

Then, is there any difference other than "advanced" between an object of the Utility Model Act and the Patent Act?

There are many differences between the two.

At first, in order to be protected by the Utility Model Act, the requirement for "article" must be met.

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Art 14 : Ms. Maizono (16 years old) was choberigu (super very good) with loose socks (baggy socks).

An article

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Wow!!

Is this a picture of you when you were in high school?

Yikes! Please don't look at this photo.

In other words, it must be an idea about "things", right?

You had better remove it. Beret.

LLCC (Love Level Counter Cuffs) is a device for judging compatibility of two persons are wearing it. So, it's an article.

More specifically, article means a product which possesses a certain spatial shape.

Dropping

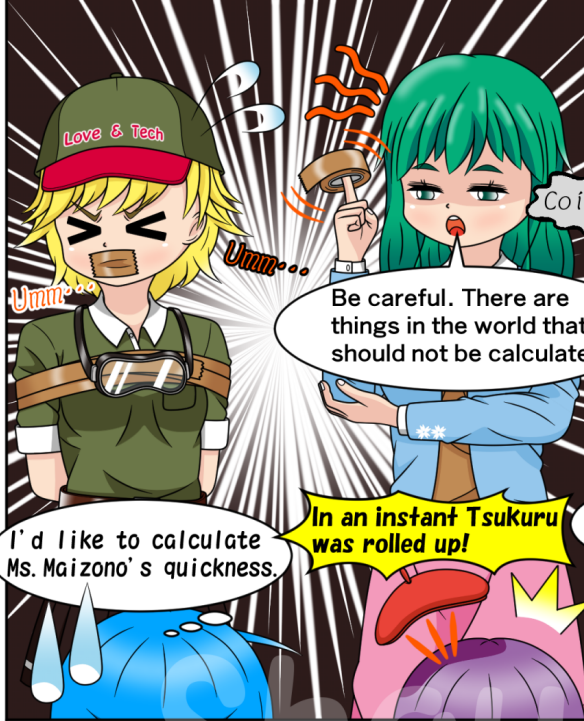
Umm... it sounds difficult to me.

Catch!

Oops! Thank you.♥

Oh! You dropped your phone.

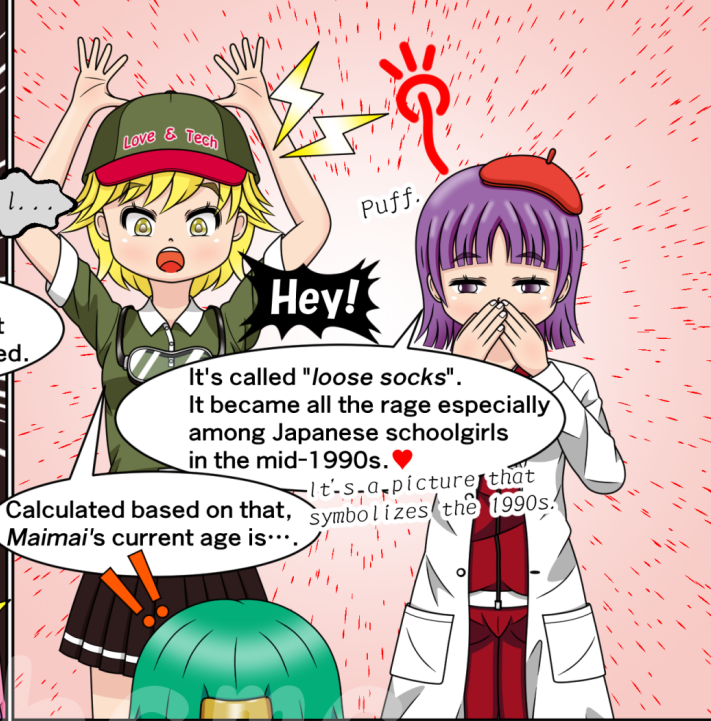
I have a lot to ask you about this photo. For example, it's about the flowers on the head and your pose. In particular, what are these baggy socks?



I'd like to calculate Ms. Maizono's quickness.

In an instant Tsukuru was rolled up!

Be careful. There are things in the world that should not be calculated.

