



Pre-Reading Activities

A: Discussion

Today's article is about the oldest man in the world. Work in small groups and discuss the questions.

- 1. How old do you think the oldest man in the world is?
2. How old do you think the oldest woman in the world is?
3. Who lives longer, men or woman? Why?
4. In your country how long do people usually live?

B: Vocabulary

Match the words with their meanings.

healthy, world record, death, record holder, on record, celebrate

- 1. when you do something enjoyable because of a special reason (e.g. a birthday or a wedding)
2. well; not sick
3. the best, the fastest, the oldest, etc. in the world
4. the person that is the best, the fastest, the oldest, etc. in the world
5. when somebody dies
6. you take photographs of something, or write about it, so that people can read or learn about it later

Reading Activities

A: Reading for Overall Understanding

Read today's article quickly without using your dictionary. Choose the best summary below.

Today's article is about...

- a. Kamato Hongo.
b. life on Kyushu.
c. the oldest man in the world.

World's Oldest Man Turns 113

TOKYO Monday March 25, 2002 (Reuters) - The world's oldest man celebrated his 113th birthday on Saturday at his home island of Kyushu in southwestern Japan.

Yukichi Chuganji was born in 1889 and became the record holder after the death of Antonio Todde of Sardinia, Italy on January 4, according to the Guinness World Records.

Until the age of 91, Chuganji was healthy enough to go and vote at local elections, but in the past few years poor eyesight has stopped him from leaving his home often, local media reported. Chuganji eats three small meals a day and drinks milk, Kyodo news agency said.

But the secret to his long life may be something to do with life on Kyushu. On the same island this week Kamato Hongo also became the world's oldest woman at the age of 114.

Jeanne-Louise Calment of Arles in France lived to 122 years old and 164 days, according to the Guinness World Records.

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Glossary:

vote - choose someone by writing on a piece of paper
elections - when people choose someone to be a leader by voting

B: Numbers

Below are some numbers taken from today's article.

Read the article and explain what each of the numbers mean. The first one is done for you.

1. 113 - *the age of Yukichi Chuganji, the oldest man in the world.*
2. 1889 -
3. January 4 -
4. 91 -
5. 3 -
6. 114 -
7. 122 / 164 -

C: Word Order / Questions

Part One: Below are some questions for today's article. The words are not in the correct order. Work in pairs and put the words into the correct order to make questions.

1. man / did / the / oldest / do / on / Saturday / What / ?

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2. born / was / Yukichi / When / Chuganji / ?

-
3. did / When / Todde / Antonio / die / ?

-
4. What / every / day / Chuganji / does / do / ?

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5. How / Kamato / old / Hongo / is / ?

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6. do / Yukichi / Where / Chuganji / Kamato / and / Hongo / live / ?
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Part Two: Now read the article and answer the questions.

D: Writing

Look at the prompts below and write sentences about today's article.

You will have to add articles (**a, an, the**), prepositions (**in, on**, etc.) and change some verbs.

1. oldest / man / world / celebrate / his 113th birthday / Saturday /
2. Yukichi Chuganji / was born / 1889 / and / he / become / record holder / after / Antonio Todde / die / January 4 /
3. Everyday / Chuganji / eat / three / small / meals / and / drink / milk

Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

A: Language

In today's article there were these words: '**until** the age of 91...'

When we want to say something continues and then stops we use **until**.

Chuganji continued to go out and then stopped at the age of 91, because of his eyesight.

Rewrite these sentences using **until** and the verb in brackets. Put the verb in the **simple past tense**.

Example: Craig stopped cooking at 6 p.m. (**cook**)

Answer: Craig **cooked until** 6 p.m.

1. We stopped dancing at 5 a.m. (**dance**)
2. Keith stopped playing the cello at 9 p.m. (**play**)
3. Yoshi stopped watching television at midnight. (**watch**)
4. Linda stopped talking on the phone at 10 a.m. (**talk**)
5. Victoria stopped shopping at 4 p.m. (**shop**)

B: Word Find

Look for words from today's article in the word find puzzle. There are 8 words.

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

C: Discussion

Work in small groups and discuss the questions below.

1. *What are some ways to stay healthy?*
2. *Why do you think some people live a long time?*

Present your ideas to the class.

D: Website

If you want to look at more information about different world records and record holders, the website address is:

www.guinnessworldrecords.com/

Teachers' Notes and Answer Key follow on next page.



TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

B: Vocabulary - Answers

1. celebrate
2. healthy
3. world record
4. record holder
5. death
6. on record

Reading Activities

A: Reading for Overall Understanding - Answer

The best answer is c.

B: Numbers - Answers

1. 113 - is the age of Yukichi Chuganji, the oldest man in the world.
2. 1889 - is when Yukichi Chuganji was born.
3. January 4th - is when Antonio Todde died making Yukichi Chuganji the oldest man in the world.
4. 91 - is the age that Yukichi Chuganji stopped going out as often.
5. 3 - Yukichi Chuganji eats three small meals a day.
6. 114 - is the age of Kamato Hongo, the oldest woman in the world.
7. 122 years and 164 days - was the age of Jeanne-Louise Calment of Arles who has the oldest age on record.

C: Word Order / Questions - Answers

Part One

1. What did the oldest man do on Saturday?
2. When was Yukichi Chuganji born?
3. When did Antonio Todde die?
4. What does Chuganji do every day?
5. How old is Kamato Hongo?
6. Where do Yukichi Chuganji and Kamato Hongo live?

Part Two

1. He celebrated his 113th birthday.
2. 1889
3. January 4, 2002
4. He eats three small meals and drinks milk.
5. Kyushu, Japan
6. 114 years old

D: Writing - Answers

1. The oldest man in the world celebrated his 113th birthday on Saturday.
2. Yukichi Chuganji was born in 1889 and he became the record holder after Antonio Todde died on January 4.
3. Every day Chuganji eats three small meals and drinks milk.

Post-Reading Activities

A: Language - Answers

1. We danced until 5 a.m.
2. Keith played the cello until 9 p.m.
3. Yoshi watched television until midnight.
4. Linda talked on the phone until 10 a.m.
5. Victoria shopped until 4 p.m.

B: Word Find - Notes

Students can use the article to find the 8 words or you can give them the list below.
Words: healthy, island, man, oldest, record, secret, until, woman.

B: Word Find - Answers



Other lessons your students may enjoy: The **Elementary Instant Lesson 'Never Too Old To Learn'** is about England's oldest learner (who is 107) and an 85-year-old Argentine grandmother who has just got her degree in journalism. The **Pre-Intermediate Instant Lesson 'Old Advice'** features advice on how to live a long life from an Irish woman who is 105 years old.