

CrossTalk

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AUTUMN TRADITIONS

The higher temperature extremes announce the arrival of autumn and historically many countries around the world have come up with unique ways of celebrating this season. The months of September, October and November have some interesting events that, depending on the region or culture, have devoted fans waiting for with excitement.

Naturally, there is the Halloween festival, which has become an internationally recognized day of celebrating the departed souls of our family members. This time, however, let's look at equally important and impactful events, but ones that are largely confined to their countries of origin.

From Europe comes the most popular and fun-filled festival, the Oktoberfest, in Germany.



Originally meant to celebrate a royal wedding, it's now an 18-day marathon of drinking copious amounts of Bavarian beer, each year attracting millions of visitors descending on Munich and other major cities of Germany, to indulge in the frothy golden drink, munch on pretzels and savor arguably the best sausages Europe has to offer.

And over in the “red corner”, we have China's Moon Festival. Following the lunar calendar, it roughly falls in September, during the brightest phase of the moon. The festival has a spiritual significance, with families getting together to celebrate a good harvest.



Now let's desert China and move on to the desert countries of Africa, and in particular, Kenya and its Mombassa festival. Every November people celebrate the city's unique multicultural diversity and heritage, parading in traditional costumes, singing and dancing along.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the planet, we can enjoy Guy Fawkes Day, aka Bonfire, in the UK. Falling on an eponymous 5th of November, participants set fire to the effigy of the infamous and failed arsonist and enjoy fireworks display.

Wherever you may be in the corners of the world, you are sure to find hidden gems of autumnal traditions that will keep the spark of exploration alight for a long time to come!

Article by Marek

Net News

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Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: Change is definitely in the air. The first half of October felt like summer and then suddenly, like the curtain that drops between acts in a play, winter hit us halfway through the month and it has been *cold* (at least compared to the early days of this October). Is this a harbinger of things to come? Watch out for a special message we will be sending out before the end of this month. "A change is a-coming."

Junko Says: Since the autumn season started in late September, it has been quite hot during the daytime. Then, in the third week of October, suddenly the climate changed to the usual, and most comfortable, autumn weather. Let's enjoy seasonal crops and fruit, slightly chilly fresh mornings and high and long night skies and prepare for the forthcoming long winter season while probably needing to continuing to cope with Corona.



Marek Says: The world is slowly seeing the most popular tourist destinations gearing up for an influx of foreigners, bringing hopes for economic revival in the coming months. Winter time is an important season for many countries and an introduction of "vaccine passports", drastically shortening the quarantine period or even doing away with it, will allow for a speedy recovery of global tourism sector. Hotel and flight booking is once again a headache, but in a good way!

Mandcy dit: Voici venir l'automne et aussi toutes les douceurs de saison. Par exemple, j'adore les marrons glacés! Mais j'ai été choquée d'apprendre que ce ne sont pas des marrons. Ce sont des noisettes. C'est comme le nutella !! Aussi, c'est la période des vendanges. Nous allons récolter le vin, j'ai été étonnée de découvrir que le plus petit domaine du monde, le vignoble du Farinet mesure 1618 m² et il appartient au Dalaï Lama. Bonne dégustation à tous.



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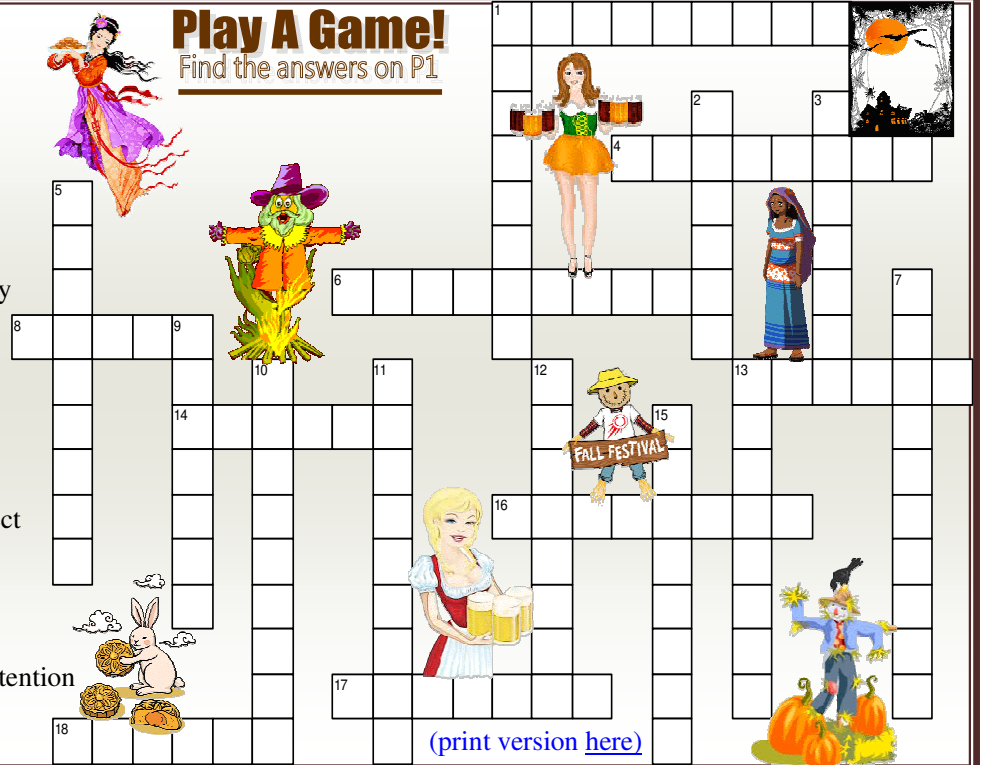
- 1 relating to a name derived from a person
- 4 famous for the wrong reasons
- 6 coming or moving downward
- 8 enjoy the taste of
- 13 leave behind, abandon
- 14 distinct
- 16 from a state in southern Germany
- 17 enjoy to excess
- 18 emitting or filled with bubbles

