



Seven Candles, Seven Ideas

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① Seven candles stand in a wooden holder. One is black, three are red, and three are green. Each night from December 26 to January 1, a family lights one more candle. This is Kwanzaa, a week-long holiday for many African American families.



音声を聞こう

② Kwanzaa is quite new. An activist named Maulana Karenga started it in California in 1966. He wanted African Americans to feel proud of their African roots. The name comes from a Swahili phrase that means first fruits. Swahili is a language spoken in East Africa. In many parts of Africa, people have festivals for the first crops of the year.

③ The extra a at the end of the name has a fun story. The Swahili word kwanza has six letters. But at an early party, seven children each wanted to hold a letter. So one more a was added. Kwanzaa also has seven principles, one for each day. The first is umoja, which means unity. Others are about working together, creativity, and faith.

④ When people meet, they ask, "Habari gani?" It means "How are you?" in Swahili. The answer is the principle of the day, like "Umoja!" On December 31, many families have a big feast called karamu. They eat, play music, dance, and tell stories. January 1 is the last day, a quiet time to think about the new year. In 1997, the United States even made its first Kwanzaa stamp.

Words 単語**holder** 入れ物、～立て**activist** 活動家**roots** ルーツ、祖先のふるさと**phrase** 語句、フレーズ**crop** 作物**principle** 原則、大切な考え**unity** 団結、まとまり**feast** ごちそう、宴会



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 text?

- (A) Kwanzaa is an old festival from East Africa.
- (B) Kwanzaa is a new holiday that celebrates African roots.
- (C) Kwanzaa is a day to buy gifts for friends.
- (D) Kwanzaa is a Christmas party in Japan.

2. How many red candles are there?

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Seven
- (D) Three

3. Why was an extra a added to the name?

- (A) So seven children could each hold a letter
- (B) Because it is easier to say
- (C) Because the Swahili word is spelled that way
- (D) So it would look like the name of a river

4. In paragraph 3, "unity" is closest in meaning to:

- (A) being alone
- (B) being angry
- (C) being together as one
- (D) being very fast

5. In the dialogue, what should Daisuke answer to "Habari gani?"

- (A) Happy Kwanzaa!
- (B) Merry Christmas!
- (C) Umoja!
- (D) Thank you!

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|--|-------|
| Kwanzaa lasts for seven days. | T / F |
| Kwanzaa started in Africa a long time ago. | T / F |
| The name Kwanzaa comes from Swahili. | T / F |
| All seven candles are red. | 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。



●

● gift



●

● drum



●

● fruit



●

● Africa



●

● corn



●

● candle

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

brother

sings

story

family

angry

candle

candles

proud

summer

day

The Last Candle

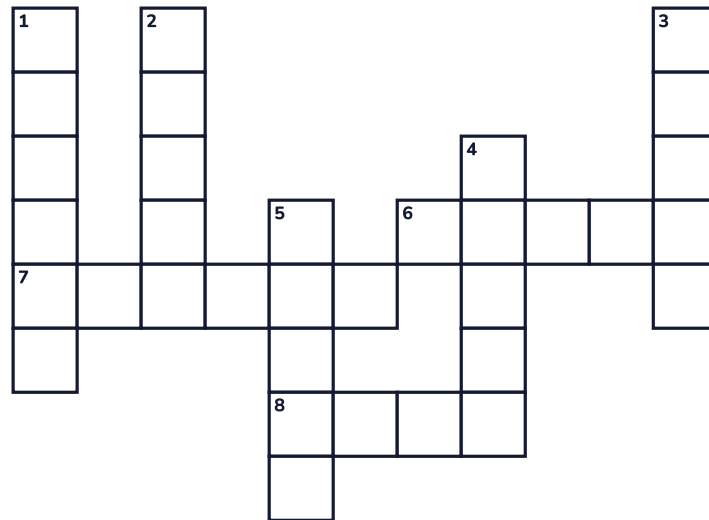
It is January 1, the last (1) _____ of Kwanzaa. Maya and her (2) _____ sit around the table. Her little (3) _____ lights the last green (4) _____. Now all seven (5) _____ are burning. Grandma tells a (6) _____ about Africa. Then everyone (7) _____ together. Outside, it is snowy and cold, but the room is bright. Maya feels warm and (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 →

- 6** A big meal for a special day. (5)
7 You light it. It gives a small light. (6)
8 A yellow vegetable. You can eat it on the cob. (4)

Down ↓

- 1** A very big continent. Kenya and Ghana are there. (6)
2 The color of grass and leaves. (5)
3 Being together as one group. (5)
4 The number after six. (5)
5 The color of the night sky. (5)



Word Search

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

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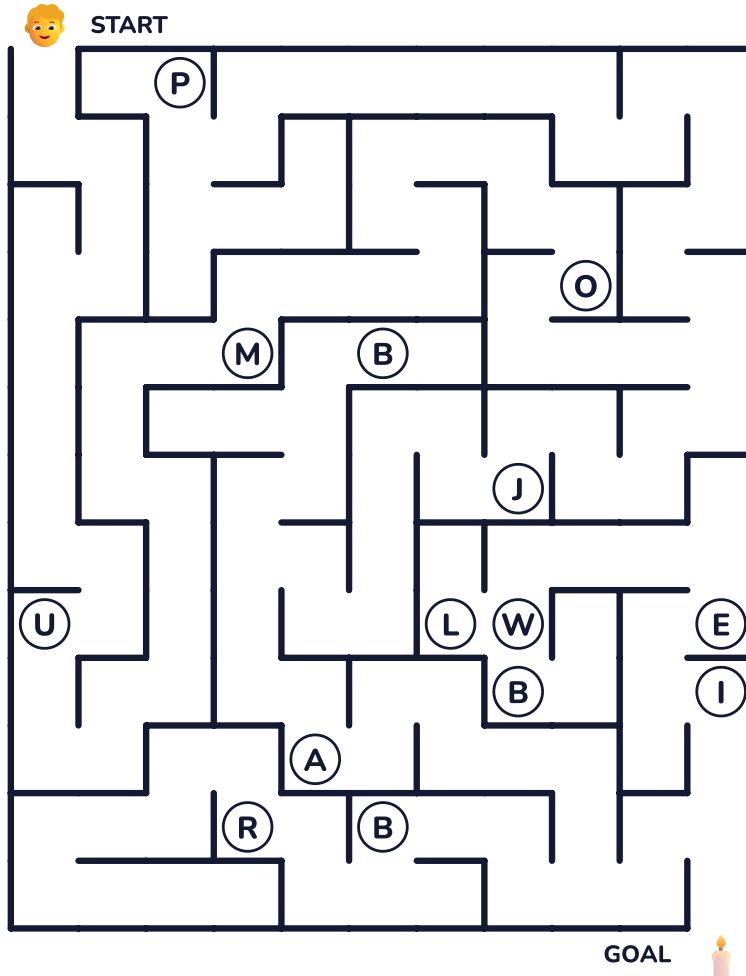
Find these words! 10

- ☐ AFRICA
- ☐ BLACK
- ☐ CANDLE
- ☐ CORN
- ☐ FAMILY
- ☐ FEAST
- ☐ GREEN
- ☐ RED
- ☐ SEVEN
- ☐ UNITY



Help the boy carry the candle to the table!

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

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Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

My family is strong because we _____.

One thing I want to create is _____.



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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candle



corn



gift



drum



fruit

Draw your Kwanzaa! クワンザの絵を描こう。