



One Day, Many Stories: November 3 in Japan

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① In Japan, November 3 has had many different lives. First, it was the birthday of Emperor Meiji. From 1873, the whole country celebrated it as a holiday. After he died in 1912, it became an ordinary day. Then in 1927, it became a holiday again called Meiji Setsu.



② Then something big happened. On November 3, 1946, Japan announced its new constitution. This constitution says that Japan gives up war. Two years later, lawmakers made November 3 a new holiday called Bunka no Hi, or Culture Day.

③ Why culture? The law says the day is for loving freedom and peace and for moving culture forward. The writer Yamamoto Yuzo helped choose the new holidays. He said the new constitution was special because no country had ever given up war before. Lawmakers even thought about calling it Peace Day.

④ Today, Culture Day is full of art and learning. At the Imperial Palace, the emperor gives the Order of Culture to great scientists, artists, and writers. In 1969, the three Apollo 11 astronauts received it too. Many museums hold special events, and some open their doors for free. Schools often have culture festivals around this time.

⑤ Many people also say that November 3 is usually sunny. From 1961 to 2000, Tokyo was sunny on 80 percent of these days. So take a walk, visit a museum, or try a new hobby. Culture is not only in museums. It is in everything people make and share.

Words 単語

constitution 憲法

announce 発表する、公布する

emperor 天皇、皇帝

ordinary ふつうの

lawmaker 国会議員、立法者

give up あきらめる、放棄する

freedom 自由

peace 平和

order 勲章

astronaut 宇宙飛行士

museum 博物館、美術館

festival 祭り



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the passage mainly about?

- (A) How to visit museums for free
(B) The history and meaning of November 3 in Japan
(C) The life of the Apollo 11 astronauts
(D) Why it is sunny in fall

2. When did Japan announce its new constitution?

- (A) In 1873
(B) In 1912
(C) On November 3, 1946
(D) In 1969

3. What happened to November 3 after 1912?

- (A) It became an ordinary day.
(B) It became Culture Day.
(C) It became Constitution Day.
(D) It became Peace Day.

4. Why was the new constitution special, according to Yamamoto Yuzo?

- (A) It was very long.
(B) It was written by an emperor.
(C) It gave people free museums.
(D) No country had given up war before.

5. In paragraph 1, the word ordinary is closest in meaning to ____.

- (A) normal
(B) famous
(C) happy
(D) holy

6. Which is true about the passage?

- (A) Culture Day started in 1873.
(B) The Apollo 11 astronauts received the Order of Culture.
(C) Every museum is free on Culture Day.
(D) The team chose the name Peace Day.

7. What can we guess about the writer's idea of culture?

- (A) Culture is only for famous artists.
(B) Culture is only found in museums.
(C) Everyone can make and share culture.
(D) Culture is less important than sports.

8. In the dialogue, where will Emma and Daiki go tomorrow?

- (A) To the Imperial Palace
(B) To a museum in Tokyo
(C) To an American party
(D) To a culture festival at Daiki's old high school

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

- Culture Day is on November 3. T / F
Japan's constitution was announced on November 3, 1946. T / F
November 3 was a holiday every year from 1873 to today. T / F
The Order of Culture is given at the Imperial Palace. T / F
Only Japanese people can receive the Order of Culture. T / F
Constitution Day and Culture Day are on the same day. 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。



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● medal



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● drama



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● painting



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● sunny



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● rocket



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● books



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● music



●

● peace

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

1. T R L U E C U

2. E E C A P

3. R O F E M D E

4. U M E U S M

5. R M E R P O E

6. M A L D E

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

snow

music

swimming

smiled

holiday

play

weather

painting

cookies

cafe

angry

happy

culture

Sora's Culture Festival

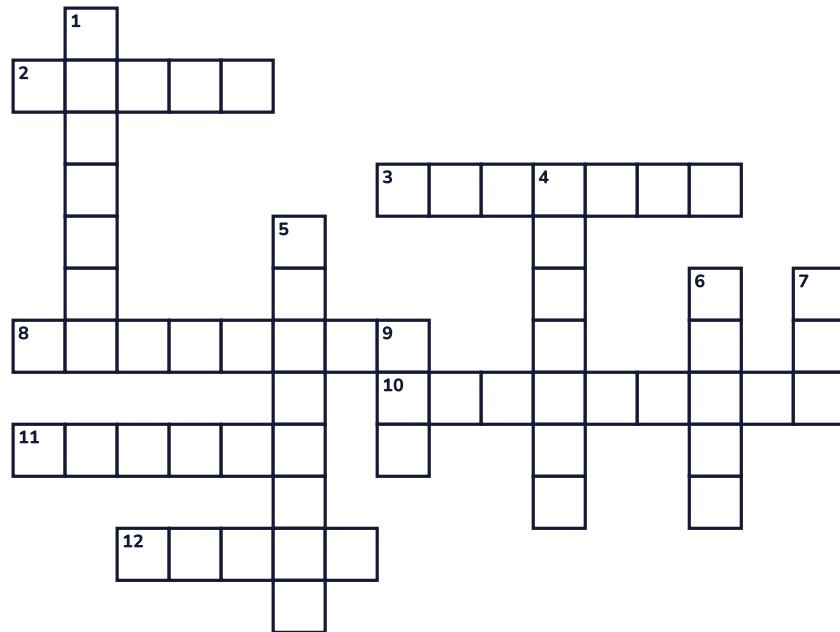
On November 3, Sora's school had a (1) _____ festival. Her class made a small (2) _____ and sold tea and (3) _____. In the gym, the brass band played (4) _____, and the drama club did a short (5) _____. Sora showed her (6) _____ of autumn leaves. Her grandmother came and (7) _____ at it for a long time. In the evening, Sora was tired but (8) _____. The (9) _____ was sunny all day, just like people say. It was a perfect (10) _____.



