



When Numbers Say Good Couple

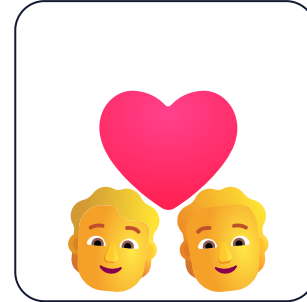
Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① In Japanese, numbers can be read in many ways. The number 1 can be read as i, so 11 can be ii, which means good. The number 2 can sound like fu. So November 22, or 11/22, can be read as ii fufu. In Japanese, that means a good married couple.



音声を聞こう

② This day did not start with love songs or flowers. In the 1980s, many people said Japanese workers worked too much. So in 1985, the government called November a month for a more relaxed life. Then, in 1988, a group that studied free time chose November 22 as Good Couples Day. They hoped husbands and wives would enjoy their free time together.

③ Later, the day got a special prize called Partner of the Year. Every year, a famous couple is chosen as the best pair of the year. Some couples also choose this day to get married, because the date is easy to remember. And the next day, November 23, is a national holiday in Japan.

④ Other countries play with numbers, too. In South Korea, May 21 is Couples' Day. The idea is that two people become one, so the date uses the numbers 2 and 1. On Good Couples Day in Japan, people give flowers, eat dinner together, or simply say thank you. Thank you is a small phrase, but on November 22 it can mean a lot.

Words 単語

couple 夫婦、カップル、ふたり組

married 結婚している

relaxed ゆったりした、くつろいだ

free time 自由な時間、余暇

prize 賞

remember 覚えている、思い出す

simply ただ、単に

phrase 言い回し、短い言葉



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) Good Couples Day is an old national holiday.
- (B) Good Couples Day is only for famous people.
- (C) A number pun made November 22 a day for couples in Japan.
- (D) Japanese couples must give flowers on November 22.

2. Why did the government call November a month for a more relaxed life?

- (A) Because people said Japanese workers worked too much.
- (B) Because November has many holidays.
- (C) Because couples asked for it.
- (D) Because of a famous love song.

3. When was November 22 chosen as Good Couples Day?

- (A) In 1985.
- (B) In 1988.
- (C) In 1999.
- (D) In 2007.

4. Why does Couples' Day in South Korea use the numbers 2 and 1?

- (A) Because it is the second day of the first month.
- (B) Because couples have two children.
- (C) Because it started in 2001.
- (D) Because two people become one.

5. In the dialogue, what will Grace probably do tonight?

- (A) Buy flowers for Yuta.
- (B) Go to a restaurant with Yuta.
- (C) Cook dinner for her husband.
- (D) Get married.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Good Couples Day is on November 22.	T / F
Good Couples Day is a national holiday in Japan.	T / F
The day was first chosen in 1988.	T / F
In South Korea, Couples' Day is on November 11.	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。



●

● ring



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● prize



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● flowers



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● dinner



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● letter



●

● date

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

card

cook

you

parents

Couples

plan

ticket

school

flowers

snow

dinner

A Surprise on November 22

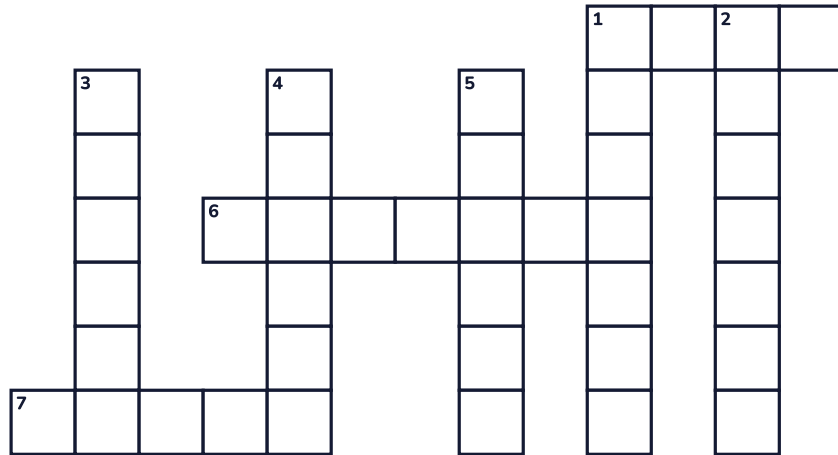
Mika's (1) _____ have been married for 15 years. On November 22, Mika and her brother make a (2) _____. They buy (3) _____ and write a (4) _____. In the evening, they (5) _____ curry and rice. When their parents come home, the children say, "Happy Good (6) _____ Day!" Their mother smiles and says, "Thank (7) _____. This is the best (8) _____!"



