

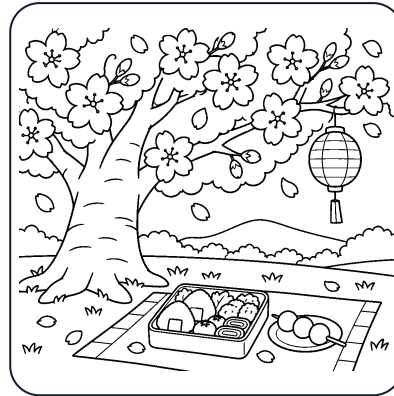


A Picnic Under Pink Clouds

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① Every spring, parks in Japan turn pink. Thousands of cherry trees bloom at almost the same time. People spread blue sheets under the trees and have picnics with family, friends, and coworkers. This is called hanami, or flower viewing. Some people even come back at night to see the flowers under paper lanterns.



② Hanami is a very old custom. But at first, people looked at plum flowers, not cherry blossoms. In 812, an emperor held a party under cherry trees in Kyoto. After that, cherry blossoms became the most loved flower in Japan. Later, in the 1700s, a shogun planted cherry trees in Edo so that ordinary people could enjoy them too.

③ Most cherry trees in Japan today are a kind called Somei-yoshino. All of them came from one single tree. Gardeners copied it again and again by joining its branches to other trees. That is why the trees in one city bloom together and fall together.

④ The blossoms move north like a wave. They open in Okinawa in January and in northern Hokkaido in May. In Tokyo, the best time is usually late March or early April. In 2026, the trees in Tokyo reached full bloom on March 28. The weather agency watches special sample trees and tells everyone when they open.

⑤ The flowers last only about a week before the petals fall like pink snow. So people stop, look up, and enjoy the moment. As an old saying goes, some people still like the dumplings more than the flowers.

Words 単語

cherry blossom 桜の花

bloom 咲く、開花

petal 花びら

picnic ピクニック

plum 梅、すもも

emperor 天皇、皇帝

ordinary ふつうの、一般の

gardener 植木職人、庭師

single たった一つの

wave 波

last 続く、持つ

dumpling 団子



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) Hanami is a new festival from America.
- (B) Hanami is an old Japanese custom of enjoying cherry blossoms.
- (C) Hanami is a day to plant new trees.
- (D) Hanami is a national holiday in March.

2. What flowers did people look at first?

- (A) Roses
- (B) Tulips
- (C) Plum flowers
- (D) Sunflowers

3. When did an emperor hold a party under cherry trees?

- (A) In 712
- (B) In 812
- (C) In 1598
- (D) In 1720

4. Why do Somei-yoshino trees in one city bloom together?

- (A) Because people water them on the same day.
- (B) Because the weather agency tells them to.
- (C) Because they are all very young.
- (D) Because they all came from one single tree.

5. In paragraph 3, what does "copied" mean?

- (A) Made more of the same tree
- (B) Took a photo of the tree
- (C) Wrote about the tree
- (D) Cut the tree down

6. Which is true according to the passage?

- (A) Cherry trees in Okinawa bloom in May.
- (B) The flowers last about a month.
- (C) The weather agency watches sample trees.
- (D) Only children enjoy hanami.

7. What does the last sentence suggest about some people at hanami?

- (A) They do not like sweets.
- (B) They care more about food than flowers.
- (C) They want to plant more trees.
- (D) They are afraid of snow.

8. In the dialogue, why should Ethan bring a jacket?

- (A) Because it will snow on Saturday.
- (B) Because they will go to a shrine.
- (C) Because it gets cold in the evening.
- (D) Because the festival is in Washington.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Hanami means viewing flowers.	T / F
At first, people in Japan looked at sunflowers.	T / F
Cherry trees in Okinawa bloom earlier than in Hokkaido.	T / F
Cherry blossoms usually last for three months.	T / F
Tokyo gave cherry trees to Washington, D.C.	T / F
Hanami day is a national holiday in Japan.	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



