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BLACK FRIDAY WEEK IS HERE!

11月27日金曜日 ブラックフライデーはもう始まっている

Friday, November 27: the big day. The sales began in October – and run to Monday, November 30.

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THE BIG STORY トップ記事

Black Friday Week: The Sales Started Early

By The Lucerna newsroom Reading level: A2

On Friday, November 27, the shops open early for Black Friday – the biggest shopping day of the year. But the sales did not wait for Friday. In Britain, Currys started its sale on October 28, and Argos opened its sale at the end of October. Amazon's Black Friday Week runs from Thursday, November 19, to Cyber Monday, Monday, November 30 – twelve days of deals.

Black Friday is one day. The sales last all month. The shops call it “Black November”: a month of offers, not a day. And the warnings are out too. Which?, the consumer group, tracked 175 products through the 2024 sales – and found none of them at its cheapest price of the year on Black Friday itself. For Amazon, 88% of the deals it tracked in 2024 were the same price, or cheaper, at another time of the year.

So the rule for this week is simple: check the price before you buy. A bargain is not a bargain if you did not need it. A price cut is only a cut if the old price was real. This issue shows you how to read a deal – and how to say “no” to it, in English.

There is help with winter, too. The Budget of October 28 gives £100 to many homes in England this winter, to help pay for energy – for homes in Council Tax bands A to D. The 5p cut in fuel duty, and the VAT cut on home electricity, run until July 2027.

Welcome to VOL.5 – and to the Christmas countdown.

解説 – Black Friday = ブラックフライデー（感謝祭後の大セール）· a bargain = お買い得 · Cyber Monday = サイバーマンデー。

THE WEEK IN NUMBERS 今週の数字

Nov 27 – Black Friday（ブラックフライデー）· Nov 30 – Cyber Monday

12 – days of Amazon's Black Friday Week（Amazonの大セールは12日間）

175 – products tracked by Which? in 2024（その日に一番安かった商品は一つもない）

£100 – energy help this winter（今冬のエネルギー支援100ポンド）

TRY IT NOW すぐ練習

A2 **1.** Black Friday is on ___, November 27.

A2 **2.** Cyber Monday is on ___, November 30.

A2 **3.** The ___ started before Black Friday.

A2 **4.** Which? found no product at its ___ price.

B1 **5.** The Budget gives £___ for winter bills.

B1 **6.** A ___ is a thing bought for less than usual.

SEARCHES OF THE WEEK

今週の検索 Google Trends

1. **black friday**
2. **wicked for good**
3. **i'm a celebrity**
4. **strictly blackpool**
5. **advent calendar**

Snapshots, mid-November: search interest changes during the day.
人気の目安で、正確な検索数ではありません。

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THE WORD OF THE WEEK

“bargain”
a thing bought for less than its usual price. “A real bargain!” = a very good price.

お買い得。A bargain is a good price, not a cheap thing.



A wild turkey, drawn by John James Audubon. Thanksgiving is on Thursday, November 26 – the day before Black Friday, and the first day of the long shopping weekend.

John James Audubon – public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

ONE DAY, FOUR DAYS

Black Friday is one day: Friday, November 27. But the sales run for four days – Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Cyber Monday, November 30. That is why the shops say “Black Friday Weekend”.

Read page 6 for the Budget – and the numbers behind the sales.

IN BRIEF 短信

BUDGET
Oct 28: the Chancellor's first Budget. £100 for winter energy bills. (p. 6)

JUNGLE
Mon, Nov 16, 9 p.m.: I'm a Celebrity returns to ITV1. (p. 5)

WICKED
Nov 21: Wicked: For Good opens in cinemas. (p. 3)

LIGHTNING QUIZ 稲妻クイズ

トップ記事を読んで、正しい答えを選びなさい 解答は8ページ

A2 **7.** Black Friday 2026 is on... A. Nov 26 · B. Nov 27 · C. Nov 30

A2 **8.** Cyber Monday is on... A. Mon, Nov 30 · B. Fri, Nov 27 · C. Thu, Nov 26

A2 **9.** Amazon's Black Friday Week runs... A. 2 days · B. 7 days · C. 12 days

B1 **10.** The £100 energy payment is for... A. every home in the UK · B. homes in Council Tax bands A–D in England · C. shops

The First Sunday of Advent: Four Candles, Four Weeks

By The Lucerna newsroom　Reading level: A2

On Sunday, November 29, the first candle is lit. It is the first Sunday of Advent – four Sundays of waiting, four candles, and then Christmas Day, on Friday, December 25. In Britain, Advent is the quiet start of Christmas: the markets open, the lights go on, and the countdown begins.

The Christmas tree has a long story in Britain. The first royal tree stood at Windsor in December 1800, put up by Queen Charlotte, the German-born wife of King George III. But the tree became famous in 1848, when the Illustrated London News printed a picture of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their children around a candlelit tree at Windsor Castle. The tree in the picture stood on a table – not on the floor. In 1850, an American magazine printed the same picture, with the royal family changed into an ordinary family.

The tree stood on a table, not on the floor. That is the sentence to remember from this page – and the picture on this page is the American copy, from Godey's Lady's Book, December 1850.

This year, the Christmas countdown has a new face. On Tuesday, November 3, John Lewis showed its Christmas advert for 2026: “Gloria and Pickles”. Gloria, played by Dame Kristin Scott Thomas, is a grandmother who wants to give her grandchildren a real present – not money in a card. Pickles, her old toy dog, comes to life and talks her into one last shopping trip. The song is Sam Fender's cover of the Rolling Stones' “You Can't Always Get What You Want”. The line is: “Don't give up on giving.” It is the twentieth John Lewis Christmas advert.

