



The Day the Rules Began

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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❶ In Japan, May 3 is a national holiday called Kenpo Kinenbi. In English, we call it Constitution Memorial Day. A constitution is the most important set of rules for a country. It says how the country works and what rights people have.



音声を聞こう

❷ Japan's constitution was announced on November 3, 1946. But it did not start on that day. It came into use six months later, on May 3, 1947. Here is a little secret. The government chose May 3 first, and then it counted back six months to pick November 3.

❸ The new constitution was big news. On May 3, 1947, people held a ceremony in front of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. The same day, a famous theater had a party with violin music and a kabuki dance. A group also made a small book about the constitution. About 20 million copies went to homes all over Japan.

❹ May 3 became a national holiday in 1948. At first, some lawmakers wanted Children's Day on May 3. They liked the idea of mixing March 3, the girls' festival, and May 5, the boys' festival. But Constitution Memorial Day took May 3, so Children's Day moved to May 5.

❺ Today, May 3 is in the middle of Golden Week, a group of spring holidays. Many families travel or relax in the park. Newspapers and TV programs talk about the constitution, and some people go to talks about it. It is a good day to think about the rules we all share.

Words 単語

constitution 憲法**memorial** 記念の、記念碑**announce** 発表する、公表する**come into use** 使われ始める**national holiday** 国民の祝日**rights** 権利**ceremony** 式典、儀式**palace** 宮殿**copy** (本などの) 部、冊**lawmaker** 国会議員、立法者**count back** さかのぼって数える**share** 共有する、分かち合う



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) How to travel during Golden Week
- (B) Why Japan has a holiday on May 3
- (C) How children celebrate May 5
- (D) Why banks close on Sundays

2. When was Japan's constitution announced?

- (A) May 3, 1946
- (B) May 3, 1947
- (C) November 3, 1947
- (D) November 3, 1946

3. How long after the announcement did the constitution start?

- (A) Six months
- (B) Three months
- (C) One year
- (D) Two years

4. Which date did the government choose first?

- (A) November 3
- (B) March 3
- (C) May 3
- (D) May 5

5. In paragraph 2, what does "came into use" mean?

- (A) was written
- (B) started to be used
- (C) was sold
- (D) was changed

6. Which is true about the year 1947?

- (A) Children's Day started on May 3.
- (B) The constitution was changed.
- (C) There were no events on May 3.
- (D) About 20 million copies of a small book went to homes.

7. Why is Children's Day on May 5, not May 3?

- (A) Because May 3 was given to Constitution Memorial Day.
- (B) Because May 3 is always rainy.
- (C) Because children go to school on May 3.
- (D) Because the boys' festival was banned.

8. In the dialogue, what does Ben say about Constitution Day in America?

- (A) It is on May 3.
- (B) Everyone gets a day off.
- (C) It is in September, but it is not a day off.
- (D) It is called Culture Day.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Constitution Memorial Day is on May 3.	T / F
Japan's constitution was announced on May 3, 1947.	T / F
The constitution started six months after it was announced.	T / F
Some lawmakers wanted Children's Day on May 3.	T / F
November 3 is called Constitution Memorial Day now.	T / F
In the United States, Constitution Day is a day off for everyone.	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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● carp streamer



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● book



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● tree



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● train



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● party



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● violin



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● calendar



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● rice ball

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

1. H D I L O Y A

2. L S R E U

3. L C E A P A

4. S I G H R T

5. D E R A A P

6. L C T U U E R

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

Day

snow

park

May

Golden

rules

picnic

school

free

winter

holiday

calendar

started

A Holiday at Grandma's

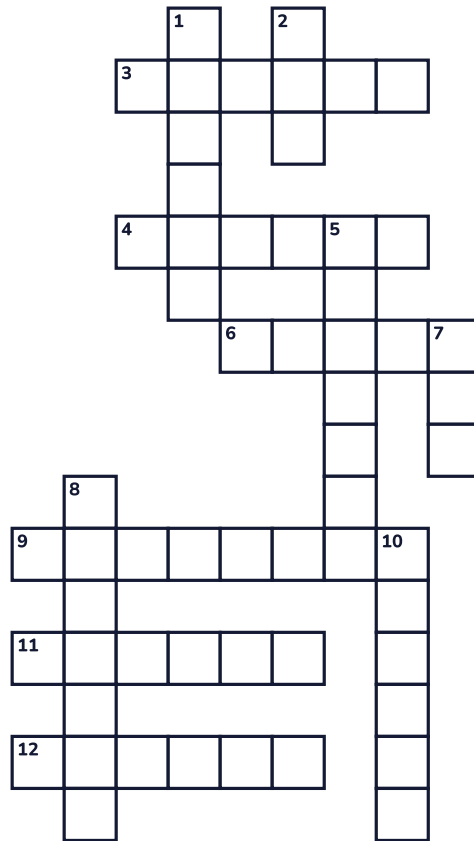
It is (1) _____. 3. Mika and her brother visit their grandma. Mika asks, "Why is today a (2) _____?" Grandma smiles. "It is Constitution Memorial (3) _____. Our constitution (4) _____ on this day in 1947. It is the basic set of (5) _____ for Japan." Mika's brother looks at the (6) _____. "Tomorrow is a holiday too!" "Yes," says Grandma. "This week is (7) _____ Week. Let's go to the (8) _____ and have a (9) _____." The children cheer. They have three (10) _____ days in a row.



