

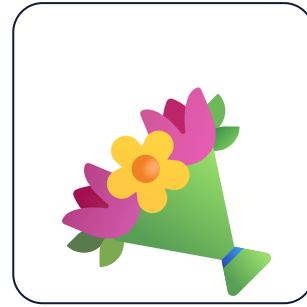


Two Stories of May the First

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① At six in the morning on May 1, a crowd stands quietly under a tall tower in Oxford, England. Then a choir begins to sing from the top of the tower. Summer is coming, and the city says hello to it with music.



音声を聞こう

② In old Europe, May 1 was the first day of summer. People picked flowers and danced around a tall pole called a maypole. In the 1800s, dancers began to hold long ribbons. As they moved, the ribbons made a pretty pattern on the pole. In France, people still give small white flowers called lily of the valley for good luck.

③ May Day has a second story, too. In the 1800s, many factory workers in Britain worked 10 to 16 hours a day. On May 1, 1886, workers in America went on strike and asked for an eight-hour day. A few years later, workers in many countries chose May 1 as their special day. Today, it is a holiday called Labour Day or Workers' Day in many countries.

④ In Japan, the first May Day was in 1920 in Ueno Park in Tokyo. About 10,000 people came. Now May 1 is in the middle of Golden Week, but it is not a holiday. And here is one more surprise. When pilots shout "Mayday!" on the radio, they are not talking about May 1. The word comes from French and means "Help me!"

Words 単語**crowd** 群衆、人ごみ**choir** 聖歌隊、合唱団**pole** 柱、さお**ribbon** リボン**pattern** 模様、型**strike** ストライキ**worker** 働く人、労働者**shout** さけぶ



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 reading?

- (A) May Day is only a holiday for pilots.
- (B) May Day started in Japan in 1920.
- (C) May Day is a summer holiday with no history.
- (D) May Day has two stories: a spring festival and a day for workers.

2. What did workers in America ask for in 1886?

- (A) An eight-hour day
- (B) A new maypole
- (C) More flowers
- (D) A holiday in September

3. In paragraph 2, what is a "maypole"?

- (A) A kind of white flower
- (B) A tall pole for dancing around
- (C) A song for summer
- (D) A long boat on a river

4. Which is true about "Mayday" on the radio?

- (A) It means "Happy summer!"
- (B) It is only used on May 1.
- (C) It comes from French and means "Help me!"
- (D) It was first used in Ueno Park.

5. In the dialogue, what does Olivia tell Ren to do?

- (A) Follow the person in front of him
- (B) Go to a workers' march
- (C) Buy some lily of the valley
- (D) Climb the maypole

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|---|-------|
| May Day is on May 1. | T / F |
| People dance around a maypole on May Day. | T / F |
| May 1 is a national holiday in Japan. | T / F |
| The radio call Mayday means "Happy May!" | 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。



●

● ribbon



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● dance



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● sun



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● flowers



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● radio



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● crown

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

village

winter

pole

flowers

dance

crown

pumpkin

snow

ribbon

pattern

The Village Maypole

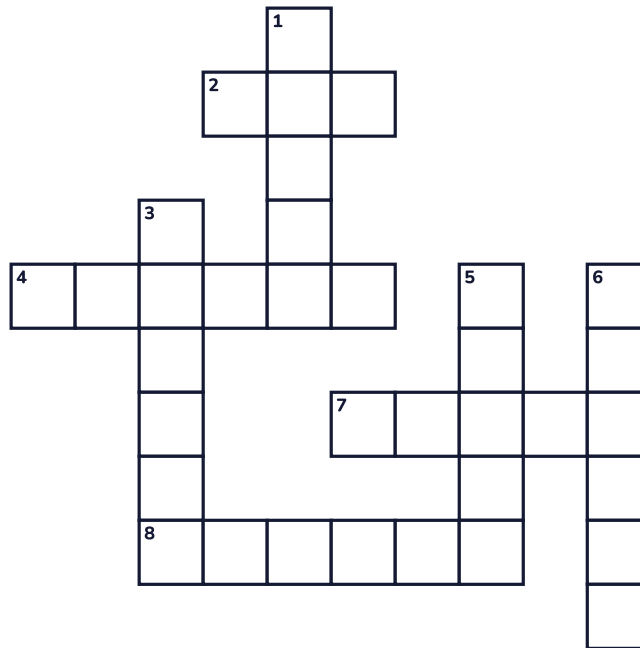
It is May 1 in a small English (1) _____. The sun is out, and the (2) _____ are pretty. In the middle of the green, there is a tall (3) _____. Twelve children each hold a long (4) _____. The music starts, and they (5) _____ around and around. Soon the ribbons make a beautiful (6) _____. Everyone claps. A girl with a flower (7) _____ smiles.



