



How Mother's Day and Father's Day Came to Japan

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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❶ Many people in Japan think Mother's Day came from America after World War II. But the first event was much earlier, in 1913. An American teacher at Aoyama Gakuin, a school in Tokyo, held it. Her name was Myra Draper. America had its first Mother's Day only five years before.



音声を聞こう

❷ The idea did not spread quickly. In 1931, a big women's group chose March 6 for Mother's Day. It was the birthday of the empress. But in 1932, people in Tokyo held a large Mother's Day event in May. In 1937, a candy company held a big Mother's Day party at an amusement park in Tokyo. Around 1949, the second Sunday of May became Mother's Day across Japan. Today, children give their mothers red carnations.

❸ Father's Day came much later. In 1980, a Japanese businessman went to a meeting in New York and learned about it. At that time, Japan had almost no events for fathers. In 1982, his group started the Yellow Ribbon Campaign. They asked people to give presents to fathers with a yellow ribbon.

❹ So in Japan, the color of Father's Day is yellow. Many people give yellow roses or sunflowers. Every June, the group also chooses famous Best Fathers of the year. Children also draw pictures of their fathers for a contest. Both days came from America, but Japan made them its own.

Words 単語

spread 広まる、広げる

event 行事、イベント

empress 皇后、女帝

carnation カーネーション

businessman 実業家、会社員

campaign (社会的な) 運動、キャンペーン

ribbon リボン

sunflower ヒマワリ



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) Mother's Day and Father's Day came from America and changed in Japan.
- (B) Mother's Day started in Japan and moved to America.
- (C) Father's Day is older than Mother's Day in Japan.
- (D) Japan does not celebrate Father's Day.

2. When was the first Mother's Day event in Japan?

- (A) in 1908
- (B) in 1913
- (C) in 1931
- (D) in 1949

3. Why did a women's group choose March 6 in 1931?

- (A) It was the first day of spring.
- (B) It was the day of the first event.
- (C) It was a Sunday that year.
- (D) It was the empress's birthday.

4. In paragraph 2, what does spread mean in the idea did not spread quickly?

- (A) to be forgotten
- (B) to become known by many people
- (C) to be sold in shops
- (D) to be written in a book

5. What will Chloe probably do?

- (A) Buy red carnations for her mother.
- (B) Go back to America in June.
- (C) Give her father a yellow rose.
- (D) Start a new campaign in Japan.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

The first Mother's Day event in Japan was in 1913.	T / F
Mother's Day in Japan was always in May.	T / F
In Japan, yellow is the color of Father's Day.	T / F
Father's Day came to Japan before Mother's 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。



●

● sunflower



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● present



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● cake



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● letter



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● rose



●

● tie

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

winter

happy

black

you

card

June

carnations

yellow

Two Special Sundays

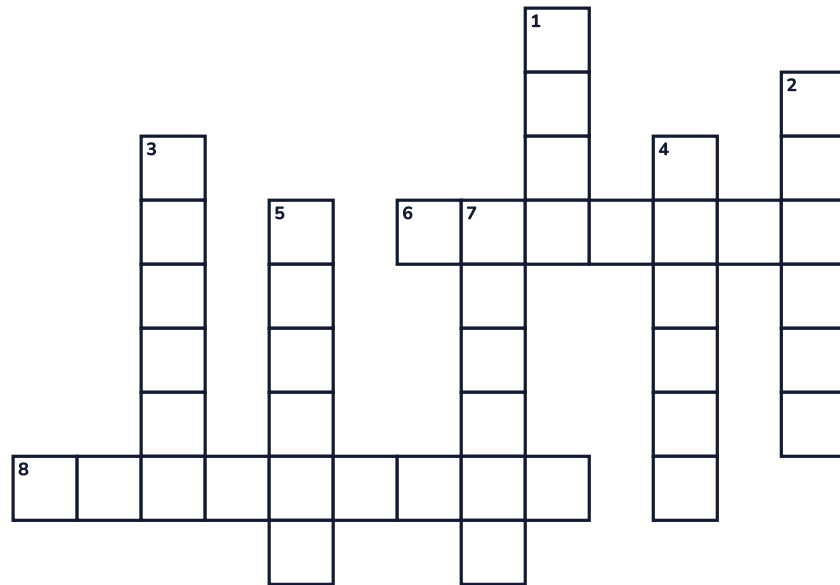
In May, Saki buys red (1) _____ for her mother. She writes a (2) _____ that says, "Thank you for everything." Her mother smiles and puts the flowers in a vase. In (3) _____, it is Father's Day. Saki gives her father a (4) _____ rose. He is very (5) _____. Saki thinks, "I want to say thank (6) _____ more often."



