**José Mujica: The World’s Poorest President**

１　José Mujica, the former president of Uruguay, passed away on May 13 at the age of 89. He was known around the world as “the world’s poorest president” because of his simple lifestyle.

**２　Though he was president**, he lived on a small farm, drove an old car, and donated 90% of his salary to charity. He believed that living simply gave him more freedom and peace.

３　Mujica was Uruguay’s president from 2010 to 2015. During this time, he worked hard to make people’s lives better. He raised the minimum wage and started housing programs for poor families. As a result, the poverty rate of Uruguay went down from 18.5% to 9.8%.

４　He also focused on promoting the use of renewable energy, including hydropower, solar power, wind power, biomass energy, and geothermal energy. **Thanks to his efforts, about 98% of Uruguay’s electricity now comes from these clean energy sources.**

５　Many people respected Mujica. Even after his death, his words and actions continue to inspire people around the world.

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donate寄付する　　　salary給料　　　　minimum wage最低賃金　　　　　housing 住宅 　　 poverty rate貧困率

focus集中する　　　　promote推し進める 　　renewable再生可能の　　　　including ～：～を含めて　　 effort努力

electricity電気 　　energy sourceエネルギー源　　　　inspire刺激・影響を与える ★( )

Q1 Which country was Mujica the president of? Please find that country on the world map.)

Q2 What was José Mujica’s nickname around the world? And why?

Q3 When Mujica was a president,

1. Where did he live?
2. What kind of car did Mujica drive?
3. What did he do with most of his salary?

Q4 Why did Mujica choose to live simply?

Q5 When was Mujica the president of Uruguay?

Q6 ムヒカさんは大統領在任中、貧困対策として何を行いましたか。２つ書きましょう。

Q7 How did the poverty rate change during Mujica’s time as president?

Q8 ムヒカさんが推進した再生可能エネルギーを、5種類、答えましょう。

Q9 これらの再生可能エネルギーは、石油やガスと違って、どのような利点がありますか。

Q10　What percentage of Uruguay’s electricity comes from clean energy now?

Q11 Do you think Mujica was a good leader? Why or why not? (Give your opinion in 1–2 sentences.)

Q12 次のアメリカ人中学生Samのメールにお返事を書いて下さい。

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| **Subject: What Do You Think About Mujica?**  Hi, I just read an article about José Mujica, the former president of Uruguay.  I think he was an amazing leader!  I have two questions:   1. Do you think Japanese leaders should also live simply like Mujica? 2. What kind of energy does Japan use most—clean energy or something else?   In the U.S, a**bout 40% of energy comes from fossil fuels. But renewable energy is also increasing.  It now makes up about 20%, especially from wind and solar power.**  I hope we can keep sharing ideas like this!  Sam |

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| Hi, Sam! Thank you for your message. |

◆次の文を暗唱しましょう。

1. Though he was a president, he lived in a small farm.

2. He was called the poorest president.

3. Uruguay lives on clean energy.

今日の文法（１）接続詞though

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| ◆【Though 主語 ＋動詞 ，】で「～けれども、～にもかかわらず」を意味します。  ① Though it was cold, I went out. （= It was cold, but I went out.）  ② She finished her homework, though she was tired.（= She was tired, but she finished her homework.  ③ Though I don’t like fish, I ate it.（= I don’t like fish, but I ate it.） |

１　次の空欄に、thoughまたはbutを入れましょう。

① 彼は大統領だったが、小さな農場に住んでいた。  
He was a president, \_\_\_\_\_\_ he lived on a small farm.

= \_\_\_\_\_\_ he was a president, he lived on a small farm.

= He lived on a small farm \_\_\_\_\_\_ he was president.

② 彼は権力を持っていたにもかかわらず、質素な生活を選んだ。  
\_\_\_\_\_\_ he had power, he chose to live a simple life.

③ 彼は高い給料をもらっていたが、そのほとんどを寄付した。  
He earned a good salary, \_\_\_\_\_\_ he gave most of it to charity.

④ 彼は貧しそうに見えたが、世界中の人々に尊敬されていた。  
People around the world respected him \_\_\_\_\_\_ he looked poor.

⑤ 彼は亡くなったが、その考えは今も多くの人々を励ましている。  
He is gone, \_\_\_\_\_\_ his ideas still inspire many people.

今日の文法（２）最上級

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| 最上級　 A is the ～est. （A は最も～です）  A is the most ～. |

１）彼は世界で最も優しい指導者でした。  
**He was ( )( ) leader in the world.**

２）ムヒカにとって最も大切なことは、貧しい人々を助けることでした。  
**( )( )( ) thing for Mujica was helping poor people.**

３）彼のあだ名は「世界で一番貧しい大統領」でした。

　　His nickname was “( )( ) president” in the world.

４）彼はすべての大統領の中で最も質素な生活をしていました。  
**He lived ( )( ) life among all presidents.**

５）風力発電は、全ての中で最もきれいなエネルギー源の一つです。

Wind power is one of ( )( ) energy sources of all.

６）ムヒカはすべての指導者の中で最も多くのお金を寄付しました。  
**Mujica gave ( )( ) money to charity among all leaders.**

７）質素に生きることは、自由と平和を保つ最善の方法かもしれません。  
**Living simply may be ( )( ) way to stay free and peaceful.**