DOWN

- 1 furthest or highest degree
- 2 a representation of a person
- 3 large in number or quantity
- 5 having a large or significant effect
- 7 unique or specific
- 9 approximately
- 10 having many or various aspects
- 11 determined by conditions
- 12 walking in a manner to attract attention
- 13 someone who is no longer alive
- 15 restricted in scope or area

Play A Game!

Find the answers on P1



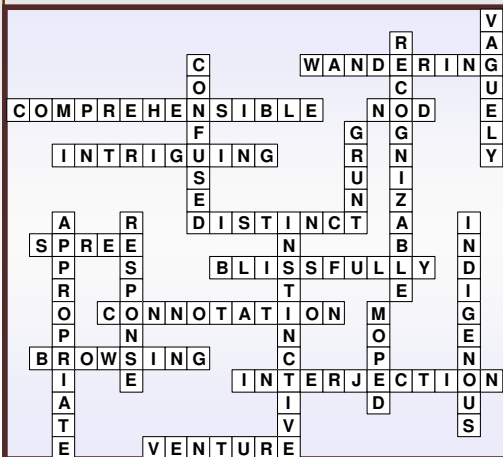
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Here are some common proverbs. Their definitions are in the box on the right. First, select the missing word for each proverb (1 ~ 10 on the left). Then see if you can link the correct definition to its proverb (put the definition's letter in the bracket provided).

1. Too many _____ spoil the broth. []
(pots, cooks, spoons)
2. He's got more than enough on his _____ [] (mind, table, plate)
3. You're really in the _____ now. []
(soup, water, room)
4. It's _____ tomorrow, but not today. []
(Tuesday, coming, jam)
5. Necessity is the _____ of invention. []
(mother, cause, lack)
6. No _____ without pain. []
(gain, life, hope)
7. No news is _____ news. []
(yesterday's, good, bad)
8. Once _____ twice shy. []
(seen, insulted, bitten)
9. Money _____. []
(helps, talks, flies)
10. Look before you _____. []
(leap, ask, go)

DEFINITIONS

- A. Money gives a person power and influence.
- B. A need or problem forces a person to come up with an innovative solution.
- C. It's necessary to work hard, even suffer, in order to succeed.
- D. It's sometimes better to do things without other people's help.
- E. Be careful and consider all consequences before taking any action.
- F. If you do not receive any news about something, it means things are going well.
- G. Things are promised, but never given.
- H. He already has too much to do.
- I. You will not do something because the last time you did it, you had a bad experience.
- J. You're in a difficult situation now.



Last Month's puzzle Solution

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- 4 proceeding with no fixed course
- 5 capable of being understood
- 6 an up and down movement of the head
- 8 interesting, curious
- 11 easily recognizable
- 14 a brief, short-term indulgence
- 15 completely happy and contented
- 16 nuance or implication
- 18 just looking, not necessarily buying
- 19 a sudden emotional cry
- 20 proceed in spite of possible danger

DOWN

- 1 not in a clear way
- 2 identifiable, familiar
- 3 unable to think clearly
- 7 an animal-like noise
- 9 particularly suitable to something
- 10 to reply to, to react to
- 12 acting intuitively without thought
- 13 existing in its original state
- 17 low-powered motorbike with pedals



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