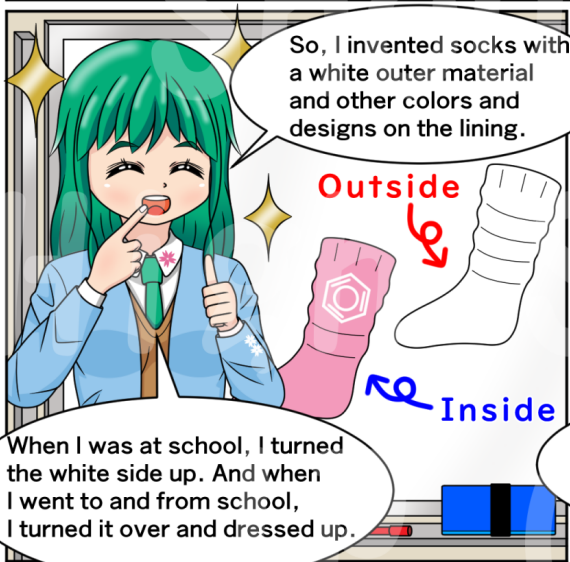


Hey!

It's called "loose socks". It became all the rage especially among Japanese schoolgirls in the mid-1990s. ♥

Calculated based on that, Maimai's current age is...

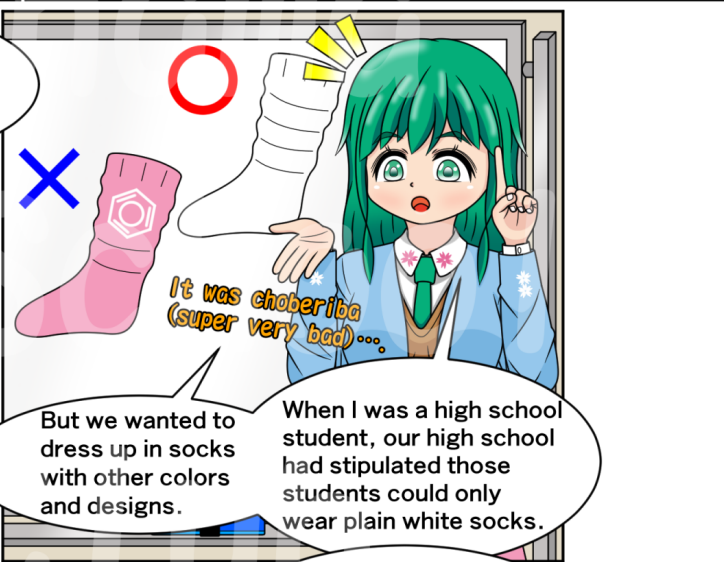
It's a picture that symbolizes the 1990s.



So, I invented socks with a white outer material and other colors and designs on the lining.



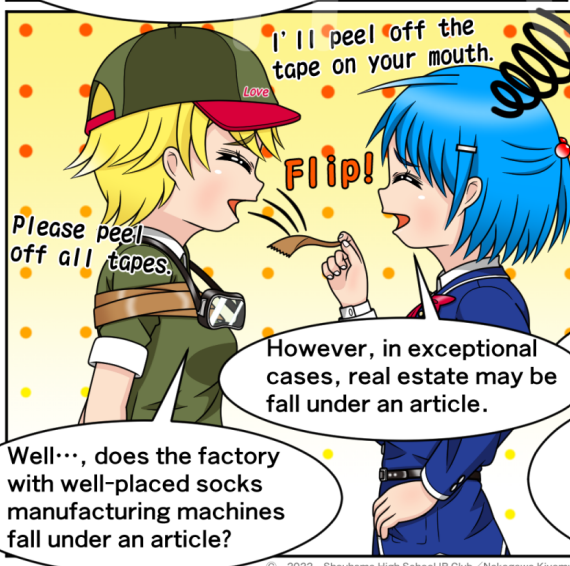
When I was at school, I turned the white side up. And when I went to and from school, I turned it over and dressed up.



It was chaberiba (super very bad)...

But we wanted to dress up in socks with other colors and designs.

When I was a high school student, our high school had stipulated those students could only wear plain white socks.



I'll peel off the tape on your mouth.

Flip!

Please peel off all tapes.

However, in exceptional cases, real estate may fall under an article.