And on Monday, November 30, Scotland has its own day: St Andrew's Day, a bank holiday in Scotland. St Andrew is Scotland's patron saint – and the day is the last day of the sales, Cyber Monday, too. One day, two reasons to stay at home – or to go out.

Four candles, four weeks. Light one each Sunday, and Christmas will come.

THE CALENDAR　今週のカレンダー

Nov 29 – First Sunday of Advent（アドベント第1主日）· Nov 30 – St Andrew's Day, Scotland（聖アンデレの日）

Dec 25 – Christmas Day, Friday（クリスマス、金曜日）· Nov 3 – John Lewis advert（広告公開）

WHAT IS ON THIS WEEK?

Second story of the week – and it is on your screen. On Saturday, November 21, the dancers go to Blackpool for Strictly Come Dancing, and the new Wicked film opens in cinemas. On Thursday, November 26, Zootropolis 2 opens – and on Friday, November 27, the sales reach their peak. Page 3 has the film guide, page 4 the sport.

On television, the week is just as full. I'm a Celebrity is on every night from the jungle, and the shops are full every day. Advent begins on Sunday – and the first candle is lit.

How do you say the date of Christmas? “On Friday, December 25.” is the sentence of the week. The phrase box below shows three ways to say it.

解説 – Advent = アドベント · a candle = ろうそく · a patron saint = 守護聖人。



“The Christmas Tree”, from Godey's Lady's Book, December 1850 – the American copy of the famous 1848 Windsor picture. The tree stands on a table, with the family around it.

After Joseph Lionel Williams – public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

DID YOU KNOW?

Advent means “coming”: four Sundays before Christmas.

Queen Charlotte's tree of 1800 was the first royal Christmas tree in Britain.

The 1848 tree was a fir about eight feet high, with six tiers of branches.

AND YOU?　あなたは？

What does your family do in the last week of November? Do you light a candle, open a calendar, or go to a market? Write three sentences in English for VOL.6.

あなたの家族は11月の最後の週に何をしますか。英語で三文書いてください。

SAY IT: MERRY CHRISTMAS!　クリスマスのあいさつ

Three greetings for the season　季節のあいさつ三つ

Happy Advent!
アドベント、おめでとう！

Merry Christmas!
メリークリスマス！

Happy St Andrew's Day!
聖アンデレの日、おめでとう！

- **an advent calendar** = a calendar with 24 doors
- **a candle** = a stick of wax that burns
- **a market** = small shops outside（市場）
- **a saint** = a holy person（聖人）

EXERCISES　2ページの練習

解答は8ページ　問題はレベルをまたいで出題、番号で答えを探すこと

A　THE DATE

日付と時刻に合わせて文を完成させよう。

A2 11. 空所補充
Advent begins on Sunday, November ___.

A2 12. 空所補充
Christmas Day is on ___, December 25.

A2 13. 空所補充
St Andrew's Day is on ___, November 30.

A2 14. 空所補充
The advert came out on November ___.

A2 15. 空所補充
The first royal tree dates from ___.

B　WILL

will + 動詞で書きかえよう（約束）。

A2 16. 書きかえ
Families (light) the first candle on Sunday. → ___

A2 17. 書きかえ
Christmas (come) in four weeks. → ___

A2 18. 書きかえ
We (open) the calendar on December 1. → ___

B1 19. 書きかえ
They (watch) the advert again? → ___

C　COMPREHENSION

2ページの記事を読んで、正しい答えを選ぼう。

A2 20.
The first Sunday of Advent is... A. Nov 22 · B. Nov 29 · C. Dec 25

A2 21.
The 1848 tree stood... A. on the floor · B. in the garden · C. on a table

A2 22.
The advert is called... A. “Gloria and Pickles” · B. “Happy Advent” · C. “The Christmas Tree”

A2 23.
St Andrew's Day is a bank holiday in... A. England · B. Scotland · C. Wales

D　THE WORDS

A2 24–27. 語と意味を結ぶ

24. an advent calendar
25. a candle
26. a market
27. a saint

a. a holy person
b. a calendar with 24 little doors
c. a place with small shops outside
d. a stick of wax that burns

At the Movies: Two Witches and a Fox

By The Lucerna newsroom　Reading level: A2 → B1

On November 21, a familiar name returns to the cinema: Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West. “Wicked: For Good” is the second half of the story that began with “Wicked” in 2024. Cynthia Erivo plays Elphaba, and Ariana Grande plays Glinda, the Good Witch. Jonathan Bailey plays Fiyero, Jeff Goldblum plays the Wizard, and Michelle Yeoh plays Madame Morrible. Jon M. Chu directs.

The first film was a hit: it took more than $750 million around the world. Now the second film is expected to open big. Early forecasts put the first weekend at $112 million to $115 million in North America alone, and about $200 million around the world. The story comes from L. Frank Baum's book “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz”, published in 1900 – the picture on this page is from that first book.

Two witches, one fox – and a ballroom in Blackpool. That is this week in one line: two witches on the big screen, a fox on the big screen too – and dancing in Blackpool on Saturday night.

The fox is Nick Wilde – and Judy Hopps, the rabbit police officer, is back with him. “Zootropolis 2” opens on Thursday, November 26. Judy and Nick chase a snake, Gary De'Snake, voiced by Ke Huy Quan. The first film, in 2016, took more than $1 billion around the world and won the Oscar for Best Animated Feature. The directors, Jared Bush and Byron Howard, are back too.

And on the dance floor? On Saturday, November 21, at 6:35 p.m., Strictly Come Dancing goes to Blackpool. Eight couples dance in the Tower Ballroom. Last Sunday, Will Best and his partner Dianne Buswell left the show, one week before Blackpool – they lost the dance-off to Jaime Winstone and Carlos Gu. At the top of the leaderboard: Cach Mercer and Maddie Ingoldsby, with 39 points out of 40 for their Charleston.

