



Tamaya! A Summer Night by the River

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① On the last Saturday of July, hundreds of thousands of people come to the Sumida River in Tokyo. Many of them wear yukata, light cotton kimono for summer. At seven o'clock, the first firework flies up. Boom! A huge flower of light opens in the dark sky. The sound shakes the ground, and the crowd says, "Ooh!"



② These fireworks have a long story. In the Edo period, people watched fireworks over the river near Ryogoku Bridge. Two fireworks makers, Kagiya and Tamaya, tried to make the best show. When people loved a firework, they shouted, "Tamaya!" or "Kagiya!" Tamaya's business ended after a fire in 1843, but people still shout its name today.

③ The fireworks stopped after 1961 because of heavy traffic. Many years later, in 1978, they came back with a new name, the Sumida River Fireworks Festival. Now about 20,000 fireworks light up the sky in 90 minutes. Two teams launch them from two places on the river. In 2023, more than one million people came to watch.

④ Fireworks are only one part of a Japanese summer. Towns also have summer festivals with drums, dancing and food stalls. Some of these festivals are very old. People say the Gion Festival in Kyoto began in 869, when they prayed to stop a sickness. Children try to catch goldfish with paper scoops, and people eat shaved ice on the street. When the last firework fades, everyone walks home slowly. The sound of the drums is still in their ears.

Words 単語

firework 花火

light 軽い

shout 叫ぶ、大声で言う

maker 作る人、メーカー

traffic 交通、人や車の流れ

stall 屋台、売店

scoop すくう道具、ひとすくい

fade (光・色・音が) しだいに消える



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 fireworks at home
- (B) Fireworks and summer festivals in Japan
- (C) A famous festival in the United States
- (D) Why people stopped wearing yukata

2. Why did the fireworks stop after 1961?

- (A) Because of heavy traffic
- (B) Because of a big fire
- (C) Because of bad weather
- (D) Because people did not like them

3. About how many fireworks go up at the festival now?

- (A) About 90
- (B) About 1,978
- (C) About 1 million
- (D) About 20,000

4. Why do people still shout "Tamaya!" today?

- (A) Because Tamaya makes all the fireworks today
- (B) Because it means "Good night" in Japanese
- (C) Because it became a tradition from the Edo period
- (D) Because the government asks them to

5. In the dialogue, when do people in America usually watch fireworks, according to Sarah?

- (A) On July 4
- (B) All summer
- (C) On New Year's Day only
- (D) On the last Saturday of July

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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| The Sumida River Fireworks Festival is on the last Saturday of July. | T / F |
| The Tamaya shop still makes fireworks today. | T / F |
| The fireworks stopped for many years after 1961. | T / F |
| Yukata are heavy winter clothes. | 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。



●

● drum



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● fireworks



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● fish



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● lantern



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● yukata



●

● shaved ice

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

river

July

yukata

coat

firework

stall

night

Tamaya

snow

morning

ice

My First Fireworks

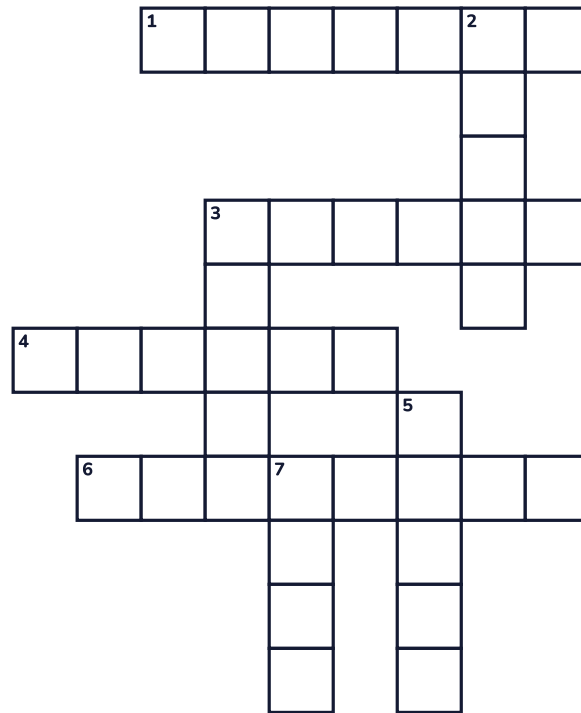
It was a hot Saturday in (1) _____. Grandma helped me put on a blue (2) _____. We walked to the (3) _____ with Dad. At a food (4) _____, I bought shaved (5) _____. Then, boom! The first (6) _____ opened like a big flower. Dad shouted, "(7) _____!" I shouted it too. It was the best (8) _____ of my summer.



