

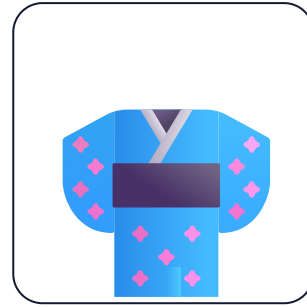


A Thing to Wear

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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❶ What does the word kimono mean? Ki means to wear, and mono means a thing. So a kimono is simply a thing to wear. That is a very plain name for such beautiful clothes. Long ago, it was the word for all clothes in Japan. After Western clothes came to Japan, it began to mean Japanese clothes only.



音声を聞こう

❷ November 15 is Kimono Day in Japan. A kimono group in Kyoto chose this day in 1966. It is also the day of Shichi-Go-San. Families take young children to a shrine and pray for their health. Many of the children wear beautiful kimono. So the group hoped whole families would wear kimono on that day.

❸ There is one important rule. You always put the left side over the right side. Many people remember it with a small trick. From the front, the collar looks like the small letter y. This rule in Japan goes back to the year 719. The opposite way is only for people who have died. So be careful when you try one on!

❹ The word kimono traveled far. People in Europe knew it by the 1500s. Today, people all over the world use the same word. In 2019, a famous American star named her underwear brand Kimono. Many people in Japan were upset, and the mayor of Kyoto wrote her a letter. Soon, the brand got a new name. A kimono is not just clothing. It is a part of Japanese culture.

Words 単語**wear** 着ている、身につけている**clothes** 服、衣服**Western** 西洋の**rule** 決まり、ルール**opposite** 反対の、逆の**upset** 怒った、動揺した**mayor** 市長**culture** 文化



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 buy a cheap kimono
- (B) Why Japanese people stopped wearing kimono
- (C) The meaning, day, and rules of kimono
- (D) The history of Western clothes

2. Why did the group choose November 15?

- (A) It is the day of Shichi-Go-San.
- (B) It is a national holiday.
- (C) The group started in November.
- (D) It is the birthday of a famous star.

3. When does the kimono rule in Japan go back to?

- (A) 1500
- (B) 1966
- (C) 2019
- (D) 719

4. In paragraph 4, "upset" is closest in meaning to:

- (A) very happy
- (B) unhappy and angry
- (C) very sleepy
- (D) very rich

5. In the dialogue, who helped Yui put on her kimono?

- (A) Liam
- (B) Her grandmother
- (C) Her little brother
- (D) A teacher

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|---|-------|
| Kimono means a thing to wear. | T / F |
| Kimono Day is on the same day as Shichi-Go-San. | T / F |
| You put the right side over the left side. | T / F |
| Kimono 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。



●

● kimono



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● sandal



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● flower



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● camera



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● shrine



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● maple leaf

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

pizza

beautiful

kimono

summer

right

obi

flowers

photo

shrine

bus

Grandma's Kimono

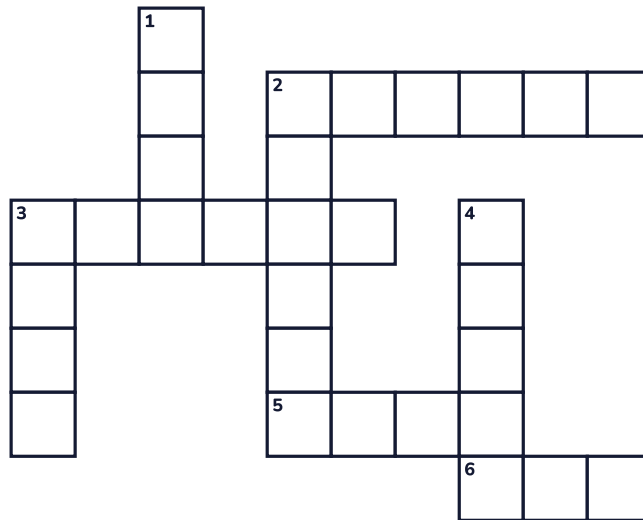
My grandma has a red (1) _____. It has white (2) _____ on it. On November 15, my sister wears it to the (3) _____ for Shichi-Go-San. Grandma ties a big (4) _____ around her. "Left side over the (5) _____," she says. My sister looks very (6) _____. We take a family (7) _____ under the red leaves.