COMING SOON　近日公開

Nov 21 – “Wicked: For Good” opens in cinemas. The first film took more than $750 million worldwide.

Nov 21 – Strictly Come Dancing: Blackpool, 6:35 p.m., BBC One. Eight couples left.

Nov 26 – “Zootropolis 2” opens in cinemas. Judy and Nick chase a snake.

A film is not only a story – it is also English practice. Listen for three things: the catchphrase (the line everybody repeats), the joke (why does the room laugh?), and the ending (happy, sad, or open?). After the film, try to tell the story in five English sentences.

And if you stay at home, the same rule works for a series: one episode, five sentences, in English. The best five-sentence reviews will be printed in VOL.6 – send yours to the newsroom.

解説 – a witch = 魔女 · a forecast = 予想 · a dance-off = ダンスオフ · a leaderboard = 順位表。

A　COMPREHENSION

3ページの記事を読んで、正しい答えを選びなさい。

A2　28.
“Wicked: For Good” opens on… A. November 20 · B. November 21 · C. November 26

A2　29.
Elphaba is played by… A. Cynthia Erivo · B. Ariana Grande · C. Michelle Yeoh

A2　30.
The first Wicked film took… A. less than $100 million · B. about $200 million · C. more than $750 million

B1　31.
“Zootropolis 2” opens on… A. Nov 21 · B. Thu, Nov 26 · C. Nov 29

B1　32.
The snake in Zootropolis 2 is voiced by… A. Ke Huy Quan · B. Jason Bateman · C. Jared Bush

B1　33.
Blackpool night is on… A. Sunday · B. Friday · C. Saturday, November 21

B　SENTENCES

与えられた語で文を完成させなさい。

A2　34.　空所補充
The film ___ on November 21.

A2　35.　空所補充
Nick Wilde is a ___.

B1　36.　空所補充
The first Zootropolis film ___ an Oscar.

B1　37.　空所補充
Cach and Maddie scored 39 ___ out of 40.

C　THE WORDS

A2　38–41.　語と意味を結ぶ

38. a witch
39. a forecast
40. a dance-off
41. a leaderboard

a. a list that shows who is winning
b. a woman with magic powers
c. a dance that decides who leaves
d. a guess about what will happen

D　PAST SIMPLE

過去形で書きかえよう（起きたこと）。

A2　42.　書きかえ
The first film (take) more than $750 million. → ___

A2　43.　書きかえ
Baum (publish) the book in 1900. → ___

B1　44.　書きかえ
Will Best (leave) the show on Sunday.→ ___

B1　45.　書きかえ
The first film (win) an Oscar.→ ___



The Wicked Witch of the West melts – W. W. Denslow's drawing from the first edition of “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” (1900). The film's witches come from this book.
W. W. Denslow – public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

THE WITCHES　二人の魔女

Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, and Glinda, the Good Witch: two friends, two choices, one story. The book is from 1900 – the film is from this week.

FIVE SENTENCES

After any film or episode, tell the story in five English sentences: who, where, what happened, the surprise, the ending. Five sentences are enough – and they are excellent practice.

Example: “A witch leaves home. She meets a friend and loses her. She learns a hard truth. She flies away – free. Then the story starts again.” Now it is your turn.

5文レビュー｜who、where、何が起きたか、転換、結末––5文で十分。

Derby Weekend: Liverpool, Arsenal, Twickenham

By The Lucerna newsroom　Reading level: B1

Sunday, November 29, is derby day – twice. At 12:00, Everton play Liverpool in the Merseyside derby. At 4:30, Arsenal play Manchester City. Two derbies, one Sunday, and the title race in between. The Premier League's twelfth week begins on Friday, November 27: Nottingham Forest play Chelsea at 8 p.m. On Saturday, November 28, Manchester United play Brentford – and Leeds play Coventry.

The league returns this Saturday, November 21, after the international break: Manchester City play Fulham at 12:30, and Newcastle play Arsenal at 5:30. On Sunday, November 22, Liverpool play Manchester United at 4:30 – and on Monday, November 23, Brentford play Everton at 8 p.m. Then, a week later, comes the derby weekend.

Rugby has a final, too. The Nations Championship – the new name for the autumn internationals – ends with a Finals Weekend at Twickenham, from Friday, November 27, to Sunday, November 29. The first final is on Sunday, November 29. Before that, on Saturday, November 21, England play New Zealand at Twickenham at 2:10 p.m. – the biggest game of the autumn. England have already beaten Australia, 45–22, and Japan, 78–15, at Twickenham this month.

And tennis ends its year in Turin. The ATP Finals run from Sunday, November 15, to Sunday, November 22. The eight best singles players of the year play in two groups of four. The champion of the last two years, Jannik Sinner, is out with a knee injury – so a new champion is certain. The semi-finals are on Saturday, November 21. The finals are on Sunday, November 22: the doubles final at 3 p.m. local time, and the singles final not before 6 p.m.

The first international ended 0–0 – and football has never stopped since. That was Scotland against England, on November 30, 1872, at Hamilton Crescent in Glasgow. About 4,000 people watched. The picture on this page is from that day – and November 30 is still a football date: it is St Andrew's Day, and Cyber Monday, too.

How do you follow three sports in one day? Choose one game to watch fully, and follow the others on your phone. That is the modern fan: one screen for the game, one screen for the scores.

WHY NOVEMBER 30?　なぜ11月30日？

November 30, 1872: the first international, Scotland 0–0 England. November 30, 2026: St Andrew's Day in Scotland – and Cyber Monday. Football began on a St Andrew's Day.

The ATP Finals in Turin run from Sunday, November 15, to Sunday, November 22. The eight best singles players of the year play in two groups of four: Alexander Zverev, Carlos Alcaraz, Ben Shelton, Daniil Medvedev, Flavio Cobolli, Arthur Fils, Frances Tiafoe and Rafael Jodar. The champion of the last two years, Jannik Sinner, is out with a knee injury.

