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**COVER:**

The ruins of Takeda castle aka Torafusu-jo, or Crouching Tiger Castle, in Hyogo Prefecture. A Japanese cinema company wanted to use the remote ruin of this 15th Century stronghold to make a historical film, "Ten to Chi to." They offered to let the village keep, as a tourist attraction, the facsimile castle that they planned to construct on the old foundations. The ensuing controversy divided the villagers but finally the preservationist element prevailed and the company was allowed to use the site—with the condition that they remove the movie set completely and restore the site to its earlier condition.

*Photo courtesy of Department of Tourism, Wadayama-cho, Hyogo Prefecture.*



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**stone** (ston) n.

1. a. Concreted earthy or mineral matter; rock.  
b. Such concreted matter of a particular type.  
Often used in combination.
2. A small piece of rock.
3. Rock or piece of rock shaped or finished for a particular purpose, especially a piece of rock that is used in construction.

**nex-us** (nek' sas) n., pl. nexus or nex-us-es.

1. A means of connection; a link or tie.
2. A connected series or group.
3. The core or center.

**mag-a-zine** (mag-úh-zeen), n.

1. A periodical containing a collection of articles, stories, pictures, or other features

