



Flowers for the Soldiers

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① In the spring of 1865, a long war in America came to an end. It was the Civil War, and about 620,000 soldiers died. After the war, people put flowers on the soldiers' graves. That is why the day was first called Decoration Day.



音声を聞こう

② In Charleston, a city in the South, newly free Black people held one of the first ceremonies. They buried 257 soldiers in proper graves and covered them with flowers. Then about 10,000 people marched together. They wanted to honor the soldiers of the war that ended slavery. Three years later, in 1868, the first national Decoration Day was held on May 30.

③ Later, the name changed to Memorial Day. Today, it remembers Americans who died in all wars. Since 1971, it has been on the last Monday in May. Flags fly halfway down the pole until noon. At 3 p.m., people stop what they are doing and stay quiet for a moment. A bugle plays a slow, sad song called Taps.

④ At Arlington National Cemetery, soldiers put a small flag on every grave. There are about 250,000 flags in all. Each flag is a way to say, We have not forgotten you. But Memorial Day is also the start of summer for many families. They enjoy a long weekend at the beach or in the park. Many of them still take a quiet minute to remember.

Words 単語**soldier** 兵士**grave** 墓**war** 戦争**ceremony** 式典、儀式**bury** 埋葬する、埋める**march** 行進する**noon** 正午**remember** しのぶ、思い出す



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) Memorial Day is a day to remember American soldiers who died. (B) Memorial Day is a day to thank teachers and doctors.
- (C) Memorial Day started in 1971 as a summer holiday. (D) Memorial Day is a day to buy new flags.

2. Why was the day first called Decoration Day?

- (A) Because people decorated their houses (B) Because people put flowers on graves
- (C) Because it was the start of summer (D) Because soldiers decorated the city

3. How many soldiers were buried again in Charleston?

- (A) 10,000 (B) 620,000
- (C) 250,000 (D) 257

4. What do people do at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day?

- (A) They raise the flag to the top. (B) They start a picnic at the beach.
- (C) They stop and stay quiet for a moment. (D) They march through the city.

5. In the dialogue, what is the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day?

- (A) Veterans Day is in May, and Memorial Day is in August. (B) Veterans Day is for everyone who served. Memorial Day is for those who died.
- (C) Veterans Day is for children, and Memorial Day is for parents. (D) There is no difference between the two days.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Memorial Day is on the last Monday in May. T / F

The first name of Memorial Day was Decoration Day. T / F

Memorial Day is for all people who served, living or dead. T / F

On Memorial Day, flags stay at half-staff all day. 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。

US ●

● trumpet



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● picnic basket



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● American flag



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● three o'clock



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● dove



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● flower

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

soldier

snow

cemetery

flowers

picnic

flag

grave

quiet

pumpkin

A Quiet Minute

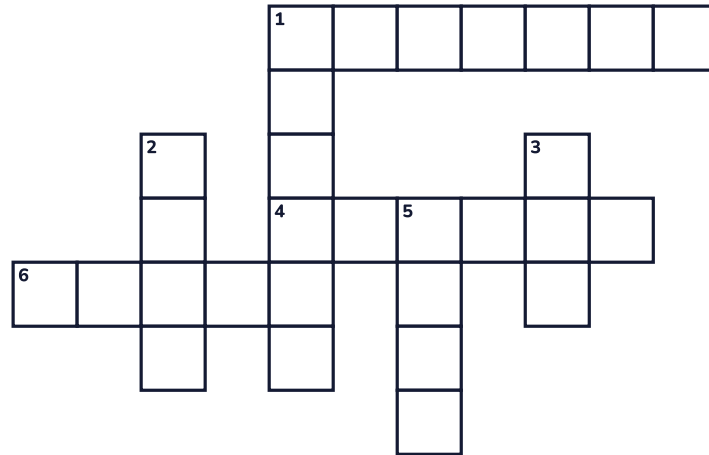
On Monday, Jake and his mom go to the (1) _____. They bring red (2) _____. Jake puts a small (3) _____ on his grandpa's (4) _____. Grandpa was a (5) _____ long ago. At three o'clock, everyone stops and stays (6) _____. Then Jake and his mom go home and have a (7) _____ in the yard.



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 →

- 1 A person who works in the army. (7)
- 4 The day of the week for this holiday. (6)
- 6 The place where a person is buried. (5)

Down ↓

- 1 The hot season. This holiday is its unofficial start. (6)
- 2 Americans put a small one on each grave. (4)
- 3 The month after April. (3)
- 5 Twelve o'clock in the daytime. (4)



Word Search

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

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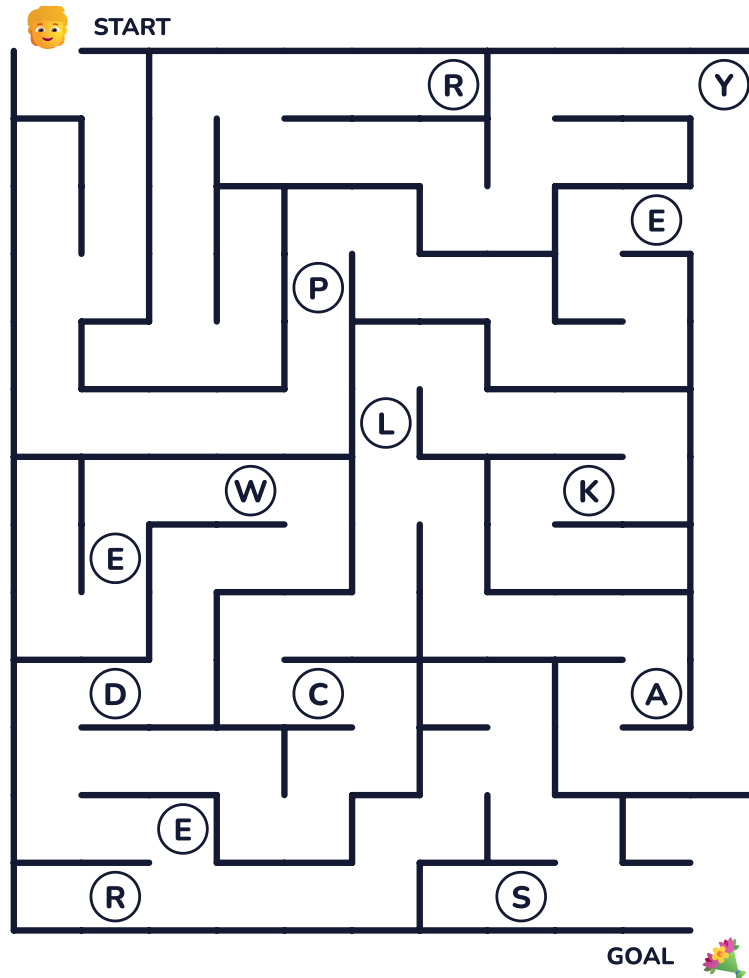
Find these words! 10

- ☐ FLAG
- ☐ FLOWERS
- ☐ GRAVE
- ☐ MONDAY
- ☐ NOON
- ☐ PARADE
- ☐ PEACE
- ☐ PICNIC
- ☐ POPPY
- ☐ SOLDIER



Help Jake bring the flowers!

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。

On a day to remember people, I would like to _____ because _____.

Memorial Day in America and August 15 in Japan are similar 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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US



american flag

flower

trumpet

three o'clock

dove

Draw your Memorial Day! メモリアル・デー（戦没将兵追悼記念日）の絵を描こう。