

- 7 中学生の一郎は、スミス先生 (Ms. Smith) と話しています。次の会話文中の () 内に入る最も適切なものを、右の1から4までの中から1つ選びなさい。

Ms. Smith: Ichiro, why don't you read this article? It's interesting.

Ichiro: Oh, thank you, but it's all in English. That's difficult for me.

Ms. Smith: This newspaper is for students. Try reading it!

Ichiro: OK.

[*Ichiro reads the article.*]

Chimpanzees are one of the smartest animals. They can do a lot of things. How smart are they? A team at a university in Japan found the answer. Some chimpanzees may be as smart as four-year-old children in some ways.

Few animals can understand *janken*. In *janken*, none is the strongest among *rock*, *scissors*, and *paper*. Learning about the relation among the three is very difficult.

The team tried teaching *janken* to seven chimpanzees. They showed pictures of two different *janken* hands to the chimpanzees. The chimpanzees got food when they pointed to the stronger one. Finally, five of the chimpanzees learned *janken*.

The team also tried teaching *janken* to some human children. They found that children could learn *janken* when they were about four years old. Through this study, they got the answer to the question: "How smart are chimpanzees?"

[*A few minutes later*]

Ms. Smith: What is the most important point in this article?

Ichiro: ().

Ms. Smith: Right. That is the main point.

(注) article: 記事 chimpanzee: チンパンジー four-year-old: 4歳の
few: ほとんどない none is ~: いずれも~ない among ~: ~の中で
rock, scissors, and paper: グー, チョキ, パー (じゃんけんの指の出し方)
relation: 関係 human: 人間の study: 研究

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