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 fifth month of the year. (3)
- 4 A rose or a tulip, for example. (6)
- 7 A group of people who sing together. (5)
- 8 A long, thin piece of colored cloth. (6)

Down ↓

- 1 To move your body to music. (5)
- 3 A person who has a job. (6)
- 5 A queen wears this on her head. (5)
- 6 The season between winter and summer. (6)



Word Search

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

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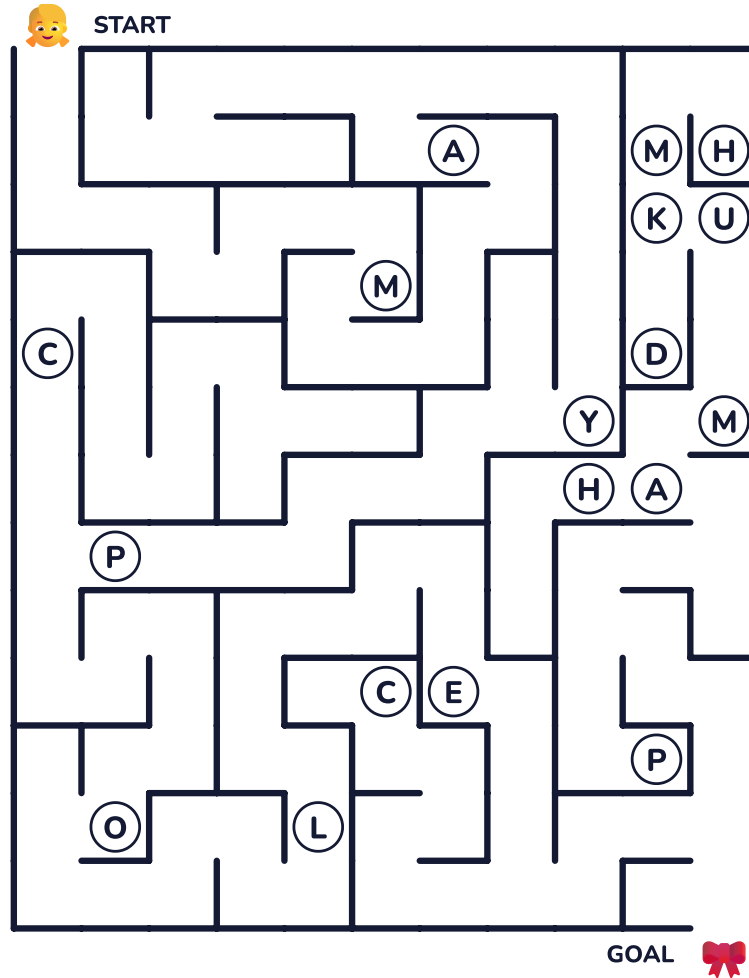
Find these words! 10

- ☐ CHOIR
- ☐ CROWN
- ☐ DANCE
- ☐ FLOWER
- ☐ MAY
- ☐ POLE
- ☐ RIBBON
- ☐ SPRING
- ☐ SUMMER
- ☐ WORKER



Help Ella get to the maypole!

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 had a spring festival in my town, we would _____.

I think a good job is a job where you can _____.



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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flowers



ribbon



crown



dance



sun

Draw your May Day! メーデー・五月祭の絵を描こう。