



# The Tsubame Traveler

ザ・ツバメ・トラベラー 燕市の無料月刊英語新聞



“the Tube” in London.

The idea is to spread happiness and to “create unexpected moments of joy”. The Facebook site tells people to wear their ordinary underpants. This is so it looks like they just forgot their trousers.

The weather was cold that day! It was around 4°C. Despite that many people took part across London at different stations and on different trains.

What do you think? Do you think it is a good idea?

## The annual “No Trousers Tube Ride” takes place in London

People ride on the train but in just their underpants! It was started by 7 people in New York in 2002 but

it is now done in around sixty cities. The event is organised on Facebook.

We call the metro

## “Bonjour” in trouble!

Belgium has three official languages: Dutch, French and German. Most people speak Dutch as their first language (59%), French is second (40%) and German last (1%). Dutch is spoken mainly in the north, French in the south and German to the east. Remember this is one country. Confused? Me too!



One morning a train conductor said “goeiemorgen, bonjour” as he greeted the passengers. “Goeiemorgen” is Dutch for good morning. “Bonjour”

is French for good morning... One passenger said “We are not in Brussels yet! You have to use Dutch only!”.

In Belgium, train conductors have to use different languages in different areas. So if the train is in the north of Belgium, they should use Dutch and in the south, they should use French.

Saying “hello” in the wrong language can be controversial!

# Mystery Banana Gift – left on a street, every month

In a town in the UK, on a normal street, every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, a small plate of bananas appears! It is a mystery.



“It is so strange and disgusting.” Another said “If they could come back and clean it up after a few days that would be

No one knows why or who is doing it. The small plate, with four or five bananas appears on the corners of Abbey Road and Wensor Avenue in

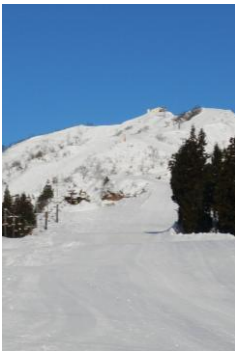
Nottinghamshire. Some people have left notes saying “Please, no more bananas!”, but still they come. One neighbour said

lovely.” There are no wild monkeys in the UK and the local birds don’t eat them. Why leave bananas out to rot?!?

## 100 things to do around Tsubame - #63

Suhara Ski area

I think this is my personal favourite ski area in Japan. It is small, cheap-ish and very friendly. It is good for most levels of skier but best for intermediate.



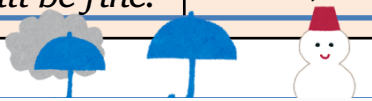
It is an hour drive from Tsubame Sanjo in the Uonuma area. I recommend the curry at the base building!

## Fortune telling (星占い) – Check your birthday!

<b>Aries</b> (March 21 – April 19) <i>Good slide into the new year.</i>	<b>Taurus</b> (April 20 – May 20) <i>Can you see the sun?</i>	<b>Gemini</b> (May 21 – June 21) <i>West is lucky.</i>	<b>Cancer</b> (June 22 – July 22) <i>Good choice, Otoshidama.</i>
<b>Leo</b> (July 23 – August 22) <i>Bread smell, good or bad.</i>	<b>Virgo</b> (August 23 – September 22) <i>3 birds are lucky</i>	<b>Libra</b> (September 23 – October 23) <i>Drawing will be lucky</i>	<b>Scorpius</b> (October 24 – November 21) <i>Caramel, just caramel.</i>
<b>Sagittarius</b> (November 22 – December 21) <i>Careful on the ice.</i>	<b>Capricornus</b> (December 22 – January 19) <i>Christmas baby.</i>	<b>Aquarius</b> (January 20 – February 18) <i>Smile and it will be fine.</i>	<b>Pisces</b> (February 19 – March 20) <i>Fish sushi is the best, no?</i>



## Australia Weather Report



Sydney, Australia. This month takes us to sunny Sydney! January is the hottest month in Sydney. The average high is 26 °C and perfect weather for swimming. In January there are tennis, football, cricket, rugby and basketball tournaments to enjoy in Sydney!

Min Temperature	20°C	Rainy days	12 days
Max Temperature	26°C	Humidity	61%
Water Temperature	21°C	Windspeed	4 m/s
Chance of Rain	40%	Sunshine	233 hours
Precipitation	81 mm	Percentage Sunshine	53%