解説 – a derby = ダービー · a final = 決勝 · a break = 中断期間 · a draw = 引き分け。

A　COMPREHENSION

4ページの記事を読んで、正しい答えを選びなさい。

B1　46.
The Merseyside derby is on… A. Sat, Nov 28 · B. Sun, Nov 29, 12:00 · C. Mon, Nov 30

B1　47.
Arsenal play Manchester City on… A. Fri, Nov 27 · B. Sat, Nov 28 · C. Sun, Nov 29, 16:30

B1　48.
The Nations Championship final is on… A. Sunday, November 29 · B. Saturday, November 21 · C. Friday, November 27

B1　49.
England play New Zealand on… A. Nov 14 · B. Sat, Nov 21, 2:10 p.m. · C. Nov 29

B1　50.
The ATP singles final is not before… A. 3 p.m. · B. 12 p.m. · C. 6 p.m. local time

B1　51.
The first international was played on… A. November 30, 1872 · B. November 30, 2026 · C. November 21, 1872

B　SENTENCES

与えられた語で文を完成させなさい。

B1　52.　空所補充
Everton v Liverpool is a ___.

B1　53.　空所補充
The Nations Championship ends with a ___.

B1　54.　空所補充
England have ___ Australia and Japan at Twickenham.

A2　55.　空所補充
Scotland 0–0 England: the game was a ___.

C　THE WORDS

B1　56–59.　語と意味を結ぶ

56. a derby
57. a final
58. a break
59. a draw

a. a pause between parts of a season
b. a game that ends with the same score
c. the last game of a competition
d. a game between two teams from the same city

D　PAST SIMPLE

過去形で書きかえよう（試合は終わった）。

B1　60.　書きかえ
England (beat) Australia 45–22 on November 8. → ___

B1　61.　書きかえ
Scotland (play) England in 1872. → ___

B1　62.　書きかえ
About 4,000 people (watch) the game. → ___

B1　63.　書きかえ
Sinner (miss) the ATP Finals with a knee injury. → ___



The first international: Scotland against England, November 30, 1872, at Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow. The game ended 0–0. The drawing is by William Ralston.

William Ralston – public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

DERBY WEEKEND　ダービーの週末

Fri Nov 27: Forest–Chelsea 20:00. Sat Nov 28: Man Utd–Brentford, Leeds–Coventry.

Sun Nov 29: Everton–Liverpool 12:00, Arsenal–Man City 16:30.

Rugby finals weekend: Fri Nov 27–Sun Nov 29, Twickenham.

ONE SCREEN, TWO SCREENS

The modern fan watches one game fully and follows the others on a phone. Try it in English: “The score is 1–0.” “Who scored?” “Liverpool are winning!” – short sentences, live English.

観戦英語｜スコア、誰が得点したか、誰がリードしているか――短い文こそ実況英語。

Into the Jungle: Eleven Campmates, Three Weeks

By The Lucerna newsroom　Reading level: B1

On Monday, November 16, at 9 p.m., eleven famous faces walk into the Australian jungle. “I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!” is back on ITV1 – and it will be on every night for about three weeks. Ant and Dec are back too, live from the camp near Murwillumbah in New South Wales.

Who is in the camp? Wayne Rooney, the former England captain, leads the line-up. Joanna Page, who plays Stacey in “Gavin & Stacey”, is there. So is Ade Adepitan, the Paralympic medallist and television presenter – the first wheelchair user ever to take part in the show. ITV has changed the camp for him: the paths and the trials are built so a wheelchair can use them.

The other eight are AJ Odudu, the Big Brother presenter; Ricky Wilson, the Kaiser Chiefs singer; Sharky, the YouTuber from the Beta Squad; Chloe Burrows, from Love Island; Claire Sweeney, the actress; Jack Skipper, the comedian; Leomie Anderson, the model; and Mariella Frostrup, the broadcaster. Eleven campmates – and more may arrive later. Late arrivals are a tradition on this show.

What do they do in the jungle? They live together, cook together, and take Bushtucker Trials – the challenges that win food for the camp. Each star is a meal: win ten stars, and the camp eats ten meals. The public votes, and the last one standing is the King or Queen of the Jungle.

In the jungle, a star is a meal. That is the sentence to remember – and the reason the trials matter. A star is not a prize for the wall. It is dinner.

Why does Britain watch? Because the jungle is honest television: famous people, no make-up, no phones, and rice and beans for dinner. And because the launch is a national moment: the show usually starts on a Sunday, but this year it starts on a Monday – because England played Spain in the Nations League on Sunday, November 15.

THE CAMP IN NUMBERS　キャンプ

11 – campmates on the first night. 3 – weeks in the jungle, about. 1 – first wheelchair user in the show's history.

If you want to practise jungle English, try this: watch one trial, and say what happened in three English sentences. “He ate the bug. He won five stars. The camp eats tonight.” Three sentences – and a whole evening of practice.

解説 – a campmate = キャンプ仲間 · a trial = 試練 · a star = 星（= ごはん） · the public = 視聴者

A　COMPREHENSION

5ページの記事を読んで、正しい答えを選びなさい。

B1　64.
“I'm a Celebrity” starts on... A. Sun, Nov 15 · B. Mon, Nov 16, 9 p.m. · C. Fri, Nov 20

B1　65.
The first wheelchair user in the show is... A. Ade Adepitan · B. Wayne Rooney · C. Ricky Wilson

B1　66.
The camp is near... A. Sydney · B. Perth · C. Murwillumbah, New South Wales

B1　67.
How many campmates on the first night? A. 8 · B. 11 · C. 12

B1　68.
A star in a trial means... A. one meal for the camp · B. one vote · C. one night

B1　69.
The show starts a day late because... A. of the rain · B. of the film · C. England played Spain on Sunday

B　SENTENCES

与えられた語で文を完成させなさい。

B1　70.　空所補充
Eleven famous faces walk into the ___.

