

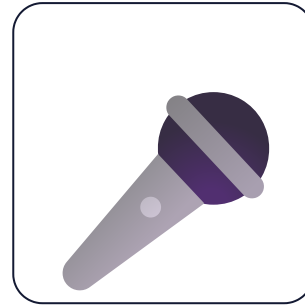


The Empty Orchestra

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① What does the word karaoke mean? Kara means empty in Japanese, and oke is short for orchestra. So karaoke means an empty orchestra. The music plays, but there is no singer. You are the singer! The words of the song appear on a screen, so you can follow along.



② Who made the first karaoke machine? Many people say it was Daisuke Inoue. In 1971, he rented his machines to bars in Kobe. But in 1967, Shigeichi Negishi in Tokyo had already made a machine for singing along. He made it after a worker laughed at his singing. In 2025, a large group of engineers named his machine the first karaoke system.

③ In 1985, the first karaoke box opened in Okayama. It was an old shipping container! Soon, karaoke rooms opened all over Japan. Friends could sing loudly in a small private room. Then in 1992, new machines got songs through phone lines, so people could sing new hits right away. In Korea, people call these rooms noraebang, which means song room.

④ The word karaoke traveled around the world, just like emoji and tsunami. In 2004, Inoue even won a funny science prize in the United States. The prize said karaoke gave people a new way to put up with each other. In Japan, October 17 is Karaoke Culture Day. So pick your favorite song and sing it loud!

Words 単語**empty** 空っぽの**orchestra** オーケストラ**machine** 機械**rent** 貸す、借りる（お金をとって）**container** コンテナ、入れ物**private** 個人の、貸し切りの**prize** 賞**put up with** ～をがまんする



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 this story?

- (A) How to become a good singer
- (B) Where karaoke came from and how it spread
- (C) Why Korea is famous for music
- (D) How to build a shipping container

2. Who made a machine for singing along in 1967?

- (A) Daisuke Inoue
- (B) A worker in Kobe
- (C) Shigeichi Negishi
- (D) A group of engineers

3. What was the first karaoke box?

- (A) An old shipping container
- (B) A big hotel room
- (C) A school music room
- (D) A train car

4. In paragraph 4, "put up with" is closest in meaning to:

- (A) sing with
- (B) laugh at
- (C) build
- (D) accept something you do not like

5. In the dialogue, why is Chloe happy about private rooms?

- (A) She wants to sleep.
- (B) She thinks she is not a good singer.
- (C) She does not like her friends.
- (D) She wants to eat dinner.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|--|-------|
| Karaoke means empty orchestra. | T / F |
| The first karaoke box was a hotel room in Tokyo. | T / F |
| Shigeichi Negishi made a machine in 1967. | T / F |
| Karaoke Culture Day is on December 25. | T / F |



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

Class _____ No. _____ Name _____

① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



●

● TV



●

● drum



●

● microphone



●

● clap



●

● piano



●

● guitar

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

turn

winter

karaoke

room

fun

song

rice

nervous

microphone

My First Karaoke

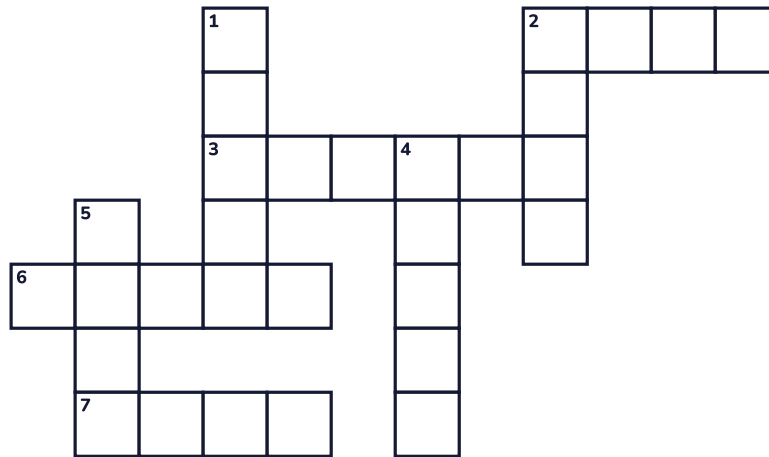
Last Friday, I went to (1) _____ with my friends. We had a small (2) _____ with a big TV. My friend Yuki took the (3) _____ first. She sang a (4) _____ in English. Then it was my (5) _____. I was (6) _____, but everyone clapped. It was so much (7) _____!



