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Monday

# Goodies



## Animal diplomacy



### Editor's Note

Hi! I like to have breakfast in the morning, usually a cereal. It is the most important meal of the day and gives you energy to last for the rest of the day. When I am in England, I have what is called a 'full English Breakfast', otherwise known as a 'fry up'. On a plate are sausages, fried eggs, baked beans, mushrooms, tomatoes, toast, bacon, hash browns and black pudding which is a sausage made of pigs' blood, fat and oatmeal. I am so full after eating it that I skip lunch! Turn to P6 to read a news story about kids skipping breakfast.



Simon

**A**NIMALS have been used in foreign relations for millennia. Sometimes they are supposed to impress people with how big and strong the animal is – showing that the country that sent it is big and strong, too. But sometimes, only the most adorable animals are sent.





## The 'aww' factor

**A**NIMAL diplomacy has been used since ancient times. For example, Cleopatra, an Egyptian (埃及的) queen from two thousand years ago, supposedly gave giraffes to Julius Caesar to take back to Rome (羅馬). And back in seventh century China, Empress Wu Zetian (武則天) sent a pair of giant pandas to the Japanese emperor as gifts.

### Australia

IN November 2014, the G20 – the 20 most **prominent** countries in the world – held a **summit** in Brisbane, Australia (澳洲布里斯本) and the prime minister at the time, Tony Abbott, arranged for a photo of the world leaders with koalas. In fact, the Australians had trained the koalas to accept hugs from people. These 'public relations weapons' were warmly received by all the world leaders. Everyone, from Xi Jinping's (習近平) wife Peng Liyuan (彭麗媛) to Russian (俄羅斯) President Vladimir Putin (普京), had photos taken of them hugging a cuddly **marsupial**.



### China

CHINA started sending giant pandas to foreign countries in the 1950s. Back then, the pandas were gifts, but beginning in 1984, the pandas were loaned instead.

In 2015, the two giant pandas at the Toronto Zoo (多倫多動物園) produced a pair of twins. At their naming ceremony, Canadian (加拿大的) Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was given the young pandas to hold. He held one in each arm and seems to enjoy the **occasion** greatly.



### Russia

PUTIN is a famous dog lover and world leaders have been trying to give him puppies all the time. For example, in 2010, the Prime Minister of Bulgaria (保加利亞) Boyko Borisov gave him a Bulgarian Shepherd to thank him for signing a deal on a natural gas **pipeline** from Russia to Bulgaria. After the 2011 Tohoku (東北) earthquake in Japan (日本), the Akita Prefecture (秋田縣) gave Putin an Akita Inu for the large amount of aid Russia sent. The breed has much historical **significance** in Japan, and Hachiko, a dog famous for his loyalty to his owner, was of this breed.

