

Knowledge Daily

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Jonathan Swift was an Anglo-Irish satirist, essayist, political pamphleteer, poet

"We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another."

— Jonathan Swift

On 11 October, German rail operator Deutsche Bahn and the Siemens company unveiled the world's first driverless train. They unveiled (showed) the automated train in the city of Hamburg in Germany.

The rail operator said that this driverless train is more punctual and energy-efficient than traditional trains. It can carry up to 30% more passengers, improve punctuality and save more

Germany unveils world's first driverless train

energy than the trains that exist now. Moreover, from December 2021, there will be four more such trains. They will join Hamburg's S-Bahn rapid urban rail network which carries passengers.

The project is part of a 60 million euro (US\$70 million) modernisation of Hamburg's rapid urban rail system.

Other cities like Paris in France also have driverless metros. But these trains run on their own tracks. On the other hand, this new driverless

train will share tracks with other regular trains. But for safety's sake, there will be a driver present to oversee the trips,

The train system in Germany

The passenger train system in Germany is known for being efficient, safe and punctual. Deutsche Bahn is one of the main operators of the train system.

DID YOU KNOW

- Germany has the largest economy in Europe.
- A newborn panda cub weighs just 90-130 g. A cub is just 1/900th the size of its mother.
- The G20 members account for more than 80% of world GDP.

A lonely beluga whale

Lonely beluga whale spotted far away from Arctic home

Over the past week, people have spotted a big white whale swimming off the coast of Seattle in the US. And no one knows why. This whale is a beluga and it is normally found in the cold waters of the Arctic region. That is thousands of kilometres away from Seattle

It was first spotted on Sunday (3 October), when a man named Jason Rogers filmed the white whale swimming in Commencement Bay.

This is about 50 km south of Seattle. Then, other people also spotted the beluga whale in different places, and it even swam by three different shipyards.

What is a shipyard?

A shipyard is a place where ships are repaired or built.

The beluga whale

The beluga whale, also known as the white whale, is a type of whale that is white in colour and can grow as heavy as 1500 kg. It usually lives in groups and so, it is very unusual to find one that is alone by itself.

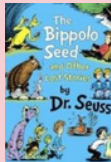


Scientists say that they cannot figure out where this whale has come from and are studying its movements. But for now, it seems to be in good health and it has plenty of food to eat. Belugas eat squid, small fish and crabs.

Book Review

The Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories is a collection of seven illustrated stories by children's author Dr. Seuss.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Today's Word of the Day is "conducive" and its adjective meaning Making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.

Pronunciation: con·du·cive | \ kən-'dü-siv

Usage: 'the harsh lights and cameras were hardly conducive to a relaxed atmosphere'

SYNONYMS

good for, helpful to, instrumental in, calculated to produce, productive of, useful for, favourable, beneficial, valuable, advantageous, opportune, propitious, encouraging, promising, convenient. contribute to, lead to, tend to promote, make for, facilitate, favour, aid, assist, help, benefit, encourage

Antonyms : unfavourable

Origin : Mid 17th century from conduce, on the pattern of words such as conducive..

Hindi Meaning

CONDUCTIVE= सहायक/उपकारी/हितकर/सुखावह [pr. {sahayak/upakari/hitakar/sukhavah}](Adjective)

Usage : Working conditions are not conducive to productivity in the factory.

उदाहरण : काम करने की स्थिति कारखाने में उच्च उत्पादकता के लिए सहायक नहीं है.

ENGLISH CLUB

Phrasal Verb-grow apart

Meaning: stop being friends over time

Usage: My best friend and I grew apart after she changed schools

Today's Idiom

more than meets the eye

Meaning: You can say there's more to something than meets the eye if it's more complex, more important or more interesting than it seems at first.

Usage: I'm sure there's more going on here than meets the eye. I don't think we've been told the full story.

Saying of the Day

Silence is golden

Possible interpretation:

This saying emphasizes the value of saying nothing.

Note: silence (noun) = complete absence of sound | golden (adj.) = made of gold | There is another, longer saying: "Speech is silver; but silence is golden."