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 The part of a shirt that covers your arm. (6)
- 3 A place in Japan to pray. It often has a red gate. (6)
- 5 The opposite of right. (4)
- 6 A wide belt for a kimono. (3)

Down ↓

- 1 To have clothes on your body. (4)
- 2 A shoe that is open. People wear it in summer. (6)
- 3 Soft and shiny cloth. It comes from worms. (4)
- 4 An old city in Japan with many temples. (5)



Word Search

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

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K	M	A	G	B	P	B	O	S	B	I	Y	S
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J	I	C	H	W	A	L	V	R	Y	D	G	I
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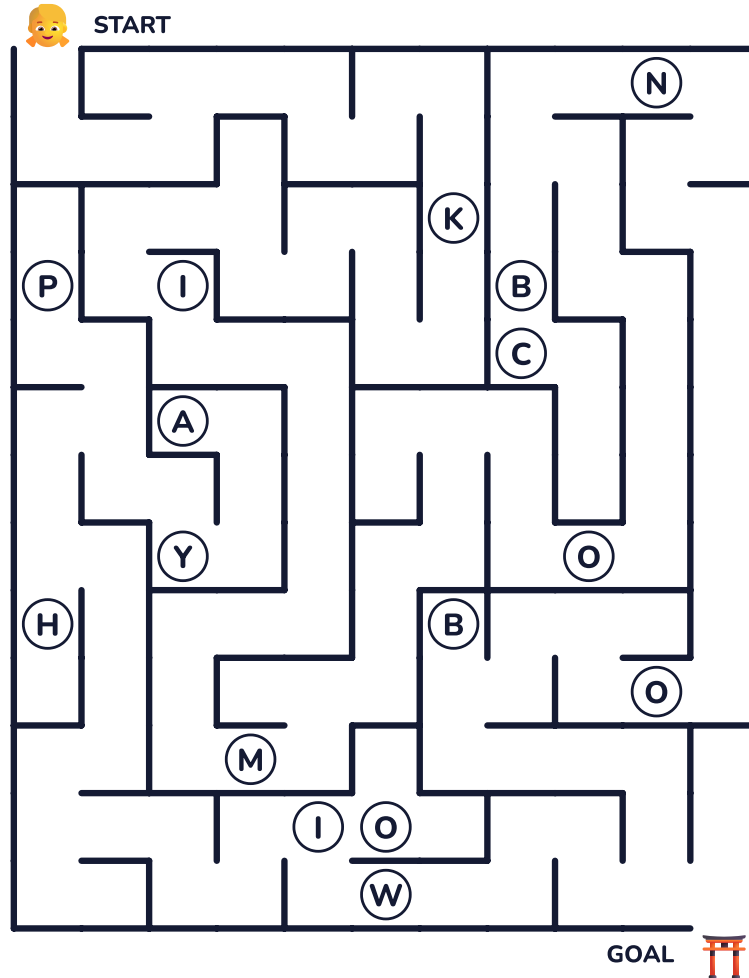
Find these words! 10

- ☐ CULTURE
- ☐ KIMONO
- ☐ KYOTO
- ☐ LEFT
- ☐ OBI
- ☐ RIGHT
- ☐ SHRINE
- ☐ SILK
- ☐ SLEEVE
- ☐ WEAR



Help the girl in a kimono get to the shrine!

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。

If I wear a kimono, I want to go to _____ because _____.

A kimono is special to Japan 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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kimono



shrine



sandal



flower



camera

Draw your Kimono Day! きものの日の絵を描こう。