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Goodies



Amazing rocks



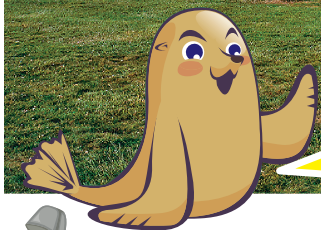
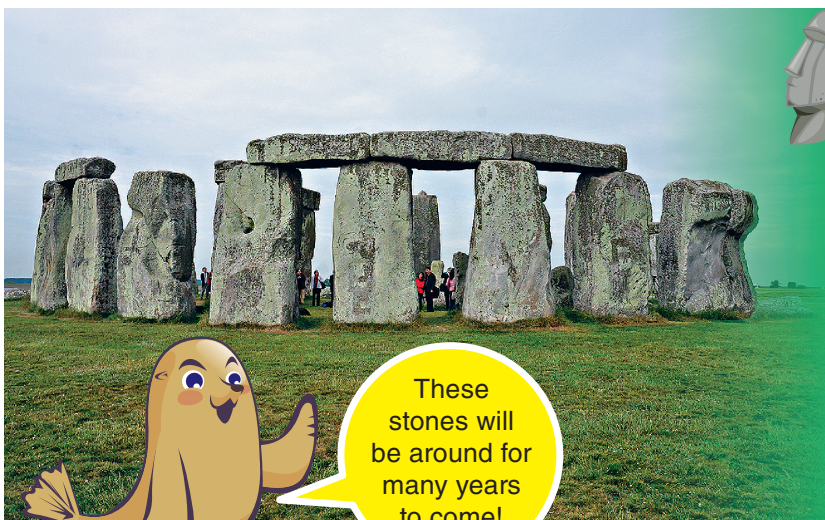
WHAT is so special about a bunch of rocks? Everything. People have been fascinated by how these rocky sites – like Easter Island (復活島) – were built. Archeologists have learnt that these special Moai stone heads actually have beautifully decorated bodies as well. Apart from these statues, other rock-related sites have millions of visitors every year.

Editor's Note

Hi! If you ever go to England then you must visit Stonehenge. You are not allowed to go near it but you can still get close to take pictures. It is mind-blowing to think how those heavy rocks were moved to that site. It must have taken years and years! I have visited the site twice and I feel that our lives are so short because those stones have stood for thousands of years and will continue to be there. Turn to G02 to learn about it and other famous rocks. On G04 is an article about why junk food is bad for you. I have tried to cut down on junk food but I really love eating it. Who can resist a cheeseburger, French fries and a milkshake? The new year is coming up so I have to make another New Year's resolution to stop eating junk food.



Simon



These stones will be around for many years to come!

Dancing giants

STONEHENGE is a famous site in the UK, attracting over a million visitors each year. According to experts, Stonehenge was created over 4,300 years ago. Some scholars think it was built for looking at the starry sky, while other scholars believe it to be a **holy site**. There is an old legend: a long time ago, a group of giants lived at the site; one day, they were dancing and were suddenly turned into stone, forming Stonehenge.

The Khmer smile

ANGKOR in Cambodia (柬埔寨) was the capital of the old Khmer Empire. Inside Angkor are ruins built from stones, like Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom. Within Angkor Thom is the temple Bayon, which has 54 towers. Every tower has four sides, each with a **relief** of a smiling face of Jayavarman VII, a **bodhisattva**. That smile is called 'The Khmer Smile'.



City in the sky

NOT just imagined out of *Gulliver's Travels*, the City in the Sky is a real place in South America (南美). This city is called Machu Picchu and is located in Peru (秘魯). It is a ruin left by the Incas. Machu Picchu is 2,400 metres above sea level. This city is made from giant rocks, and the space between the rocks is **non-existent**. You cannot even slide paper between them. Moreover, no one knows how the Incas **transported** the rocks to the site. Some people actually believe they were helped by aliens from outer space.



Stone heads

EASTER Island, called the 'Navel of the World', is a Chilean island in the middle of the South Pacific Ocean. This island was discovered by Dutch explorers in 1722. The explorers named it Easter Island because it was close to Easter when they found it. There are hundreds of giant stone heads – Moai – all over the island, but sometimes they are a whole statue, not just a head. No one knows why these stone statues are there, though some people think it has to do with ancient religious practices.

