



A Golden Name from the Movies

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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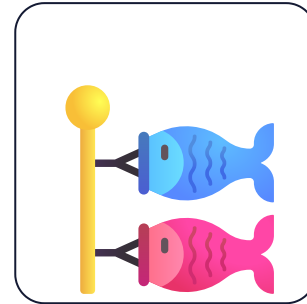
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① Every spring, Japan takes a long break. From late April to early May, there are four national holidays in one week. People call this time Golden Week. It sounds like English, but the name was made in Japan.

② The story starts at the movies. On May 5, 1951, two movies of the same popular story opened on the same day. Both did well, and one movie company sold more tickets than at New Year or in summer. So the company named the week Golden Week to bring in even more people. Some people say the idea came from golden time, the radio hours with the most listeners. The name became popular across Japan in the next few years.

③ The holidays are Showa Day on April 29 and Constitution Day on May 3. Then come Greenery Day on May 4 and Children's Day on May 5. Many families travel, visit their hometowns, or go to the mountains. Trains and highways get very crowded. In 2019, Golden Week was 10 days long because Japan welcomed a new emperor.

④ But you will not often hear the name on NHK, Japan's public TV. NHK usually says long holidays instead. One reason is that the name started as a movie ad. Another reason is that many people still have to work during this time. Golden or not, most people in Japan count the days until it starts!



音声を聞こう

Words 単語

break 休み、休憩

national holiday 国民の祝日

company 会社

ticket 切符、チケット

constitution 憲法

crowded 混雑した

ad 広告、宣伝

public 公共の



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 make a popular movie
- (B) Where to travel in Japan in summer
- (C) Why Japanese TV shows are long
- (D) Where the name Golden Week came from and what people do

2. What happened on May 5, 1951?

- (A) Two movies of the same story opened.
- (B) Japan got a new emperor.
- (C) NHK started its first TV show.
- (D) Greenery Day became a holiday.

3. Which holiday is on May 4?

- (A) Showa Day
- (B) Greenery Day
- (C) Constitution Day
- (D) Children's Day

4. In paragraph 3, what does crowded mean?

- (A) empty
- (B) cheap
- (C) full of people
- (D) very fast

5. Why does Yuka tell Jack to book his train early?

- (A) Because trains stop during Golden Week.
- (B) Because tickets are free in May.
- (C) Because many people travel at the same time.
- (D) Because Jack has to work on May 3.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|---|-------|
| Golden Week is from late April to early May. | T / F |
| The name Golden Week was made in the United States. | T / F |
| A movie company made the name. | T / F |
| NHK always uses the name Golden Week. | 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。



●

● tree



●

● suitcase



●

● movie



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● train



●

● car



●

● carp streamer

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

holiday

school

May

golden

train

snow

Day

crowded

streamer

Kai's Golden Week Trip

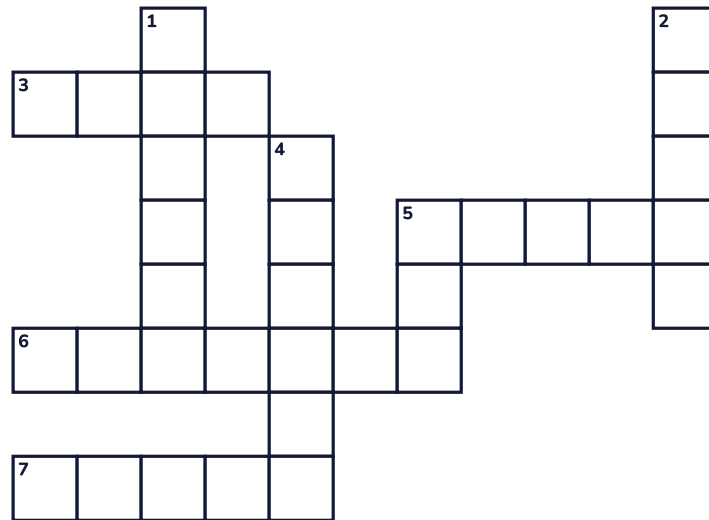
It is the start of (1) _____. Kai's family has a long (2) _____. They take the (3) _____ to Grandma's house. The train is very (4) _____. At Grandma's house, a big carp (5) _____ swims in the sky. On May 5, they eat rice cakes for Children's (6) _____. Kai says, "This is a (7) _____ week!"