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 →

- 1 A paper light that hangs at a festival. (7)
- 3 The hot season after spring. (6)
- 4 A light cotton kimono for summer. (6)
- 6 A small orange pet that swims in water. (8)

Down ↓

- 2 Water that flows to the sea. The Sumida is one in Tokyo. (5)
- 3 A small shop on the street that sells food. (5)
- 5 The dark time after the sun goes down. (5)
- 7 You hit it to make a boom sound at a festival. (4)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 10

- ☐ BOOM
- ☐ DANCE
- ☐ DRUM
- ☐ GOLDFISH
- ☐ LANTERN
- ☐ NIGHT
- ☐ RIVER
- ☐ STALL
- ☐ SUMMER
- ☐ YUKATA

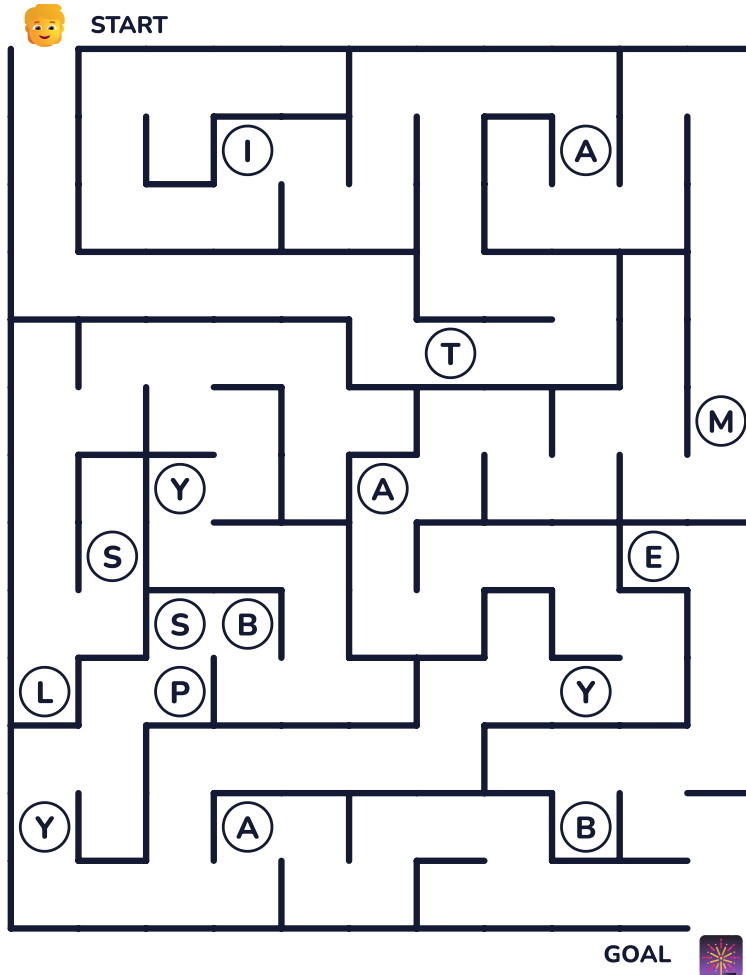


Maze & Sentences

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Help Riku find a good spot for the fireworks!

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。

At a summer festival, I want to _____ because _____.

If I make a new shout for fireworks, it will be "_____" 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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fireworks



yukata



lantern



drum



fish

Draw your Summer Festivals & Fireworks! 花火大会と夏祭りの絵を描こう。