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 married woman. (4)
- 6 A married man. (7)
- 7 Something you win in a contest. (5)

Down ↓

- 1 The party when two people get married. (7)
- 2 Roses and tulips are these. (7)
- 3 The meal in the evening. (6)
- 4 Two people who are together, like a husband and wife. (6)
- 5 You say this word when someone helps you. (6)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 10

- ☐ COUPLE
- ☐ DINNER
- ☐ FLOWER
- ☐ GOOD
- ☐ HUSBAND
- ☐ LOVE
- ☐ PAIR
- ☐ RING
- ☐ THANKS
- ☐ WIFE

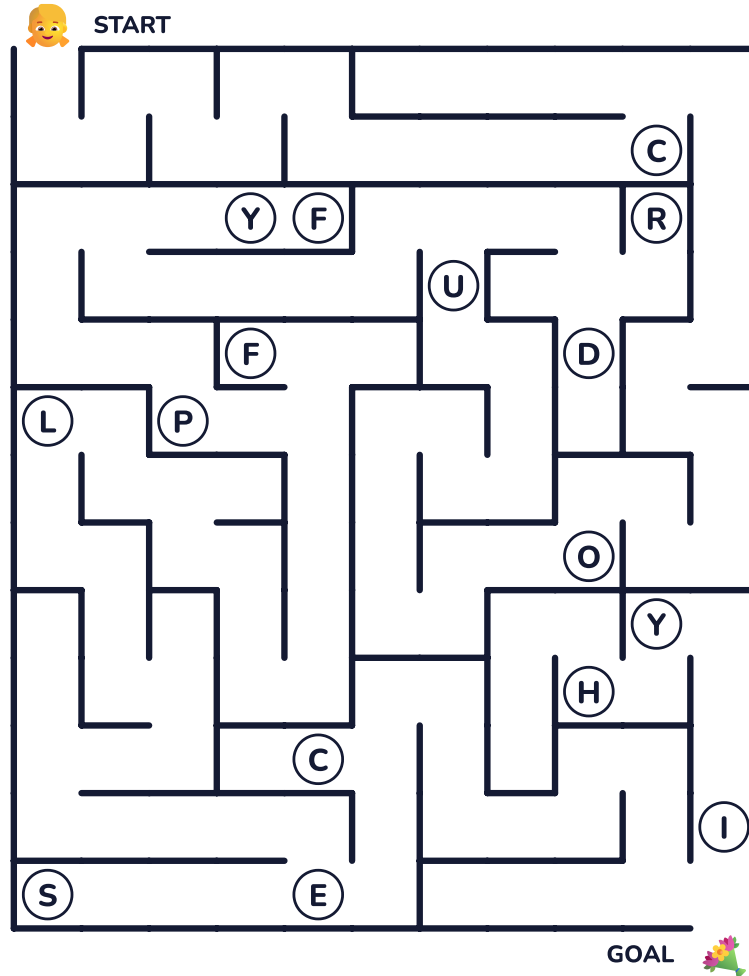


Maze & Sentences

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Help Mika bring the flowers to her parents!

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。

On Good Couples Day, I want to say "thank you" to _____ because _____.

A good couple always _____.



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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flowers



ring



dinner



prize



letter

Draw your Good Couples Day! いい夫婦の日の絵を描こう。