



The Mystery of the Box

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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❶ In Britain, the day after Christmas has a strange name. It is called Boxing Day, but it has nothing to do with boxing gloves. The word box here means a box for gifts or money. But what was in the box, and who got it?



❷ Nobody is completely sure. One idea is about servants in big houses. They worked hard on

Christmas Day, so the next day they got a box of presents, money, and leftover food. Then they went home to see their families. Another idea is about church boxes. People put money in them, and the church gave it to poor people.

❸ The name Boxing Day was first written down in 1743. In 1871, it became an official holiday in Britain. Later, it spread to countries like Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. In Ireland, people call it St Stephen's Day. In South Africa, its name is the Day of Goodwill.

❹ Today, Boxing Day is a lazy and busy day at the same time. Families eat cold turkey from the day before. Football fans go to big matches, and shoppers line up early for big sales. In Australia, it is summer, and people on many boats watch a yacht race start in Sydney Harbour.

❺ Some people still give a Christmas box to workers like postmen. It is usually a little money and a card. So the old idea is still alive. After Christmas, it is a good time to say thank you to the people who help us every day.

Words 単語**servant** 使用人**leftover** 残り物 (の)**church** 教会**poor** 貧しい**official** 公式の、正式な**spread** 広がる**lazy** のんびりした、怠けた**sale** セール、特売**line up** 列に並ぶ**harbor** 港、湾**postman** 郵便配達員**thank** 感謝する



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the main idea of the reading?

- (A) Boxing Day is a day for boxing matches in Britain.
- (B) Boxing Day is the day after Christmas, and its name comes from boxes of gifts or money.
- (C) Boxing Day is a new holiday that started in Australia.
- (D) Boxing Day is the day when people clean their houses.

2. When was the name Boxing Day first written down?

- (A) In 1871
- (B) In 1663
- (C) In 1945
- (D) In 1743

3. Why did servants get a box on the day after Christmas?

- (A) Because they worked hard on Christmas Day
- (B) Because they won a boxing match
- (C) Because they were going to a new job
- (D) Because it was their birthday

4. What do people in Ireland call December 26?

- (A) Box Day
- (B) Goodwill Day
- (C) St Stephen's Day
- (D) Second Christmas

5. In paragraph 4, the word "lazy" is closest in meaning to:

- (A) very busy and tiring
- (B) slow and relaxed
- (C) cold and dark
- (D) loud and exciting

6. Which sentence is true about the reading?

- (A) Boxing Day is in winter in Australia.
- (B) Boxing Day became a holiday in Britain in 1743.
- (C) Some people give a little money to workers like postmen.
- (D) Boxing Day started in Canada.

7. What is the writer's main message in the last paragraph?

- (A) Shopping is the most important part of Boxing Day.
- (B) It is a good idea to thank the people who help us.
- (C) Postmen should not work in December.
- (D) The old idea of Boxing Day is gone.

8. In the dialogue, why did Chloe wake Sota up early?

- (A) To watch a boxing match
- (B) To open more presents
- (C) To make turkey sandwiches
- (D) To go to the sales

True or False? 正しいならば T、ちがえば F に○

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|---|-------|
| Boxing Day is the day after Christmas. | T / F |
| Boxing Day got its name from the sport of boxing. | T / F |
| Boxing Day became an official holiday in Britain in 1871. | T / F |
| In Ireland, December 26 is called St Stephen's Day. | T / F |
| Boxing Day is a national holiday in Japan. | T / F |
| In Australia, Boxing Day comes in winter. | T / F |



