



Two Weeks for Books

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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❶ In the fall of 1947, many cities in Japan still had burned buildings. The war had ended only two years before. Food was hard to find, but people still wanted to read. So publishers, bookstores, libraries, and newspapers came together. They started a new event called Dokusho Shukan, or Book Week.



音声を聞こう

❷ Their message was simple: we can build a peaceful country through reading. About 30 groups joined, and the first Book Week was a big success. People said one week was not long enough. So from the next year, Book Week became two weeks long. Today it runs from October 27 to November 9. Culture Day, a national holiday on November 3, is right in the middle.

❸ Every year, Book Week has a new slogan and a new poster. Anyone can send in an idea for the slogan. The slogan for 2026 is "Quiet, but on an adventure." A reader looks quiet, but in the story, the reader is traveling far away. During these two weeks, libraries hold story times, and bookstores set up special tables. In Tokyo, a street of old bookstores holds a big sale of about one million used books.

❹ But reading in Japan is changing. In a government survey from 2024, about 63 percent of people aged 16 and over read no books in a month. Many people who read less said that phones and other devices take up their time. Book Week asks a simple question. When did you last read a book that you could not put down?

Words 単語**publisher** 出版社**peaceful** 平和な**slogan** 標語、スローガン**poster** ポスター**adventure** 冒険**used** 中古の**survey** 調査、アンケート**page-turner** 読み出したら止まらない本



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the reading mainly about?

- (A) How to write a good slogan
- (B) The history of Japanese newspapers
- (C) Book Week in Japan, from its start to today
- (D) Used bookstores around the world

2. Why did Book Week become two weeks long?

- (A) People said one week was not long enough.
- (B) The government made a new law.
- (C) Libraries were closed for one week.
- (D) Culture Day moved to November.

3. In paragraph 3, what does "used books" mean?

- (A) Books for school
- (B) New books from a publisher
- (C) Books about cooking
- (D) Books that someone owned before

4. What is true about reading in Japan, according to the reading?

- (A) Most people read ten books a month.
- (B) Many people say phones take up their time.
- (C) Nobody reads books in the fall.
- (D) Libraries do not hold events.

5. In the dialogue, what does Yuki suggest to Ben?

- (A) Making a new poster
- (B) Taking a day off on October 27
- (C) Finding a page-turner at the library
- (D) Writing a slogan in English

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|---|-------|
| Book Week in Japan started in 1947. | T / F |
| Book Week is only one week long today. | T / F |
| Book Week has a new slogan every year. | T / F |
| Book Week is a national holiday, so schools are closed. | 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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● fall leaves



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● light



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● lantern



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● books



●

● newspaper



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● bookmark

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

slowly

read

down

loud

October

mystery

festival

poster

lamp

Sora's Book Week

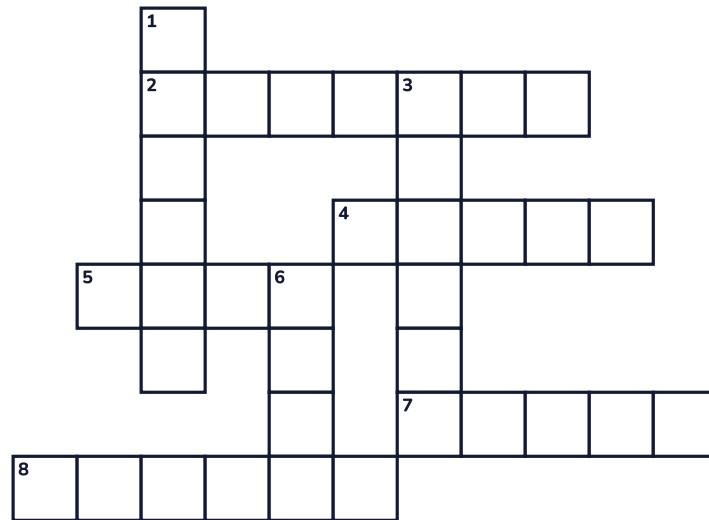
It is the end of (1) _____. There is a new (2) _____ in the school library. It says, "Quiet, but on an adventure." Sora finds a (3) _____ book and starts to (4) _____. She cannot put it (5) _____. At home, she reads under a warm (6) _____. On Culture Day, she goes to a big (7) _____ of used books with her dad.



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 You can borrow books here for free. (7)
- 4 It has people, places, and things that happen. (5)
- 5 It gives you light at night. (4)
- 7 A long story in a book. (5)
- 8 A big picture on a wall. It often has a message. (6)

Down ↓

- 1 A short message that is easy to remember. (6)
- 3 The season after summer. Another word for fall. (6)
- 6 One side of a sheet of paper in a book. (4)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 10

- ☐ AUTUMN
- ☐ BOOK
- ☐ LAMP
- ☐ LIBRARY
- ☐ NOVEL
- ☐ PAGE
- ☐ POSTER
- ☐ READ
- ☐ SLOGAN
- ☐ STORY

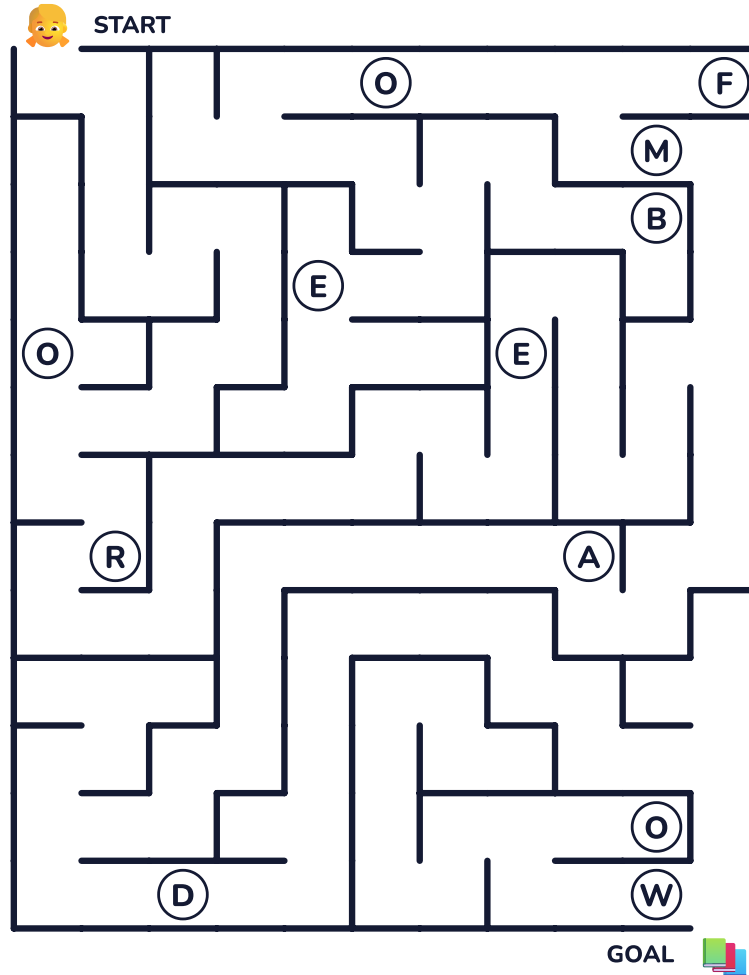


Maze & Sentences

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Help Sora get to the library!

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 slogan for Book Week is "_____" because _____.

The best book I read this year is _____. I want my friends to read it 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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books



bookmark



fall leaves



light



newspaper

Draw your Book Week in Japan (Dokusho Shukan)! 読書週間の絵を描こう。