B1　71.　空所補充
Win ten ___, and the camp eats ten meals.

A2　72.　空所補充
The public ___ for the King or Queen of the Jungle.

A2　73.　空所補充
More campmates may ___ later.

C　THE WORDS

B1　74–77.　語と意味を結ぶ

74. a campmate
75. a trial
76. a star
77. the public

a. the people who watch and vote
b. a person who lives with you in the jungle camp
c. a challenge that wins food
d. one meal, won in a trial

D　PRESENT CONTINUOUS

現在進行形で書きかえよう。

B1　78.　書きかえ
The campmates (live) in the jungle. → ___

B1　79.　書きかえ
Ant and Dec (present) the show. → ___

B1　80.　書きかえ
The public (vote) every night. → ___

B1　81.　書きかえ
They (cook) rice for the camp. → ___



A tiger in a painted jungle: Henri Rousseau's “Surprised!” (1891). The real jungle is on television every night – and the campmates are in it.

Henri Rousseau – public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

SPEAK UP IN THE JUNGLE　ジャングル

“I'm a Celebrity – get me out of here!” “Ten stars!” “The camp eats tonight!” – three sentences for three weeks. Learn them, and Monday night in English is yours.

THE TRIALS

A trial is a test: eat it, hold it, find it. The stars are counted in public, and the camp watches every one. The worst trial is the one with no stars at all.

試練｜食べる、持つ、探す――星はみんなの前で数えられ、キャンプのみんなが見ている。

AFTER THE JUNGLE

After three weeks, one campmate is crowned King or Queen of the Jungle. The others go home – to showers, to phones, and to real food. The jungle stays in Australia. The stories come home with them.

The Budget and Your Winter Bills

By The Lucerna newsroom　Reading level: B2

On Wednesday, October 28, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, John Healey, stood up in the House of Commons and read the Budget. It was his first Budget – and the first Budget of the new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham. The slogan was “Breathing Space now, Hope for the Future”. In plain English: help now, hope later.

What is a budget? It is the government's plan for the year: how much money it will take in tax, and how much it will spend. A budget is a plan, not a present. The money has to come from somewhere – and this Budget says it will not come from higher taxes on working people. That promise was in the government's 2024 manifesto, and the Chancellor says he will keep it.

So what changes for you? Three things this winter. First, £100 for energy: households in Council Tax bands A to D in England get a £100 Household Energy Payment this winter. Second, the 5p cut in fuel duty – the tax on petrol and diesel – runs until July 2027. Third, the VAT cut on electricity at home runs until July 2027 too. A hundred pounds does not buy a winter – but it buys a warmer one.

What else? The Budget also raises money in other places: a temporary 3% rise in the tax on the profits of banks and building societies, for fifteen months from January 2027. And the Finance Bill – the law that turns the Budget into rules – was introduced in Parliament on November 3.

What happens next? The Budget is not one day. The Welsh Government publishes its draft budget on November 17. The Scottish Parliament sets its tax rates on December 3. Parliament debates the Finance Bill, line by line. And the help arrives in the winter – when the bills arrive too.

A note on numbers in this issue: this paper prints the Budget of October 28, and says so. The numbers are the ones the Chancellor read to the House of Commons. When the Finance Bill becomes law, VOL.6 will report what changed.

A PRACTICE BILL　練習用の請求書

Your winter bill: electricity £120 a month · gas £90 a month. The £100 payment covers most of one month of electricity. The numbers are practice numbers – they teach how to read a bill, not what you will pay.

This issue went to press on Monday, November 16, 2026. The Welsh draft budget comes out on Tuesday, November 17 – one day after press time. VOL.6 will carry the Welsh numbers.

解説 – a budget = 予算 · a manifesto = 選挙公約 · fuel duty = 燃料税 · a bill = 請求書；法案。

READ THE CHART　グラフを読む

How big was the help? The chart is the Budget of October 28 – not a prediction.

Budget day: Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Energy payment: £100, Council Tax bands A–D, England

Fuel duty cut: 5p a litre, until July 2027

VAT cut on home electricity: until July 2027

Bank tax rise: 3%, fifteen months from January 2027

Next dates: Wales November 17 · Scotland December 3

A　CHART READING

上の予算のグラフを読んで、正しい答えを選びなさい。

B2　82.
The Budget was read on… A. Nov 16 · B. Wed, Oct 28 · C. Dec 3

B2　83.
The energy payment is… A. £100 · B. £5 · C. £1,000

B2　84.
The fuel duty cut runs until… A. Nov 2026 · B. Jan 2027 · C. July 2027

B2　85.
The bank tax rise lasts… A. 3 months · B. 15 months · C. 3 years

B2　86.
Wales publishes its draft budget on… A. November 17 · B. November 3 · C. December 3

B2　87.
Scotland sets its tax rates on… A. Nov 17 · B. Oct 28 · C. Dec 3

B　COMPREHENSION

6ページの記事を読んで、正しい答えを選びなさい。

B2　88.
A budget is… A. a present · B. a plan for the year · C. a bank

B2　89.
The Chancellor says taxes on working people will… A. not rise · B. rise a lot · C. fall to zero

B2　90.
The £100 payment is for… A. shops · B. every home in the UK · C. homes in bands A–D in England

B2　91.
The Finance Bill was introduced on… A. Oct 28 · B. Nov 3 · C. Dec 3

B2　92.
The Budget's slogan is… A. “Breathing Space now, Hope for the Future” · B. “Black November” · C. “Don't give up on giving”

B2　93.
What will VOL.6 report? A. the 2024 sales · B. the jungle final · C. what changed when the Bill becomes law

C　SENTENCES

与えられた語で文を完成させなさい。

B2　94.　空所補充
The ___ is the government's plan for the year.