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



●

● football



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● horse



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● sandwich



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● money



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● cricket



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● gift



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● church



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● yacht

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. N I O G B X

2. L S E A

3. H C C U R H

4. K T E R U Y

5. L I D O H A Y

6. M S O A P T N

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

Boxing

much

morning

teacher

rain

summer

box

postman

pumpkin

help

card

year

money

A Box for Mr. Hill

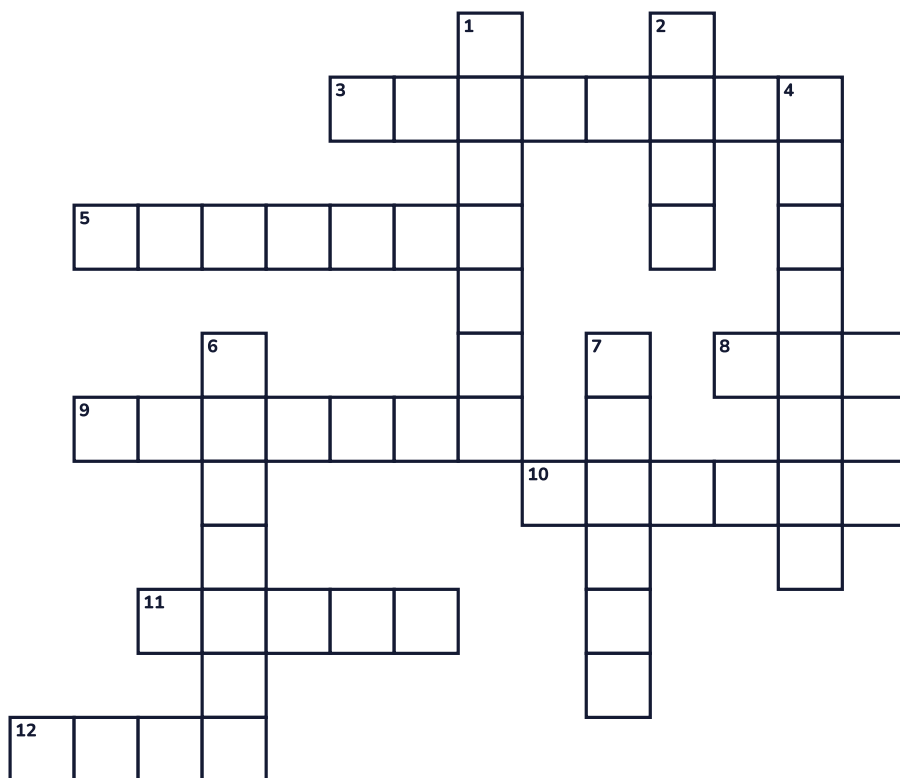
Mr. Hill is our (1) _____. He brings our letters every day, in the (2) _____ and in the snow. On (3) _____ Day, my mom and I made a small box for him. We put a (4) _____, some cookies, and a little (5) _____ inside. The next (6) _____, Mr. Hill came to our door. I gave him the (7) _____. He smiled and said, "Thank you so (8) _____!" Mom said, "Thank you for your (9) _____ all (10) _____." It was a small gift, but it made everyone happy.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 3** A sport. Many big matches are on December 26 in the UK. (8)
- 5** A bat-and-ball sport. A big match starts in Melbourne. (7)
- 8** A container for gifts. It gives this day its name. (3)
- 9** In Ireland, the day is named after this saint. (7)
- 10** A big bird. People eat it cold in sandwiches. (6)
- 11** A boat with sails. A big race starts in Sydney. (5)
- 12** Another word for a present. (4)

Down ↓

- 1** A worker who brings letters to your house. (7)
- 2** When shops make things cheap. (4)
- 4** Food that is still there after a meal. (8)
- 6** A person who worked in a big house long ago. (7)
- 7** A building where Christians pray. It had a money box. (6)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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S	O	L	C	R	I	C	K	E	T	V	W	M
A	X	M	O	N	E	Y	I	S	T	T	G	W
H	F	A	L	P	S	F	O	M	J	U	B	S
O	J	S	T	E	P	H	E	N	B	R	T	E
L	Y	O	C	M	A	J	N	L	N	K	R	R
I	A	E	H	E	U	B	W	F	U	E	C	V
D	C	K	U	L	B	O	G	W	N	Y	V	A
A	H	J	R	L	S	A	L	E	H	G	D	N
Y	T	W	C	P	O	S	T	M	A	N	A	T
U	A	W	H	V	Y	U	H	J	P	W	F	E
V	C	Y	V	G	I	F	T	U	L	B	W	A
D	F	O	O	T	B	A	L	L	M	K	H	J