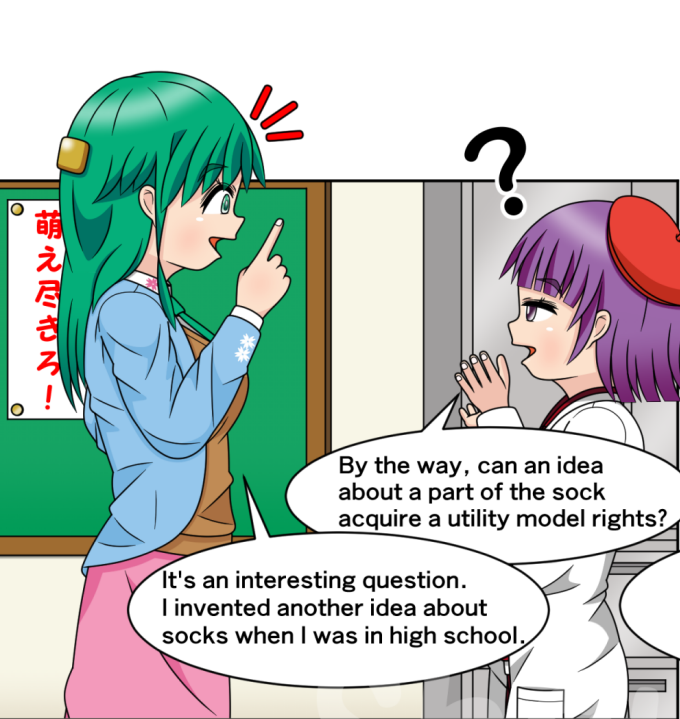
Well... does the factory with well-placed socks manufacturing machines fall under an article?



Socks fall under an article, so I should have acquired utility model rights for the socks at the time, huh?

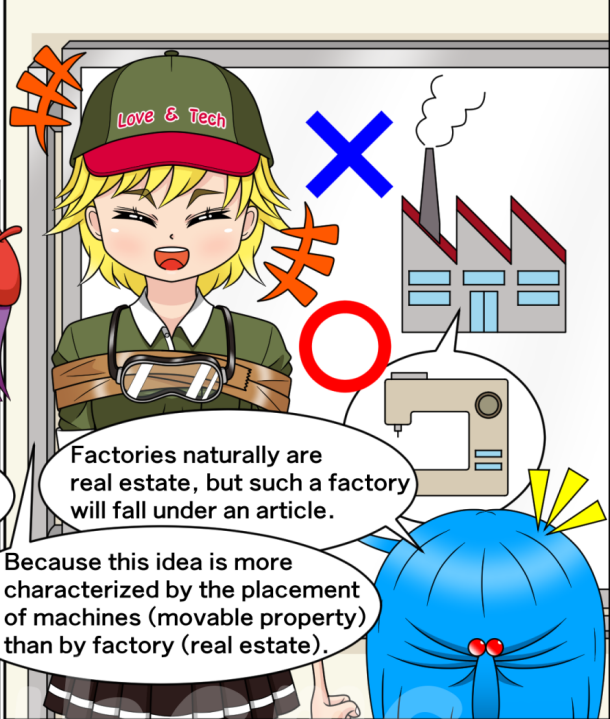
Movable property
Real estate

Maybe so. An article generally means "movable property". In Japan, all property other than real estate, such as land and houses, is treated as a movable property (Civil Code Article 86).



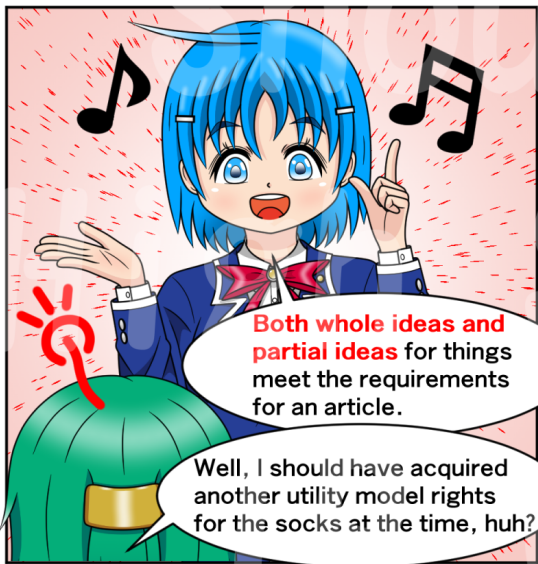
By the way, can an idea about a part of the sock acquire a utility model rights?