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 →

- 2 Weather with a clear sky and lots of light. (5)
- 3 Being able to think and act as you want. (7)
- 8 A big happy event. Schools have one in fall. (8)
- 10 A person who travels into space. (9)
- 11 A building where you can see art or old things. (6)
- 12 A special medal. Great artists get one on this holiday. (5)

Down ↓

- 1 Art, music, books, and ways of life of a group of people. (7)
- 4 Meiji was one. He was born in 1852. (7)
- 5 The eleventh month of the year. (8)
- 6 A time with no war. (5)
- 7 Paintings and drawings are this. (3)
- 9 A rule made by a country. (3)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 13

- ☐ ART
- ☐ BOOK
- ☐ CULTURE
- ☐ EMPEROR
- ☐ FESTIVAL
- ☐ FREEDOM
- ☐ LAW
- ☐ MEDAL
- ☐ MUSEUM
- ☐ MUSIC
- ☐ PEACE
- ☐ PLAY
- ☐ SUNNY

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。

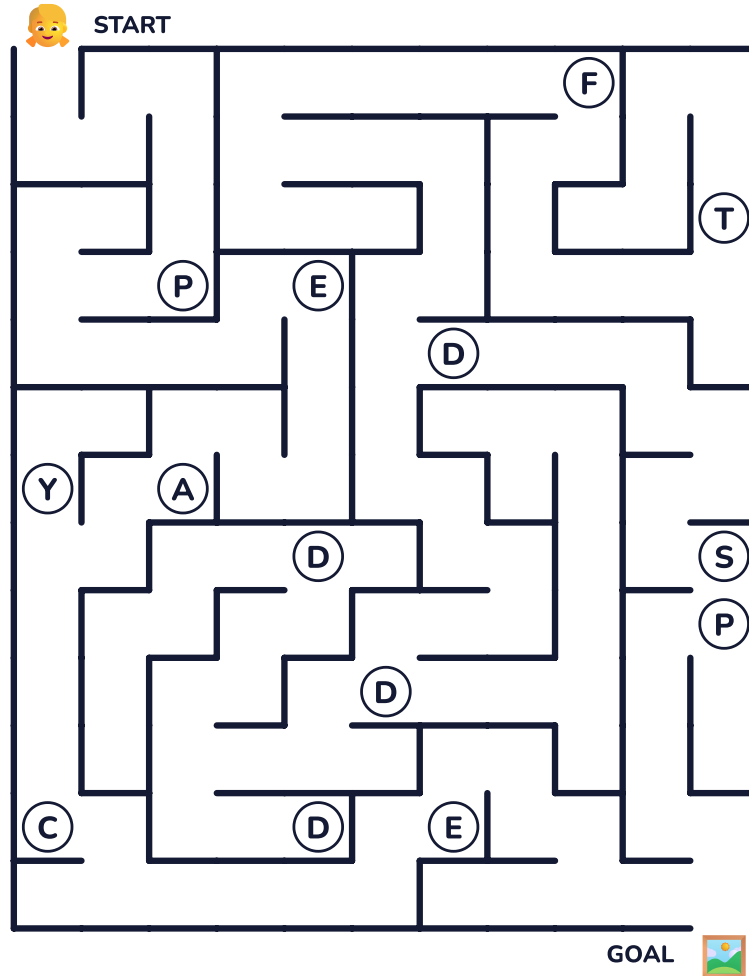






Help Sora get to the art museum!

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. is / holiday / Culture / in / Day / a / national / Japan .

2. November / on / third / the / of / It / is .

3. this / day / The / on / constitution / was / announced .

4. Day / free / on / museums / are / Some / Culture .

5. is / to / It / day / peace / love / a .



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

Find someone who ...	Name
... has been to an art museum this year	
... likes to draw pictures	
... can play a musical instrument	
... knows the year of Japan's constitution	
... has been in a school play	
... likes reading books	
... can say thank you in three languages	
... has made something by hand this month	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

One Japanese culture I want to show the world is _____ because _____.

On Culture Day, I want to _____.

Peace is important to me 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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painting

music

books

medal