Find these words! 13

- ☐ BOX
- ☐ CHURCH
- ☐ CRICKET
- ☐ FOOTBALL
- ☐ GIFT
- ☐ HOLIDAY
- ☐ MONEY
- ☐ POSTMAN
- ☐ SALE
- ☐ SERVANT
- ☐ STEPHEN
- ☐ TURKEY
- ☐ YACHT

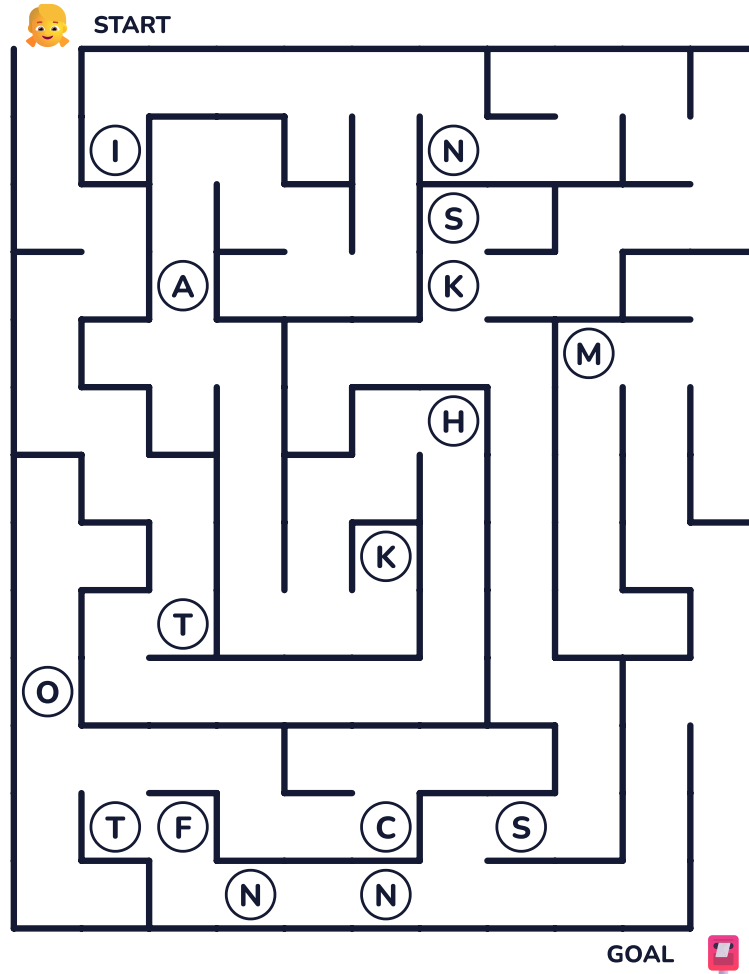
Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。





Help Mia take the box to the postman!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _____

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. Christmas / is / Day / the / after / day / Boxing .

2. box / box / a / word / means / The / gift .

3. eat / for / cold / lunch / We / turkey .

4. My / football / father / on / Boxing / Day / watches .

5. the / sales / Many / line / up / people / for .



Class Activity & Writing

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Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has gone to a big sale	
... has bought a lucky bag	
... likes turkey or chicken sandwiches	
... has watched a football match in a stadium	
... knows the meaning of Boxing Day	
... can name a sport played with a bat	
... has given a thank-you card to someone	
... has been on a boat	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If I could give a Christmas box to someone, I would give it to _____ because _____.

On December 26, I usually _____. If Japan had Boxing Day, I would _____.

Boxing Day sales and Japanese New Year sales are similar because _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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gift



football



yacht



cricket

