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Zadanie 4.

Rowan Atkinson was one of the founding members of the cult comedy show Not The Nine O'Clock News. Over the years Atkinson has won acclaim, and huge audiences, for his roles as Blackadder and Mr Bean. Now, he returns to the big screen in the Bond spoof 'Johnny English'.

You're well known for your enthusiasm for fast cars. Were the car stunts part of the appeal of 'Johnny English'?

Unfortunately, because I'm in virtually every scene in the movie, I did very little of the car stunts that you see. I got to do other things, like dropping off an electric cable to grab the crown off John Malkovich's head. It was something I thought I could do, even though I'm no good at heights. Whether I'll attempt any stunts in future movies is extremely questionable.

Your career is based entirely upon comedy. Do you have any yearning to take on a serious role?

I've never felt any kind of need, or ambition, to play a serious role just for the sake of it. But there are many characters who are half serious and half funny, with different proportions of both. Even Johnny English is not an immediately ridiculous or silly character. He's quite a seriously minded man, it's just that he has failings that become obvious. And it's out of the discrepancy between how good he thinks he is and how good he really is that the comedy comes. He's not a terrible spy, it's just that he's not very good and he's certainly not good enough to be Agent One – which is the job that he's given in the film.

Are you concerned that Johnny's anti-French views will alienate our cousins across the Channel?

I read a fantastic thing recently in a Spanish newspaper that said a quarter of French people wanted Saddam Hussein to win the war, which I thought was the most brilliant statistic. I love the French for things like that.

They are so uncompromising in their view of the world, which is why they are such a fantastically rich source of comedy. They are so relentless and so clear in their view of things, and they won't be shoved off that position by anything. What's also good is that, generally speaking, making jokes about the French appears to be something that nobody really minds. The French don't even care, they just go about their lives regardless.

Zadanie 5.

What do you get when you cross a chicken with an apple? A daffodil with rice? A flounder with a tomato? These aren't jokes waiting for a punch line. Believe it or not, combinations like these may make their way to your dinner table. There's a brave new world of agriculture that has some people excited about new "superfoods". Others are very nervous.

For thousands of years, farmers have improved their crops by patiently crossbreeding plants that have good traits. But crossbreeding doesn't always work. Even when it does, it can take decades to get good results.

Now, thanks to advances in gene science, there are amazing shortcuts. Genes are the instructions inside cells that help determine what a living thing looks like: its size, its shape and countless other traits. Using the new tools of genetic engineering, scientists can take a gene from one living thing and put it directly into another plant or animal. John Mount, professor of agriculture at the University of Tennessee says that in this way you can make changes more precisely in a much shorter period of time.

Scientists believe the new techniques can create crops that are pest-proof, disease resistant and more nutritious. Researchers are working on rice that has an extra boost of vitamin A from a daffodil gene. The rice could help prevent blindness for millions of kids who don't get enough vitamin A in their diet.

Not everybody is convinced that pumping our food with foreign genes is a good idea. Many people say these genetically modified, or GM, foods may end up harming the environment and humans.

Ronnie Cummins of the Organic Consumers Association says that we shouldn't be rushing into a new technology so quickly and thoughtlessly. He thinks we might be at risk of causing disaster if we don't think about the possible results or dangers of the steps we take.

Nearly half the U.S. corn and soybean crops are now genetically modified. Health concerns are growing. Many groups are demanding that GM foods be labelled. Last year public worry forced the Gerber and Heinz companies to stop using GM ingredients in baby foods. Just last month Frito Lay announced that its snacks would be free of GM ingredients. Companies are seeing that GM foods can be bad for business, even if they haven't been proved to be bad for health.

So far, GM foods haven't harmed anyone. Most genetic researchers believe that if troubles do crop up, they will be manageable.

As the battles go on, will we continue to see GM food on our tables? Allison Snow, an ecologist at Ohio State University, is hopeful. Even though she has concerns, she thinks it would be silly not to use this technology. We just have to use it wisely.

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Zadanie 6.**One**

Two officers from the Northwest District reported they fought Saturday night with a suspect who had illegal drugs on Forest Avenue.

Officer Pat Panaro said he saw Michael Torres, aged 20, of Maryland Street, smoking marijuana. He said Torres pushed him and ran. In the chase that followed, Torres punched Officer Panaro several times and had to be forcibly subdued and handcuffed. The police said Panaro broke his hand in the struggle. Torres was charged with assault of a police officer, resisting arrest, obstruction of government administration and criminal possession of marijuana.

Two

A man from Lockport was airlifted to Erie County Medical Center, Buffalo with a fractured leg on Sunday after his motorcycle struck a parked car on Bayview Station.

Frederick Bishop, 54, lost control after setting off just after 6 a.m. Details of his condition were still unavailable on Sunday morning but he is believed to be recovering well.

Three

Six aliens attempting to enter the United States unofficially will appear in the federal court today after they were seized on freight trains in two separate incidents over the weekend. A 26-year-old man from Brazil was found hidden in a freight train on the American side of the International Railroad Bridge near Squaw Island at about 10 p.m. on Friday.

At the same location at 4:15 a.m. on Saturday, Customs and Border Protection officers found five citizens of Costa Rica hidden in another freight train during a routine inspection.

Four

Police said that four men in a stolen car attempted to ram a Buffalo man's vehicle early Sunday in a bold theft attempt.

The man told the police that he was on Dickersonville Road at about 2:30 a.m. when a passing vehicle suddenly turned around and accelerated toward his car. The man told the police the other driver tried to rear-end him several times after he turned onto Lower Mountain Road. The offenders haven't been traced yet.

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