



Chicken and Strawberries in December

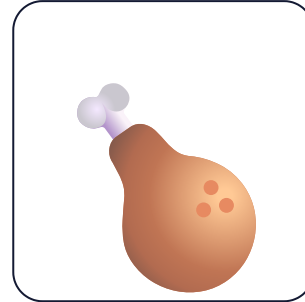
Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① In Japan, Christmas is not a national holiday, and most people are not Christians. But in December, the streets shine with lights, and stores play Christmas songs. The big night is Christmas Eve, not Christmas Day. And on that night, long lines form in front of one kind of restaurant. They are fried chicken shops.



音声を聞こう

② This custom grew from an ad campaign. KFC opened its first store in Japan in 1970. In December 1974, the company started its first Christmas campaign. The message was simple: Kentucky for Christmas. Today, many families order a special chicken dinner weeks before Christmas.

③ Visitors from other countries are often surprised. In the United States, fried chicken is not a Christmas food. Families there usually eat turkey or ham. So the chicken dinner is not an American custom at all. It is a Japanese one, and it is only about 50 years old. Still, the love of chicken came earlier. A Japanese TV cooking show taught people to make roast chicken for Christmas in 1959.

④ Then comes dessert. The most popular Christmas cake in Japan is a soft sponge cake with white cream and red strawberries. A Japanese sweets company, Fujiya, started selling shortcake in 1922. But American strawberry shortcake uses a dry biscuit that breaks easily, not soft sponge. Red and white are the colors of happy days in Japan, so this cake fits Christmas perfectly.

Words 単語

national holiday 国民の祝日

campaign (宣伝などの) キャンペーン、運動

order 注文(する)、予約(する)

custom 習慣、風習

turkey 七面鳥

dessert デザート

sponge cake スポンジケーキ

fit ぴったり合う



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 passage?

- (A) Christmas in Japan is the same as in the United States. (B) Japan has its own Christmas foods, like fried chicken and strawberry shortcake.
- (C) Japanese people do not celebrate Christmas. (D) Fried chicken came to Japan from Germany.

2. When did KFC start its first Christmas campaign in Japan?

- (A) In 1922. (B) In 1970.
- (C) In 1974. (D) In 1959.

3. What do many American families usually eat at Christmas?

- (A) Turkey or ham. (B) Fried chicken.
- (C) Sushi. (D) Strawberry sponge cake.

4. Why does the writer say the cake fits Christmas perfectly?

- (A) Because it is very cheap. (B) Because it comes from the United States.
- (C) Because it is shaped like a tree. (D) Because red and white are the colors of happy days in Japan.

5. In the dialogue, what advice does Ryo give Hannah at the end?

- (A) To cook a turkey at home. (B) To order chicken early.
- (C) To go back to the United States. (D) To make a biscuit cake.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Christmas is a national holiday in Japan.	T / F
KFC's first Christmas campaign in Japan was in 1974.	T / F
American strawberry shortcake uses soft sponge cake.	T / F
In Japan, Christmas Eve is a big night.	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。



●

● strawberry



●

● tree



●

● present



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● Santa



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● cake



●

● chicken

② Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

lights

pizza

line

chicken

cake

night

strawberries

summer

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decorations

turkey

A Japanese Christmas Eve

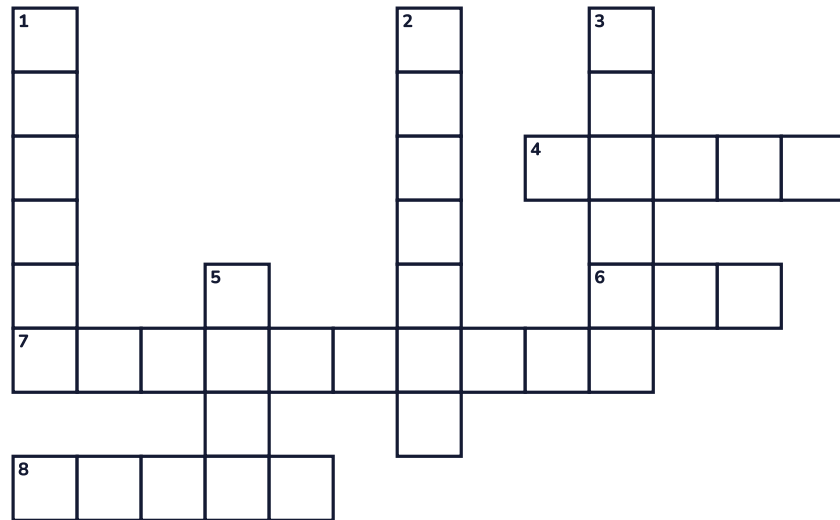
It is December (1) _____. Mei and her father go to pick up the (2) _____ they ordered two weeks ago. There is a long (3) _____ at the shop. At home, her mother puts a white (4) _____ with red (5) _____ on the table. The family turns on the Christmas (6) _____. Mei says, "This is the best (7) _____ of the year!" Tomorrow, the shops will put up New Year (8) _____.