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 →

- 3 This country also has a constitution holiday on May 3. (6)
- 4 The Imperial ____ is a big home in Tokyo. (6)
- 6 A constitution is a set of these for a country. (5)
- 9 The constitution was announced in this month in 1946. (8)
- 11 Eating lunch outside in the park. (6)
- 12 Children in Norway march in this on May 17. (6)

Down ↓

- 1 A country in Europe that celebrates on May 17. (6)
- 2 Constitution Memorial Day is in this month. (3)
- 5 November 3 is ____ Day in Japan. (7)
- 7 The number of months between November 3 and May 3. (3)
- 8 A day with no school or work. (7)
- 10 Things the constitution protects, like freedom. (6)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 14

- ☐ CEREMONY
- ☐ CULTURE
- ☐ DIET
- ☐ HOLIDAY
- ☐ MAY
- ☐ NORWAY
- ☐ NOVEMBER
- ☐ PALACE
- ☐ PARADE
- ☐ PICNIC
- ☐ POLAND
- ☐ RIGHTS
- ☐ RULES
- ☐ SIX

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。



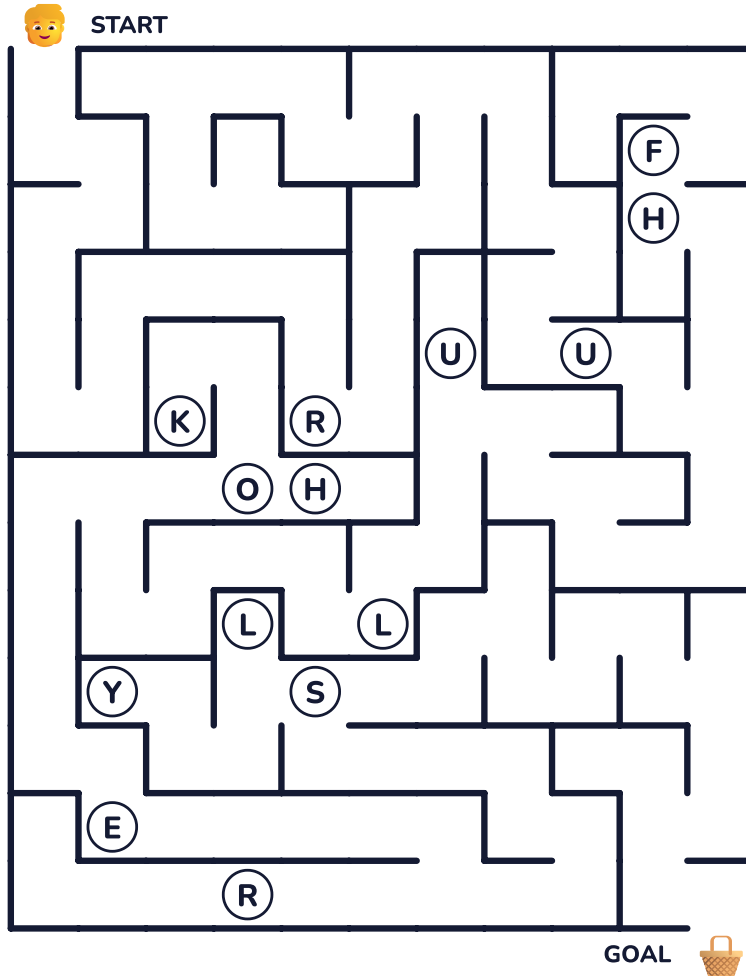


Maze & Sentences

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Help Ken get to the Golden Week picnic!

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. is / national / May / a / in / Japan / holiday / 3 .

2. started / 3, / 1947 / on / May / constitution / The .

3. Week / travel / during / Golden / families / Many .

4. Children / a / Norway / big / in / parade / march / in .

5. 3 / November / Day / is / now / Culture / called .



Class Activity & Writing

Class _____ No. _____ Name _____

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

Find someone who ...	Name
... has visited the National Diet Building	
... knows the date of Culture Day	
... has traveled during Golden Week	
... can name three holidays in May	
... likes picnics	
... knows what a constitution is	
... has seen a parade	
... can say May 3 in English	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

One important rule in my class is _____ because _____.

During Golden Week, I want to _____.

If I could make a new holiday, it would be on _____ 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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calendar



book



party



violin

