foolish
- zip it**: stop talking.
- lose (lost) your (his) head**: become angry, confused and not thinking clearly.
- curiosity killed the cat**: used as a warning not to be so curious as to risk danger.
- dressed to kill**: dressed to make a strong impression.

Yesterday, I was talking with my friend in a café. We were talking about his cousin when, , she walked into the café. She looked ! My friend went over to speak to her but it seemed as though she was . When he came back to our table he looked like he had  and didn't want to make eye contact with me. But when I tried to ask him what was wrong he told me to ! He seemed to have  over something she had said to him. It is said that  but I had to know what was troubling my friend so I said, "  a minute! I can see you're upset over something. What is it? Has ?" He looked like he was about to  with rage. But then he suddenly started to laugh out loud. He said he was just , he wasn't angry at all! He had been . In fact that wasn't even his cousin. But she resembled his cousin so much that they were like . My friend is such a joker he becomes a  at times, but we are the best of best of pals ... most of the time....



Last Month's puzzle Solution

ACROSS

- currently in existence
- relating to a defined area
- a low, small dam
- confined on all sides
- an indefinite number more than two
- (stone) excavated from the land surface
- gained approval or appreciation
- plan or design

DOWN

- a long, narrow strip of water
- clearly different from
- any shapes resembling the curve of the moon
- a way of regarding a situation
- two, a pair
- a point of view that prevents objectivity
- by comparison to
- similarly styled houses sharing dividing walls



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