It's an interesting question. I invented another idea about socks when I was in high school.



Factories naturally are real estate, but such a factory will fall under an article.

Because this idea is more characterized by the placement of machines (movable property) than by factory (real estate).



Both whole ideas and partial ideas for things meet the requirements for an article.

Well, I should have acquired another utility model rights for the socks at the time, huh?



Because loose socks were expensive.

The toes of socks tear easily. But if you make the whole sock out of double fabric so that the sock doesn't tear, the legs will be hot. So, I made only the toes of the socks out of double fabric, especially to prevent the toes from tearing.



It was choberigu. ♥

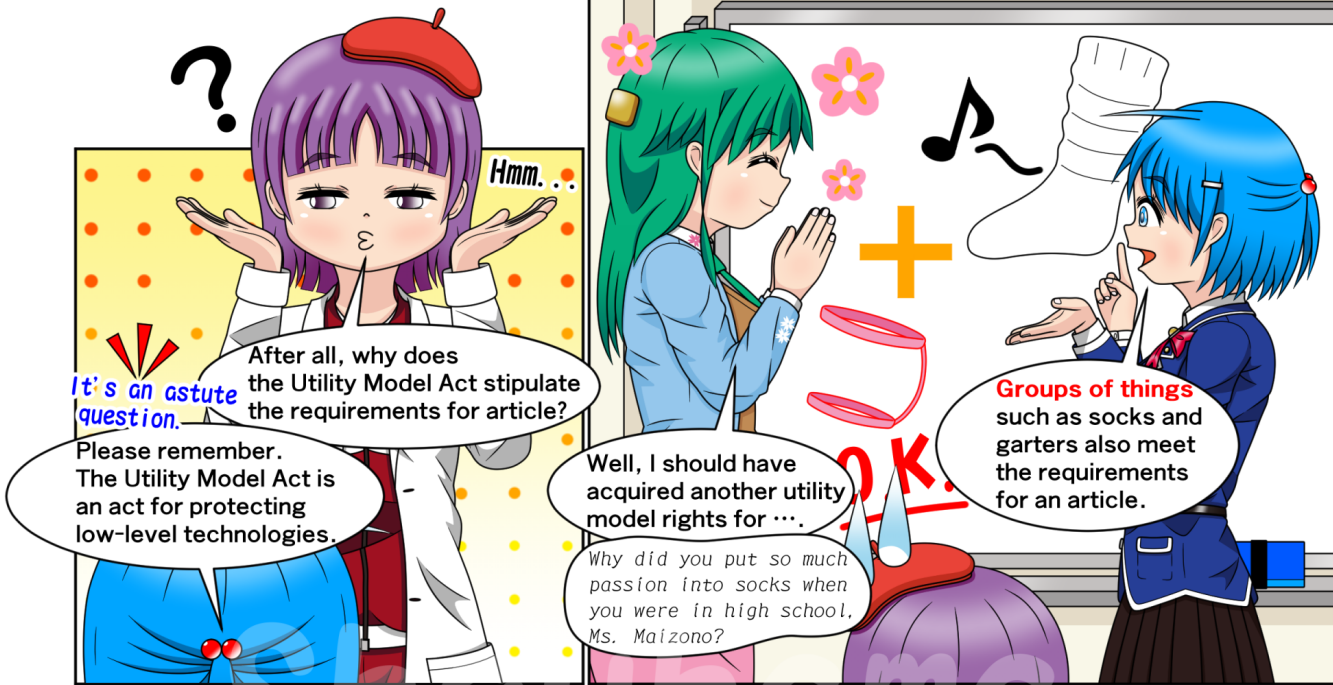
If you are wearing loose socks, the socks will come down or the socks' slack will be strange.

So, I invented garters that connected two rubber rings, and held the socks with them.



By the way, can an idea about a group of articles acquire a utility model rights?

It's an interesting question too. I invented yet another idea about socks when I was in high school.



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Hmm...

It's an astute question.

After all, why does the Utility Model Act stipulate the requirements for article?

Please remember. The Utility Model Act is an act for protecting low-level technologies.