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 →

- 2 To make music with your voice. (4)
- 3 The flat part of a TV where you see pictures. (6)
- 6 The sound you make when you talk. (5)
- 7 A song for two people. (4)

Down ↓

- 1 Sounds from a piano, a guitar or drums. (5)
- 2 Music with words that you sing. (4)
- 4 Nothing is inside. The box is _____. (5)
- 5 The opposite of quiet. (4)



Word Search

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

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Find these words! 10

- ☐ DUET
- ☐ EMPTY
- ☐ KARAOKE
- ☐ LOUD
- ☐ MUSIC
- ☐ ROOM
- ☐ SCREEN
- ☐ SING
- ☐ SONG
- ☐ VOICE

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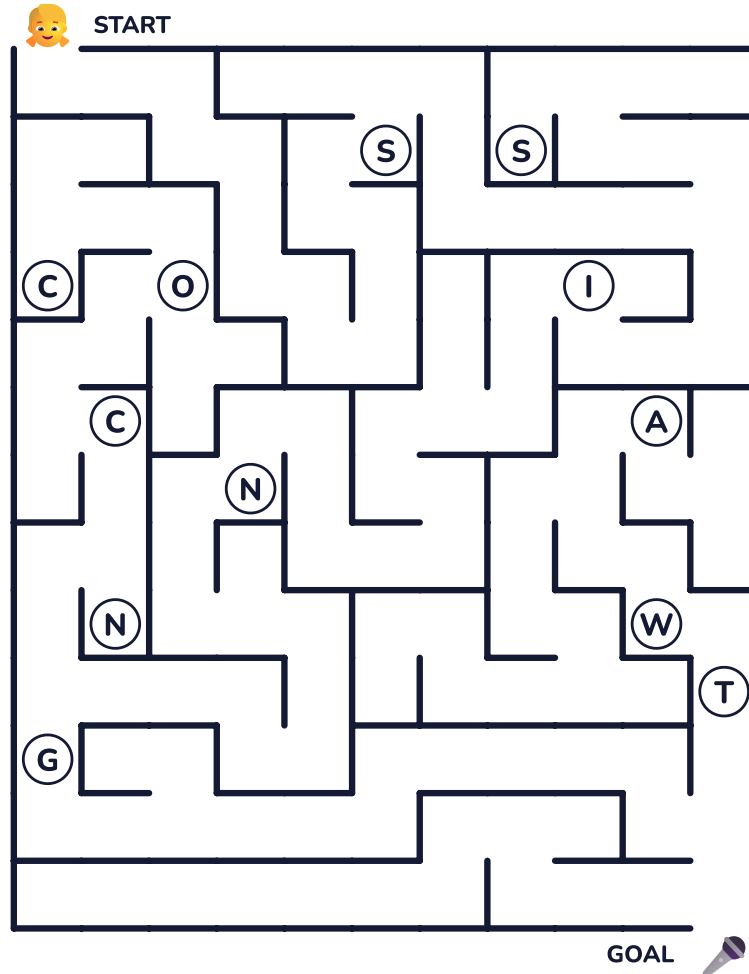


Maze & Sentences

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Help the girl get to the microphone!

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。

At karaoke, I want to sing _____ because _____.

Karaoke is popular around the world 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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microphone



guitar



drum



piano



tv

Draw your Karaoke Culture Day! カラオケ文化の日（10月17日）の絵を描こう。