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● blossom



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● lantern



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● night



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● camera



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● wind



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● dango



●

● lunch box

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. R E R H Y C

2. E T L A P

3. O M O L B

4. N I I C C P

5. N P R I G S

6. L A N N T R E

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

dumplings

December

petals

sheet

evening

lunch

photos

again

bloom

wind

pumpkins

beach

park

Mei's Hanami Day

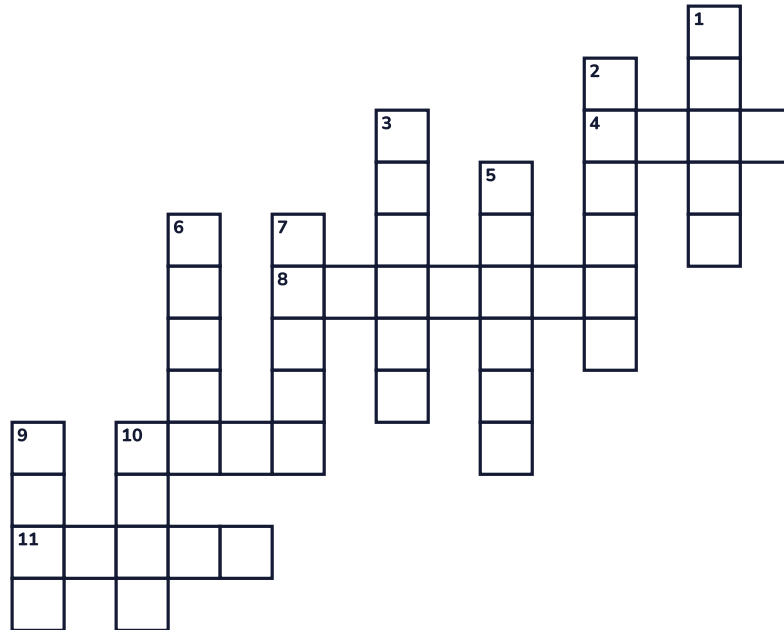
On Saturday, Mei goes to the (1) _____ with her family. The cherry trees are in full (2) _____. They spread a blue (3) _____ under a big tree. Her father opens a (4) _____ box, and her brother eats pink, white, and green (5) _____. A soft (6) _____ blows, and pink (7) _____ fall like snow. Mei takes many (8) _____. In the (9) _____, lanterns light up the trees. Mei says, "I want to come (10) _____ next year!"



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** A light red color. (4)
8 A light with paper around it. It hangs in trees at night. (7)
10 Before cherry trees, people in Japan looked at this flower. (4)
11 The blossoms move in this direction in Japan. (5)

Down ↓

- 1** Round sweet rice balls on a stick. (5)
2 The season after winter. (6)
3 A meal you eat outside in a park. (6)
5 A tree with pink flowers in spring. Its red fruit is sweet. (6)
6 One small part of a flower. It can fall like snow. (5)
7 To open as a flower. (5)
9 Moving air. It makes the flowers fall. (4)
10 A green place in a city with trees and grass. (4)



Word Search

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

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Find these words! 14

- ☐ BLOOM
- ☐ CHERRY
- ☐ DANGO
- ☐ FLOWER
- ☐ LANTERN
- ☐ NORTH
- ☐ PARK
- ☐ PETAL
- ☐ PICNIC
- ☐ PINK
- ☐ PLUM
- ☐ SPRING
- ☐ TREE
- ☐ WIND

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

Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。



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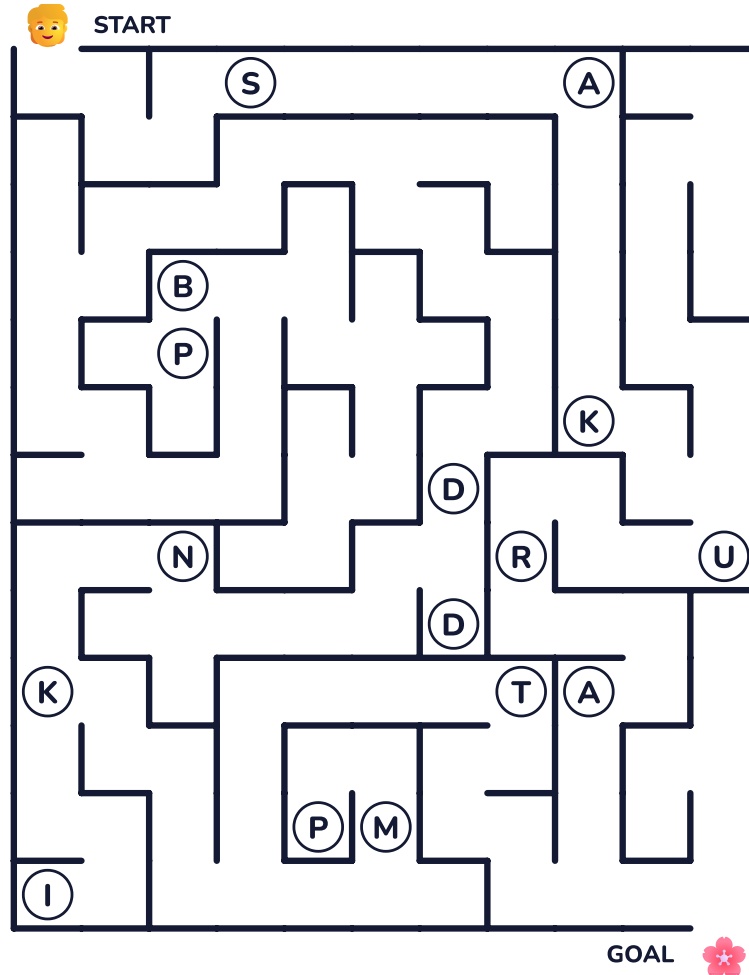
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**Maze & Sentences**

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Help Sora find the biggest cherry tree!

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: _____

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. under / trees / the / picnic / a / have / We .

2. blossoms / in / bloom / The / cherry / are / full .

3. petals / snow / fall / like / Pink / in / spring .

4. The / a / north / blossoms / like / wave / move .

5. People / with / friends / their / enjoy / hanami .



Class Activity & Writing

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Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has gone to hanami this year	
... likes hanami dango	
... has seen cherry blossoms at night	
... knows the name of a famous cherry blossom spot	
... can say cherry blossom in English	
... has eaten sakura mochi	
... likes plum flowers	
... has taken a photo of cherry blossoms	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

My favorite place to see cherry blossoms is _____ because _____.

If I have hanami with my friends, I want to bring _____.

To explain hanami 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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blossom



tree



dango



lunch box

