



Halloween, Japanese Style

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① In the 2010s, a famous crossing in Tokyo changed on the nights around October 31. It filled with zombies, pirates and anime characters. This was Shibuya. Most of the people in costumes were not children. They were young adults. In Japan, Halloween is mostly a party for grown-ups.



音声を聞こう

② Halloween came to Japan quite recently. In 1983, a toy store in Harajuku held what people call Japan's first Halloween parade. In 1997, Tokyo Disneyland started a Halloween event. Guests in costumes gathered at the park on October 31. In the same year, the city of Kawasaki started a big costume parade. At its peak, about 3,000 people marched in it, and about 120,000 people came to watch.

③ But big crowds can bring big problems. In Shibuya, people left trash on the streets, and in 2018 a group turned over a small truck. Four people were arrested. The city made new rules against drinking on the streets. In 2023, the mayor even asked people around the world not to come to Shibuya for Halloween.

④ Here is a surprise for many visitors. Japan already had something like trick-or-treating. In some towns, children visit houses on the night of the harvest moon and say, "Otsukimi dorobo desu!" It means, "We are moon-viewing thieves!" Then they get sweets. Long ago, people believed these children were messengers from the moon. Old customs and new ones are not so different after all.

Words 単語**costume** 仮装、衣装**crossing** 交差点、横断歩道**grown-up** 大人**parade** パレード、行進**peak** 最高点、ピーク**crowd** 群衆、人ごみ**mayor** 市長、区長**thief** 泥棒



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 make a Halloween costume
- (B) The history of Halloween in Ireland
- (C) How Halloween grew in Japan and its Japanese style
- (D) Why children in America love candy

2. Who held Japan's first Halloween parade?

- (A) Tokyo Disneyland
- (B) A toy store in Harajuku
- (C) The mayor of Shibuya
- (D) The city of Kawasaki

3. Why did the mayor of Shibuya ask people not to come?

- (A) Because the crowds caused problems
- (B) Because Halloween is a national holiday
- (C) Because the crossing was closed for repairs
- (D) Because there were no costumes left in stores

4. What does "Otsukimi dorobo desu!" mean?

- (A) Trick or treat!
- (B) Happy Halloween!
- (C) Please give us costumes!
- (D) We are moon-viewing thieves!

5. In the dialogue, where do kids get sweets on the harvest moon night?

- (A) In Shibuya
- (B) In Mei's grandmother's town
- (C) At Tokyo Disneyland
- (D) In the U.S.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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| Japan's first Halloween parade was in Harajuku. | T / F |
| In Japan, Halloween is mostly for small children. | T / F |
| The mayor of Shibuya asked people not to come for Halloween. | T / F |
| Otsukimi Dorobo happens on October 31. | 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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● ghost



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● candy



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● pumpkin



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● moon



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● zombie



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● bat

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

winter

pumpkin

candy

street

jackets

moon

school

Halloween

smiled

dumplings

full

The Little Moon Thieves

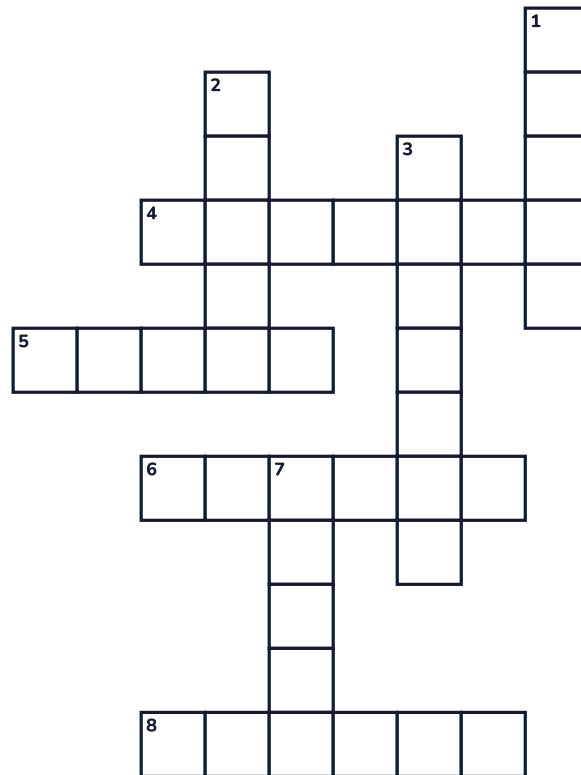
On the night of the harvest (1) _____, my little brother and I put on our (2) _____. We walked to the houses on our (3) _____. At each door, we said, "Otsukimi dorobo desu!" An old man (4) _____ and gave us rice (5) _____. A woman gave us (6) _____. Our bags were (7) _____. It was like (8) _____, but under the moon!