B2　95.　空所補充
The Chancellor says he will ___ his promise.

B2　96.　空所補充
The fuel duty cut runs ___ July 2027.

B1　97.　空所補充
Parliament ___ the Finance Bill, line by line.

B1　98.　空所補充
The help ___ in the winter.

B1　99.　空所補充
The Budget ___ money from the banks.

THREE WINTER HELPS　冬の支援

£100 energy payment · 5p fuel duty cut · VAT cut on home electricity. All three run this winter.

A PLAN, NOT A PRESENT

A budget is a plan, not a present. Learn the plan, and the winter makes sense.

計画は贈り物ではない｜予算は計画であって贈り物ではない――計画を理解すれば、冬が見えてくる。

WHO PAYS?

Every budget has two sides: who gets help, and who pays. This Budget helps homes with their bills – and asks the banks to pay a little more, for fifteen months.

誰が助けられ、誰が払うのか｜どの予算にも二つの面がある：誰が助けられ、誰が払うのか。

LANGUAGE IN HAND　手にしたことば

The Lucerna
A2 → B2　Phrases of the week　今週のフレーズ

WORDS　A2　bargain

解説 – bargain は「お買い得」：いい値段であって、安物とは限らない。

bargain = a thing bought for less than its usual price. “A real bargain!” = a very good price.

A2: “I bought a book for £5 – a real bargain!” The price is low, and the book is good. A bargain is a good price, not a cheap thing.

Try it: sale / bargain – the sale is the event, the bargain is the thing you buy. “The sale is on. I found a bargain.”

WORDS　B1　more / less

解説 – comparative = 比較級：more than / less thanで数や大きさを言う。

more than = a bigger number than. less than = a smaller number than. £100 is more than £5. £5 is less than £100.

B1: “£100 is more than the £5 I spent.” With numbers, use more than and less than: more people, less money, more seats, less time.

Try it: “The film is longer than the trailer.” “The book is cheaper than the film.”

GRAMMAR　A2　will + verb

解説 – will + 動詞の原形：これから起きること。疑問文ではwillが前に来る。

The sales will end on November 30. Advent will begin on Sunday. Will the price fall again? Nobody knows.

Rule: will + verb, no -s, no -ed. “She will buy.” “They will watch.” Question: “Will they shop on Friday?”

GRAMMAR　B1　have done

解説 – present perfect = 現在完了：have/has + 過去分詞––すでに始まって今も続いていること。

The sales have started already. The shops have opened early. “Have started” = they started, and they are still on.

Rule: have/has + past participle. “I have bought a book.” “She has lit the candle.” Question: “Have you bought a bargain?”

GRAMMAR　B2　headlines

解説 – headline present = 見出しの現在形：新聞の見出しは起きたことを現在形で言う。

Newspapers often use the present in headlines for what already happened: “Shops Open Early for Black Friday” – the shops opened, but the headline says Open. The present makes the news feel fresh. This issue's headline does the opposite on purpose: “Black Friday Week: The Sales Started Early” uses Started, the past – because the news is the early start, not the day itself.

GRAMMAR　B2　if + will

解説 – first conditional = 第一条件文：if + 現在形、will + 動詞––起こりうること。

If you buy early, you will save money. If the price falls, I will buy two. If = when this happens, that happens.

GOLDEN SENTENCES

名文（今号の本文の原文）––覚えて、次はあなたもこう書こう。

“Black Friday is one day. The sales last all month.”

–– From page 1 of this issue.

“A bargain is not a bargain if you did not need it.”

–– From page 1 of this issue.

“The tree stood on a table, not on the floor.”

–– From page 2 of this issue.

“Two witches, one fox – and a ballroom in Blackpool.”

–– From page 3 of this issue.

“The first international ended 0–0 – and football has never stopped since.”

–– From page 4 of this issue.

“In the jungle, a star is a meal.”

–– From page 5 of this issue.

“A budget is a plan, not a present.”

–– From page 6 of this issue.

“A hundred pounds does not buy a winter – but it buys a warmer one.”

–– From page 6 of this issue.

THE DRILLS　ドリル

次の語を使って空所を埋めなさい：bargain / more / less / will / started / whether / chose / opens。

A2　100.　空所補充
“A ___ is a thing bought for less than usual.”

B1　101.　空所補充
£100 is ___ than £5.

B1　102.　空所補充
£5 is ___ than £100.

A2　103.　空所補充
The sales ___ end on November 30.

B1　104.　空所補充
The sales have ___ already.

B2　105.　空所補充
Nobody knows ___ the price will fall again.

B2　106.　空所補充
ITV ___ Monday for the launch.

A2　107.　空所補充
“Zootropolis 2” ___ on November 26.

ERROR CLINIC　誤り

A2　108.　直しなさい
“The sales is starting early.” (wrong verb)

A2　109.　直しなさい
“A bargain are a good price.” (wrong verb)

B1　110.　直しなさい
“£100 is less then £5.” (wrong word)

B2　111.　直しなさい
“Nobody knows if the sales will end or not whether.” (wrong structure)



Samuel Johnson, painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds in 1772. Johnson's dictionary fixed English words – and this page fixes yours.

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THE TOOLBOX　道具箱

A2 – “A bargain is a good price.”お買い得はいい値段。

B1 – “£100 is more than £5.” 100ポンドは5ポンドより多い。

B2 – “If you buy early, you will save money.”早く買えば節約できる。

READERS' CORNER　読者の手紙

VOL.4 promised real letters from VOL.5. No letters arrived by press time. This page keeps the promise open: send your letter, your three sentences, or your five-sentence film review to the newsroom. Real letters, with your name and city only if you give them, will appear here from VOL.6.