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 →

- 6 A gift for someone. (7)
8 A red flower for moms in May. (9)

Down ↓

- 1 The sixth month of the year. (4)
2 Your mom. (6)
3 Your dad. (6)
4 The color of a lemon. (6)
5 The first day of the week. There is no school. (6)
7 You tie it on a present. (6)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 10

- ☐ CARD
- ☐ FATHER
- ☐ FLOWER
- ☐ GIFT
- ☐ JUNE
- ☐ MAY
- ☐ MOTHER
- ☐ RIBBON
- ☐ THANKS
- ☐ YELLOW

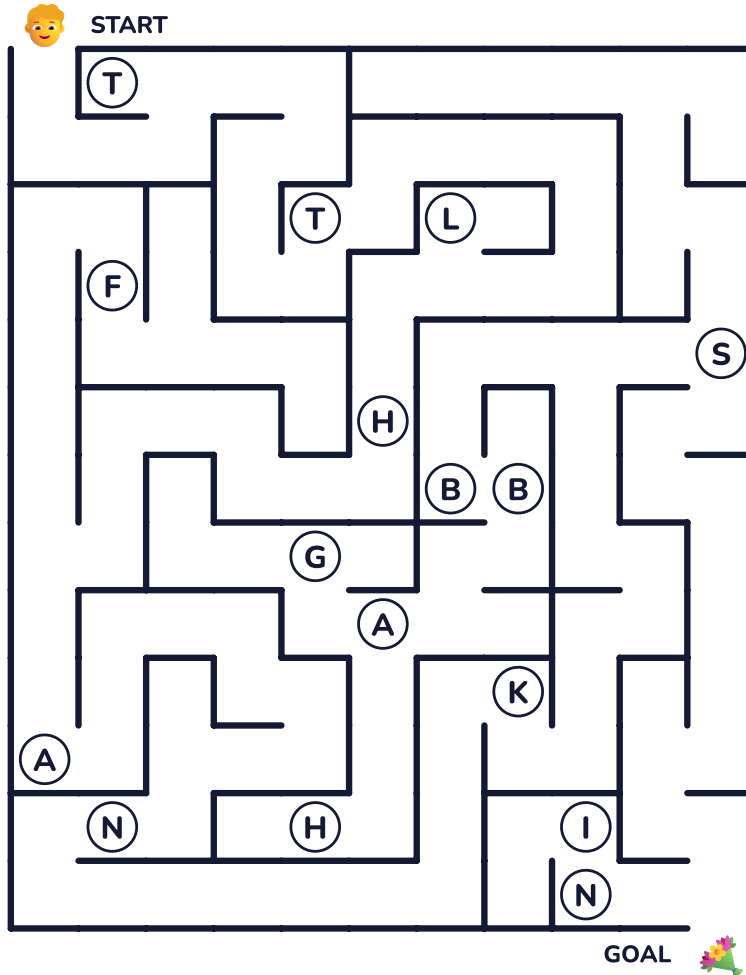


Maze & Sentences

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Help Ken bring the flowers to his mom!

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。

I want to thank my _____ because _____.

On Mother's Day or Father's Day, I will _____.



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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rose



sunflower



present



letter



tie

Draw your Mother's Day & Father's Day in Japan! 日本の母の日・父の日の絵を描こう。