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 →

- 4 Soft and white. It goes on top of a sponge cake. (5)
 6 The night before a special day. (3)
 7 A small red fruit with seeds on the outside. (10)
 8 To ask a shop to make or keep food for you. (5)

Down ↓

- 1 They shine on trees and streets at night in December. (6)
 2 A bird people eat. In Japan, many people eat it fried on Christmas Eve. (7)
 3 A big bird. Many Americans eat it at Christmas. (6)
 5 A sweet food for birthdays and parties. (4)



Word Search

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

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Find these words! 10

- ☐ CAKE
- ☐ CHICKEN
- ☐ CREAM
- ☐ EVE
- ☐ GIFT
- ☐ LIGHTS
- ☐ SANTA
- ☐ SNOW
- ☐ TREE
- ☐ TURKEY

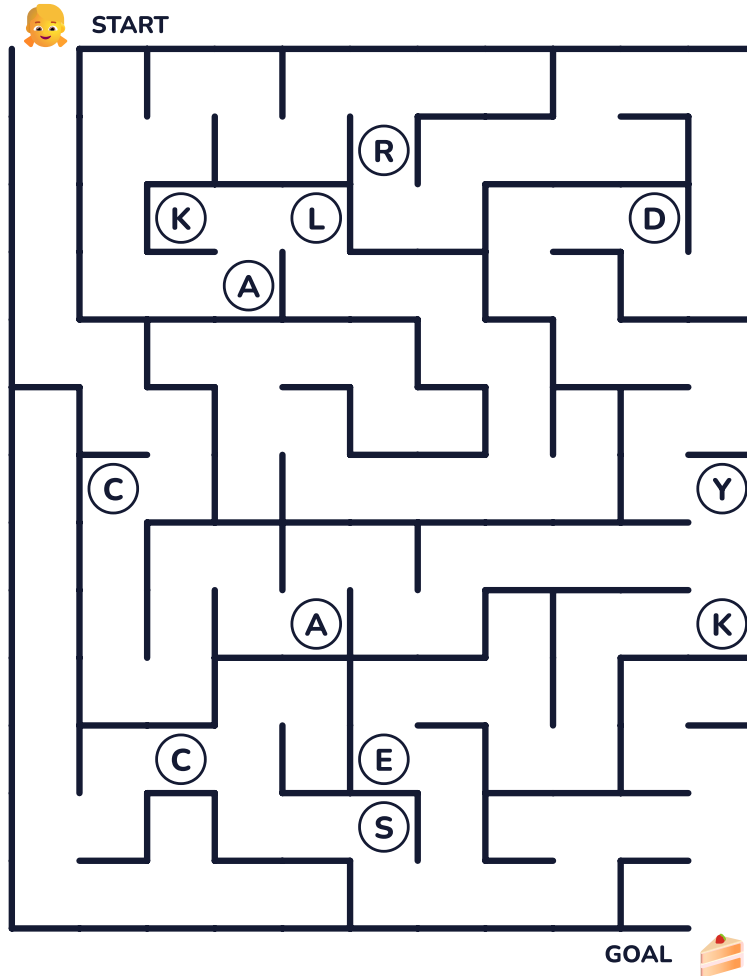


Maze & Sentences

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Help Mei bring the cake to the party!

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: _ _ _ _ _



Class Activity & Writing

Class _____ No. _____ Name _____

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

My perfect Christmas dinner is _____ because _____.

To explain Christmas in Japan to a friend, I would say, "_____."



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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chicken



cake



strawberry



tree



santa

Draw your Christmas in Japan! 日本のクリスマス（ケンタッキーといちごのケーキ）の絵を描こう。