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 big fish. Children's Day streamers look like it. (4)
5 You watch it on a big screen in a theater. (5)
6 A day with no school or work. (7)
7 It runs on rails. The shinkansen is one. (5)

Down ↓

- 1** To go to a faraway place. (6)
2 The color of new leaves. (5)
4 The color of gold. It also means very good. (6)
5 The fifth month of the year. (3)



Word Search

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

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A	R	B	A	B	V	I	I	P	F	O	N	E
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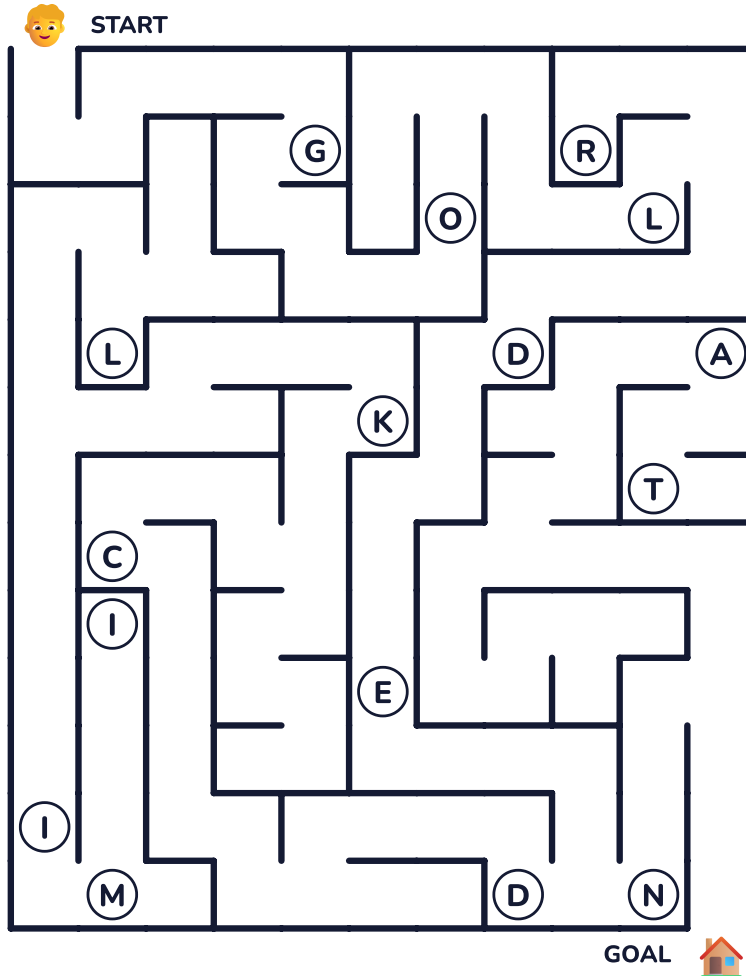
Find these words! 10

- ☐ APRIL
- ☐ CARP
- ☐ GOLDEN
- ☐ GREEN
- ☐ HOLIDAY
- ☐ MAY
- ☐ MOVIE
- ☐ TRAIN
- ☐ TRIP
- ☐ WEEK



Help Kai find the way to Grandma's house!

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。

During Golden Week, I want to go to _____ because _____.

If I could name a holiday, I would call it _____ Week 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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movie



train



carp streamer



tree



suitcase

Draw your Golden Week! ゴールデンウィークの絵を描こう。