



# A Night of Red Lights

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① On the first full moon of the Chinese new year, the streets glow red. Thousands of paper lanterns hang over the roads, and they come in many shapes and colors. Children walk with small lanterns in their hands. This is the Lantern Festival. It is on the 15th day of the new year, and it is the last day of the holidays.



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② The festival is more than 2,000 years old. Long ago, people lit lamps all night for this day. Later, the old capital city of Chang'an had a strict rule, and people could not go out at night. But during the Lantern Festival, everyone could go out and see the lights. Young women could go out too, and some of them met boyfriends there. So some people call it Chinese Valentine's Day.

③ Many lanterns have riddles on them. People read the riddles and try to guess the answers. They also eat sweet rice balls called tangyuan. Some have black sesame or sweet red beans inside. The balls are round like the full moon. Their name sounds like the Chinese word for a family coming together.

④ Today, people celebrate in many places. In Pingxi, Taiwan, people write wishes on big paper lanterns and send them up into the night sky. In Nagasaki, Japan, about 15,000 red lanterns light up the city every winter. In 2018, more than one million people came to see them.

**Words 単語**

**lantern** ちょうちん、ランタン  
**glow** (やわらかく) 光る、輝く  
**full moon** 満月

**strict** きびしい  
**riddle** なぞなぞ  
**guess** (答えを) 当てる、推測する

**wish** 願いごと  
**capital** 首都、都



# Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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## 1. What is the reading mainly about?

- (A) How to make paper lanterns at home
- (B) The history of the city of Nagasaki
- (C) A Chinese festival with lanterns, riddles, and rice balls
- (D) Why the moon is round

## 2. When is the Lantern Festival?

- (A) On the 15th day of the Chinese new year
- (B) On the last day of December
- (C) On the first day of the new year
- (D) In the middle of summer

## 3. Why do some people call it Chinese Valentine's Day?

- (A) Because people give chocolate
- (B) Because the lanterns are shaped like hearts
- (C) Because it is in February every year
- (D) Because young women could go out and meet boyfriends

## 4. In paragraph 2, what does "strict" mean?

- (A) Very bright
- (B) Not easy to break; you must follow it
- (C) Very old
- (D) Fun and exciting

## 5. What is inside Mei-ling's tangyuan?

- (A) Black sesame
- (B) Red bean
- (C) Peanuts
- (D) Meat

### True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| The Lantern Festival is on the 15th day of the Chinese new year. | T / F |
| People eat square cakes on the Lantern Festival.                 | T / F |
| Many lanterns have riddles on them.                              | T / F |
| The Lantern Festival is only 50 years old.                       | T / F |



# Word Work

Words &amp; 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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● lantern



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● full moon



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● soup



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● dragon



●

● riddle



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● lion

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

balls

lantern

moon

snowman

sun

family

guesses

everywhere

riddle

## Lily's Lantern

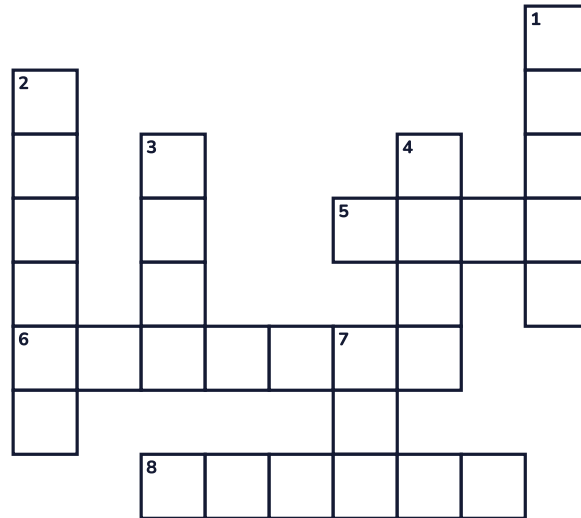
Tonight is the Lantern Festival. Lily makes a red (1) \_\_\_\_\_ with her grandma. They walk to the park under the full (2) \_\_\_\_\_. There are lights (3) \_\_\_\_\_! Lily reads a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ on a big lantern. She thinks hard and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the answer. Then they go home and eat sweet rice (6) \_\_\_\_\_ with the whole (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 →

- 5 Something you hope for. People write it on sky lanterns. (4)
- 6 A light inside a paper or glass cover. (7)
- 8 A funny question. You must think hard to answer it. (6)

## Down ↓

- 1 The dark time after the sun goes down. (5)
- 2 Parents, children, and grandparents together. (6)
- 3 It shines at night. It is full on this festival. (4)
- 4 A big cat. People dance in a costume of this animal. (4)
- 7 The color of most lanterns at this festival. (3)



# Word Search

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

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Find these words! 10

- ☐ DRAGON
- ☐ FAMILY
- ☐ LANTERN
- ☐ LIGHT
- ☐ LION
- ☐ MOON
- ☐ NIGHT
- ☐ RED
- ☐ RIDDLE
- ☐ WISH

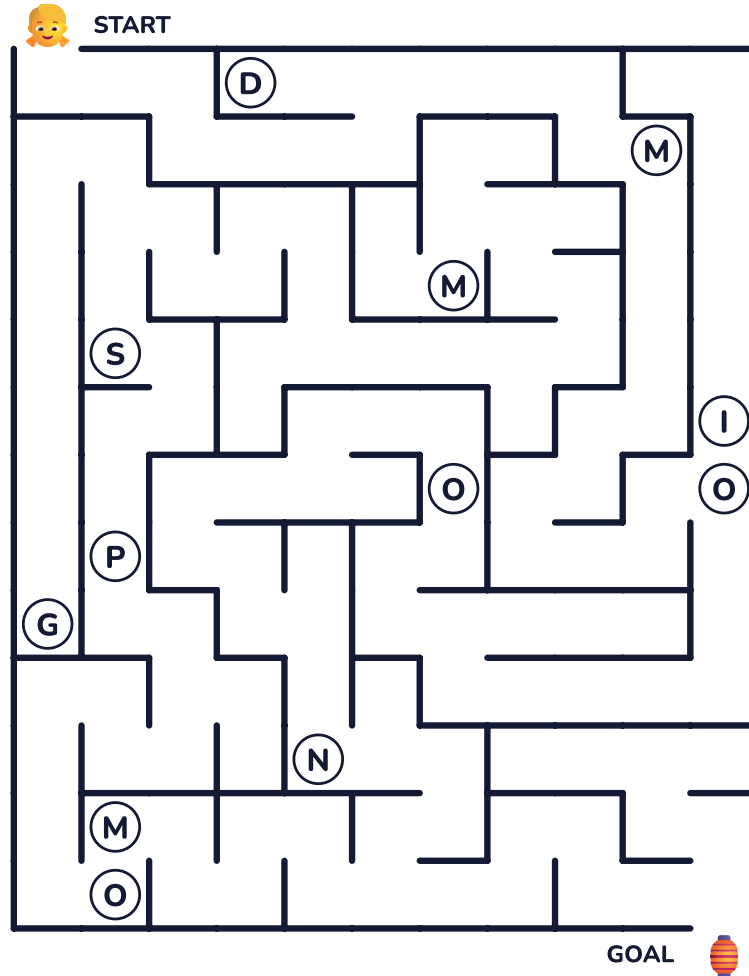


# Maze & Sentences

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Help Lily carry her lantern to the park!

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 wish for this year is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

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Here is my riddle: I am \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. What am I?

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# 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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lantern



full moon



lion



dragon



riddle

Draw your Lantern Festival! 元宵節（ランタン・フェスティバル）の絵を描こう。