VOL.4では、VOL.5から本物の読者の手紙を掲載すると約束しました。本号の締め切りまでに手紙は届きませんでした––約束は今も有効です。あなたの手紙、三文の練習、五文の映画レビューを編集部へお送りください。本物の手紙はVOL.6から掲載します。お名前と都市名は、ご承諾いただいた場合のみ載せます。

AN EXAMPLE LETTER　見本

This letter is written by the editor, only to show the shape. It is not a reader's letter. No name and no city are given, because no real letter has arrived yet.

“Dear Lucerna, I read the Black Friday story with my class. We checked the prices together – £100, 5p, 88%. My question: is a bargain still a bargain if I buy two? Thank you for the numbers.” – A reader, somewhere in the world.

この手紙は編集部が形式の見本として書いたものです。読者の手紙ではありません。本当の手紙がまだ届いていないので、名前も都市もありません。

NEXT WEEK　VOL.6予告

Cyber Monday and the first week of December: the jungle final, the Strictly semi-final, the first Nations Championship final – and your letters, the first real ones.

EXERCISES & ANSWERS　練習と解答

A　CLOZE　空所補充

Maya is a student in London. This week, she is following the sales. On (112)___ morning, November 26, she watches Zootropolis 2 with her class. On Friday, she reads the news about Black Friday. She learns a new word: a bargain is a thing bought for less than usual. She (113)___ the word in her notebook. On Saturday, she writes a sentence: “Black Friday is one day, but the sales (114)___ all month.” Her teacher smiles: “The shops (115)___ their sales on October 28.” Maya (116)___ the prices in her notebook: the shops (117)___ their prices every day. On Sunday, she (118)___ an advent candle with her family. And on Monday, she (119)___ her three sentences about the week to the newsroom.

選択肢：

112. [A2] A. Monday · B. Thursday · C. Friday

113. [A2] A. write · B. writes · C. is wrote

114. [A2] A. lasts · B. last · C. lasting

115. [A2] A. started · B. start · C. starting

116. [B1] A. write · B. writes · C. writing

117. [B1] A. changes · B. changed · C. change

118. [B1] A. lighting · B. light · C. lights

119. [B1] A. sends · B. send · C. sending

B　MULTIPLE CHOICE　選択

A2　120.
How many days is Amazon's Black Friday Week? A. 7 · B. 12 · C. 30

A2　121.
Black Friday 2026 is on... A. Fri, Nov 27 · B. Thu, Nov 26 · C. Mon, Nov 30

A2　122.
How many products did Which? track in 2024? A. 12 · B. 88 · C. 175

A2　123.
“Zootropolis 2” opens on... A. Nov 21 · B. Thu, Nov 26 · C. Nov 29

A2　124.
The first Sunday of Advent is... A. Nov 29 · B. Dec 25 · C. Nov 22

B1　125.
The Nations Championship final is on... A. Nov 21 · B. Sun, Nov 29 · C. Nov 27

B1　126.
The Budget gives £100 for... A. winter energy bills · B. new films · C. football tickets

B1　127.
The first international was... A. England 1–0 Scotland · B. Scotland 0–0 England · C. England 4–1 Scotland

B1　128.
St Andrew's Day is on... A. Sun, Nov 29 · B. Fri, Nov 27 · C. Mon, Nov 30

C　READING　読解

Tom is a teacher in Manchester. On Monday, November 16, his class is reading about Black Friday. “The sales started in October,” he says. “And Black Friday is on November 27.” The class asks: “Is a bargain always a bargain?” “No,” says Tom. “Check the price first. Which? found no product at its cheapest price on the day.” Then Tom opens the second story: “On Sunday, Advent begins.” The children smile – Tom is holding an advent calendar with 24 little doors.

B1　129.
Tom is... A. a student · B. a teacher in Manchester · C. a reporter

B1　130.
The sales started in... A. October · B. December · C. January

B1　131.
Tom is holding... A. a turkey · B. a football · C. an advent calendar

B1　132.
Tom's class is reading about... A. the Ashes · B. Black Friday · C. the film

D　SENTENCES　文の完成と書きかえ

B1　133.
Will future: “The shops (open) early on Friday.”→ ___

B1　134.
Past simple: “The sales (start) in October.”→ ___

B1　135.
Comparative: “£100 is ___ than £5.”

B2　136.
Whether: “Nobody knows ___ the price will fall.”

E　TRANSLATION　翻訳

B2　137.
訳しなさい：“Black Friday is on November 27.”

B2　138.
訳しなさい：“Advent begins on November 29.”

B2　139.
訳しなさい：“A budget is a plan, not a present.”

B1　140.
訳しなさい：“In the jungle, a star is a meal.”

F　WORDS　語彙の組み合わせ

A2　141–144. 語と意味を結ぶ

141. a bargain
142. a budget
143. a trial
144. a draw

a. a game that ends with the same score
b. a thing bought for less than usual
c. the government's plan for the year
d. a challenge that wins food

G　DIALOGUE　会話補完

– Two tickets for Zootropolis 2, please. – Which (145)___? – The front row, please. – Here you are. Is this the (146)___ about Judy and Nick? – Yes, the rabbit and the fox. – One large (147)___ and two drinks, please. – What time is the next (148)___? – At eight. – And the film opens on (149)___, November 26? – Yes, Thursday. Enjoy the film!

Levels: 145–149 [A2]

H　WRITING　作文 [B1]

Write a short text (80 to 100 words): “My Friday, November 27”. Tell us: did you go shopping, what did you buy, what did you watch on television, what did you read about the Budget – and one sentence about the film on Saturday. The best texts will appear in VOL.6 (page 7, “Readers' Corner”).

