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Pictures in the paddy field

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Editor's Note

Jumanji is a film I like that starred the funny actor Robin Williams. In this film, jungle animals suddenly appear and cause trouble in a town. That is what actually happened in the capital of Georgia because they escaped from a zoo. Find out what happened to them on G06. Have you ever had pig's blood before? Read more about the pig and pork products on G09.



Simon

THE Goodies Family recently went to Pingtung (屏東), in Taiwan (台灣), to admire a very special type of 'painting'. It does not use paints at all! In fact it is completely natural. It uses crops to 'print' a huge picture on a paddy field! The app-loving kids are extra excited because the picture consists of four famous characters from the mobile app LINE. The artwork was created as part of an art festival last month. Turn over to find out how it was done!



Cute crops

In a one-**hectare** paddy field in the **county** of Pingtung, the Goodies Family spotted something unusual. It is a large picture made by planting four different types of rice! The crop spells out the words 'LINE FRIENDS LOVE♥ PINGTUNG' and '屏東!' The unexpected art was created to celebrate the International Rice Art Festival (國際彩稻藝術節).



Rice art

This kind of art is called rice paddy art (稻田畫), and originates from a village called Inakadate (田舎館村) in Japan's (日本) Aomori Prefecture (青森縣). Since 1993, there has been an annual festival there, featuring pictures of famous figures, such as the Mona Lisa (蒙羅麗莎) and Marilyn Monroe (瑪莉蓮夢露). The International Rice Art Festival in Taiwan is in its first year.



We need to stand at a special angle to see these pictures properly.



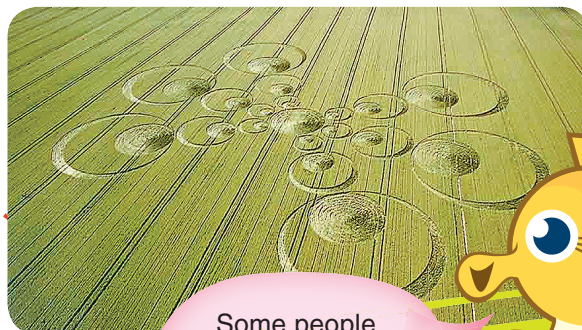
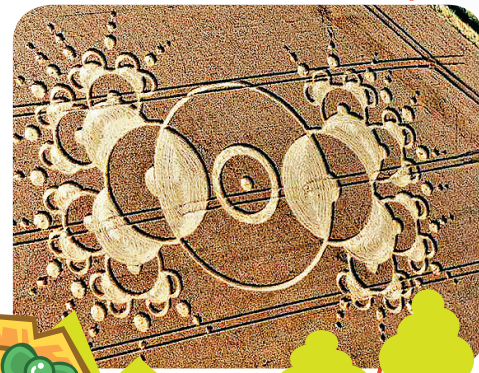
Patient paddy artists

To make paddy art, artists draw a digital picture on the computer. Then, **markers** are put in the paddy field to tell the farmers what type of rice to plant in a particular area. After planting, they have to wait many months for the whole field to 'grow' into an amazing picture!



Unexplained inspiration

Japanese paddy art was inspired by **crop circles** that appeared as early as the late 17th century in Britain (英國). These are **mysterious** patterns that appear in crops fields without any natural explanation. Beginning in the second half of the 20th century, reports of crop circles became **numerous**. The Japanese (日本人) used them as inspiration for their paddy art.



Some people believe aliens create the crop circles!