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 Special clothes you wear to look like someone else. (7)
- 5 Sweet food. Children love to get it. (5)
- 6 A scary dead person who walks in movies. (6)
- 8 Many people walk along a street as a show. (6)

Down ↓

- 1 A person who takes things that are not theirs. (5)
- 2 A very large group of people. (5)
- 3 A big orange vegetable with a face cut in it. (7)
- 7 The leader of a city. (5)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 10

- ☐ CANDY
- ☐ COSTUME
- ☐ CROWD
- ☐ GHOST
- ☐ MAYOR
- ☐ PARADE
- ☐ PARTY
- ☐ PUMPKIN
- ☐ THIEF
- ☐ ZOMBIE

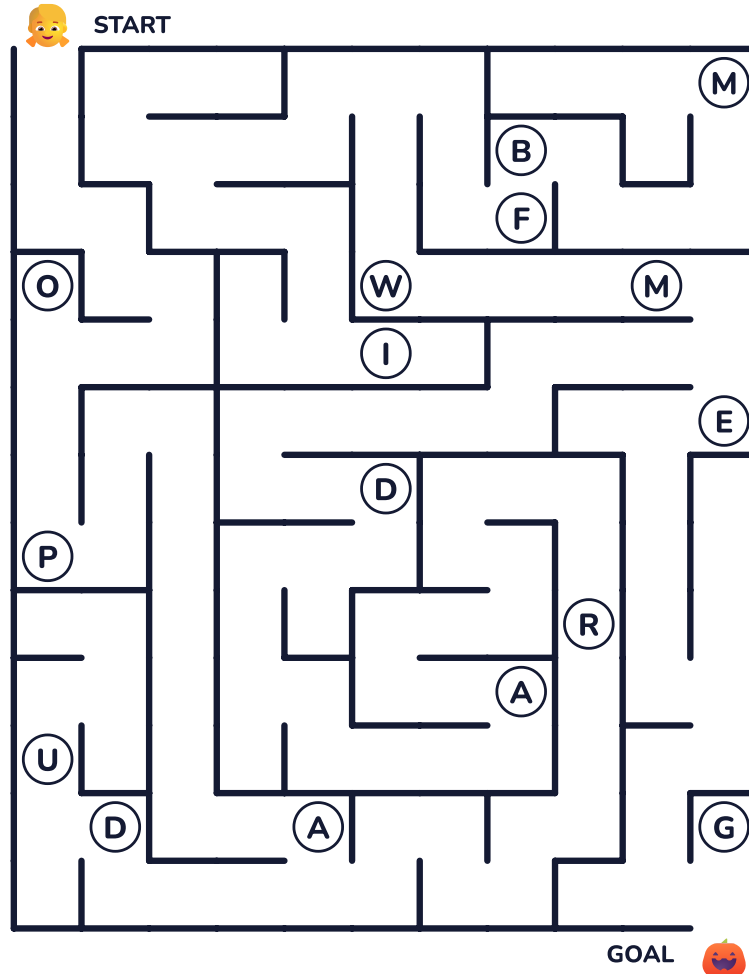


Maze & Sentences

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Help Mei get to the costume 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

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Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If I joined a Halloween parade, I would dress up as _____ because _____.

To explain Japanese Halloween to a friend from abroad, 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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pumpkin



ghost



zombie



candy



moon

Draw your Halloween in Japan! 日本のハロウィン（渋谷）の絵を描こう。