英語で80–100語書きなさい：「わたしの11月27日金曜日」。買い物に行ったか、何を買ったか、夜テレビで何を見たか、予算について何を読んだか、そして土曜日の映画について一文。


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MODEL　模範文

On Friday, November 27, I went shopping with my mother. The shops opened early, and the streets were full. I bought a book for £5 – a real bargain! In the evening, we watched the jungle on television together with my family. On Saturday, we will watch the new Wicked film. On Sunday, Advent begins, and we will light the first candle. I read about the Budget in class: the government gives £100 to help with winter bills. It is a busy week of sales, films and stories – and I am learning to say it all in English.

ANSWERS　全解答と解説（1–8ページ）

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1. Friday (金曜日) · 2. Monday (月曜日) · 3. sales (sales = セール) · 4. cheapest (一番安い) · 5. 100 (100ポンド) · 6. bargain · 7. B · 8. A · 9. C (Amazonの大セール12日間) · 10. B

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11. 29 (11月29日) · 12. Friday (クリスマス、金曜日) · 13. Monday (聖アンデレの日は月曜日) · 14. 3 (11月3日) · 15. 1800 (1800年) · 16. Families will light the first candle on Sunday. · 17. Christmas will come in four weeks. · 18. We will open the calendar on December 1. · 19. Will they watch the advert again? · 20. B · 21. C 休はテーブルの上に) · 22. A · 23. B (スコットランドのバンクホリデー) · 24. b · 25. d · 26. c · 27. a (saint=聖人 a)

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28. B · 29. A · 30. C · 31. B · 32. A (キー・ホイ・クァンが蛇の悪役の声) · 33. C · 34. opens · 35. fox (fox =キツネ) · 36. won (win → won) · 37. points (point = 点) · 38. b (witch=魔女 b) · 39. d · 40. c · 41. a · 42. The first film took more than $750 million. · 43. Baum published the book in 1900. · 44. Will Best left the show on Sunday. · 45. The first Zootropolis film won an Oscar. (win→ won)

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46. B · 47. C · 48. A · 49. B · 50. C · 51. A · 52. derby · 53. final (final = 決勝) · 54. beaten · 55. draw (draw =引き分け) · 56. d (derby=ダービー d) · 57. c (final=決勝 c) · 58. a · 59. b (draw=引き分け b) · 60. England beat Australia 45–22. · 61. Scotland played England in 1872. · 62. About 4,000 people watched the game. · 63. Sinner missed the ATP Finals.

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64. B · 65. A · 66. C (キャンプはニューサウスウェールズ州にある) · 67. B (初日夜の参加者は11人) · 68. A (星一つ = ごはん一食) · 69. C (イングランドの試合で一日遅れ) · 70. jungle · 71. stars (star = 星) · 72. vote (vote = 投票) · 73. arrive · 74. b · 75. c · 76. d (star=星 d) · 77. a · 78. The campmates are living in the jungle. · 79. Ant and Dec are presenting the show. · 80. The public is voting every night. · 81. They are cooking rice for the camp.

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82. B (予算案は10月28日) · 83. A (エネルギー支援100ポンド) · 84. C (燃料税の減税は2027年7月まで) · 85. B (銀行への追加課税は15か月) · 86. A (ウェールズ予算案、11月17日) · 87. C (スコットランドの税率、12月3日) · 88. B (予算は一年の計画) · 89. A (働く人の税金は上がらない) · 90. C · 91. B · 92. A · 93. C · 94. budget · 95. keep (keep =守る) · 96. until (until = 〜まで) · 97. debates · 98. arrives · 99. raises

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100. bargain · 101. more · 102. less · 103. will · 104. started · 105. whether · 106. chose · 107. opens · 108. Correct: The sales are starting early. (sales 複数 are) · 109. Correct: A bargain is a good price. (単数 is) · 110. Correct: £100 is more than £5. (more thanの構文) · 111. Correct: Nobody knows whether the sales will end. (whetherは従属節を導く)

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112. Thursday (木曜日、11月26日) · 113. writes (writes、三人称単数) · 114. last (last 現在形) · 115. started (started 過去形) · 116. writes (writes、三人称単数) · 117. change (change 現在形) · 118. lights (lights 三単) · 119. sends (sends 三単) · 120. B (Amazonの大セール12日間) · 121. A (ブラックフライデーは11月27日) · 122. C (Which?が175商品を調査) · 123. B (『ズートピア2』11月26日) · 124. A (アドベント第1主日、11月29日) · 125. B (ネーションズ・チャンピオンシップ決勝、11月29日) · 126. A (エネルギー支援100ポンド) · 127. B (初の国際試合は0–0) · 128. C (聖アンデレの日、11月30日) · 129. B (トムはマンチェスターで教えている) · 130. A (セールは10月に始まった) · 131. C (トムはアドベントカレンダーを持っている) · 132. B (トムのクラスはブラックフライデーについて読んでいる) · 133. The shops will open early on Friday. (will +動詞の原形) · 134. The sales started in October. (start → started) · 135. more (more than、比較級) · 136. whether (whether = 〜かどうか) · 137. ブラックフライデーは11月27日です。(Black Friday=ブラックフライデー) · 138. アドベントは11月29日に始まります。(Advent=アドベント) · 139. 予算は計画で、贈り物ではない。(budget=予算) · 140. ジャングルでは、星一つがごはん一食です。(a star=星) · 141. b (bargain=お買い得 b) · 142. c (budget=予算 c) · 143. d (trial=試練 d) · 144. a (draw=引き分け a) · 145. row (row =一列の座席) · 146. film (film =映画) · 147. popcorn (popcorn = ポップコーン) · 148. show (show = 上演) · 149. Thursday (Thursday = 木曜日) · 150. 自由記述 – 要点は作文の枠内、模範文は8ページの作文枠の中 (要点ごとに採点)