Well, I should have acquired another utility model rights for ...

Why did you put so much passion into socks when you were in high school, Ms. Maizono?

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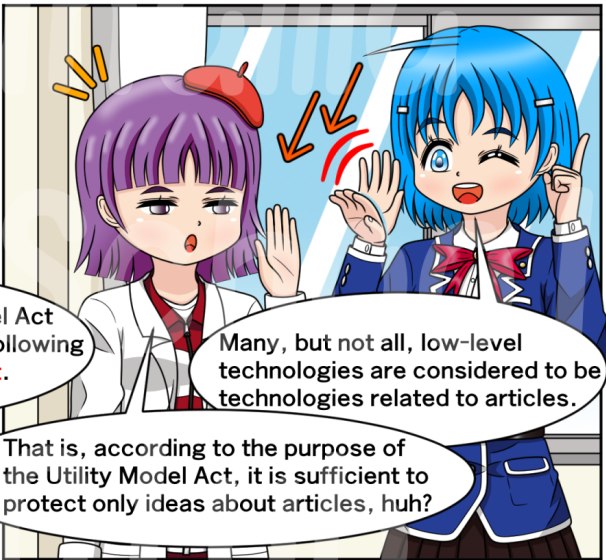
Groups of things such as socks and garters also meet the requirements for an article.



Yeah!!

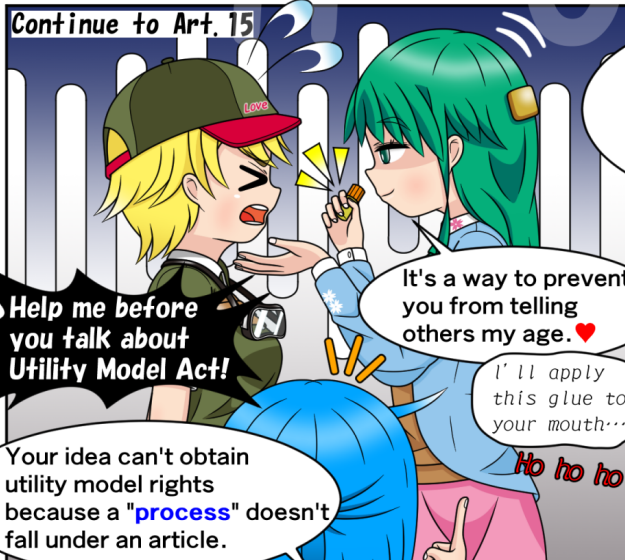
And Japanese Utility Model Act was established in 1905 following **German Utility Model Act.**

At that time, German Utility Model Act stipulated the requirement for article, so Japanese Utility Model Act followed suit.



Many, but not all, low-level technologies are considered to be technologies related to articles.

That is, according to the purpose of the Utility Model Act, it is sufficient to protect only ideas about articles, huh?



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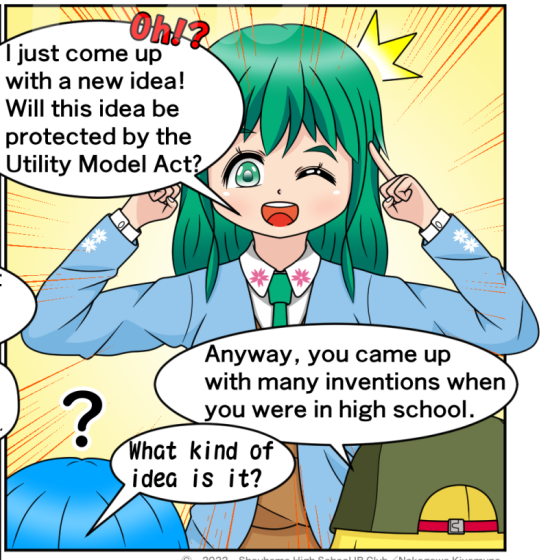
Help me before you talk about Utility Model Act!

Your idea can't obtain utility model rights because a "process" doesn't fall under an article.

It's a way to prevent you from telling others my age. ♥

I'll apply this glue to your mouth...

Ho ho ho



Oh!?

I just come up with a new idea! Will this idea be protected by the Utility Model Act?

Anyway, you came up with many inventions when you were in high school.

? What kind of idea is it?