



A Holiday That Moved

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① May 4 is Greenery Day in Japan. It is a day to enjoy nature and to say thank you for it. It sits between Constitution Memorial Day and Children's Day, right in the middle of Golden Week. Many people go to parks, gardens, and mountains on this day.



② But Greenery Day was not always on May 4.

From 1989 to 2006, it was on April 29. That day was the birthday of Emperor Showa, who died in January 1989. People did not want to lose a spring holiday. So the government kept the day and gave it a new name.

③ Why did they choose the word greenery? Late April is the season of fresh green leaves. Also, Emperor Showa was a scientist. He studied tiny sea animals and slime molds, and he loved plants. He once said that he did not like the word weeds, because it felt a little rude to plants.

④ In 2007, April 29 became Showa Day. Greenery Day moved to May 4. The move was only five days on the calendar. Before that, May 4 was a day off only because it was between two holidays. Now it has its own name.

⑤ On Greenery Day, many public parks let people in for free. Families have picnics under the new leaves, and some people plant trees. In April and May, the government also gives a prize to scientists who study plants and forests. It is a simple holiday with a big idea. Nature gives us so much, so let's take care of it.

Words 単語

greenery (草木の) 緑、青葉**nature** 自然**emperor** 天皇、皇帝**scientist** 科学者**slime mold** 粘菌、変形菌**weed** 雑草**rude** 失礼な**used to** 以前は～だった**free** 無料の**plant** 植える／植物**picnic** ピクニック、屋外での食事**take care of** ～を大切にする、世話を
する



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 passage?

- (A) How to plant a tree
- (B) The story of Greenery Day and why it moved
- (C) The history of Golden Week trains
- (D) Why parks are closed in May

2. From 1989 to 2006, when was Greenery Day?

- (A) May 4
- (B) May 5
- (C) April 29
- (D) December 23

3. What did Emperor Showa study?

- (A) Stars and planets
- (B) Old castles
- (C) Tiny sea animals and slime molds
- (D) Trains and cars

4. In which year did Greenery Day move to May 4?

- (A) 2007
- (B) 1989
- (C) 1985
- (D) 2006

5. In paragraph 3, what does "rude" mean?

- (A) kind
- (B) not polite
- (C) very old
- (D) green

6. Which is true about May 4 before 2007?

- (A) It was Children's Day.
- (B) It was a school day every year.
- (C) It was Showa Day.
- (D) It was a day off because it was between two holidays.

7. Why did the government keep the April 29 holiday in 1989?

- (A) People did not want to lose a spring holiday.
- (B) It was the first day of school.
- (C) It was the new Emperor's birthday.
- (D) Parks were free on that day.

8. In the dialogue, what will Kenta bring to the park?

- (A) Some fruit
- (B) A tree
- (C) A map
- (D) Rice balls

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|---|-------|
| Greenery Day is on May 4. | T / F |
| Greenery Day was on April 29 until 2006. | T / F |
| Emperor Showa studied cars and trains. | T / F |
| Many public parks are free on Greenery Day. | T / F |
| Arbor Day started in Japan. | T / F |
| Showa Day is on May 4. | 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。



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● leaf



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● flower



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● bird



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● caterpillar



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● microscope



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● seedling



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● tree



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● rice ball

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. A R N T E U

2. O R E F T S

3. C C N I I P

4. G N P I S R

5. E R N E G

6. A L T N P

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

balls

bird

nature

grass

free

leaves

snow

water

plant

Day

park

school

money

A Picnic on May 4

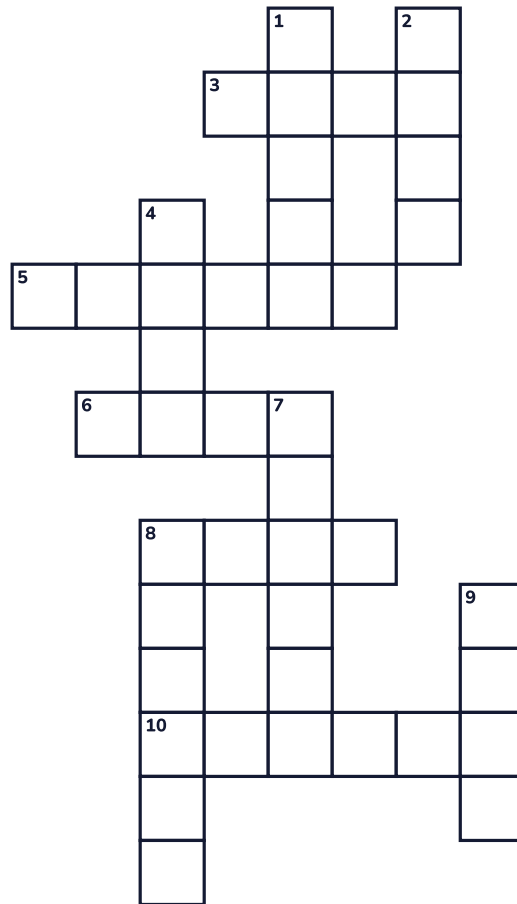
Today is May 4, Greenery (1) _____. Sora and her dad go to a big (2) _____. Today it is (3) _____. The trees have new green (4) _____. They sit on the (5) _____ and eat rice (6) _____. Sora sees a small (7) _____ in a tree. Dad says, "Let's say thank you to (8) _____ today." After lunch, they help (9) _____ a little tree. Sora gives it some (10) _____. "Grow big!" she says. On the way home, she picks up a fallen leaf to keep.



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 →

- 3 You do not have to pay. It costs nothing. (4)
- 5 The season after winter. (6)
- 6 A green part of a plant. In fall, it may turn red. (4)
- 8 A green place in a city with grass and trees. (4)
- 10 Mountains, rivers, trees, and animals. (6)

Down ↓

- 1 The color of new leaves. (5)
- 2 A plant that grows where people do not want it. (4)
- 4 A tall plant with a trunk and leaves. (4)
- 7 A big area with many, many trees. (6)
- 8 Eating lunch outside on the grass. (6)
- 9 A small thing that grows into a plant. (4)



Word Search

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

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Find these words! 14

- ☐ FLOWER
- ☐ FOREST
- ☐ FREE
- ☐ GRASS
- ☐ GREEN
- ☐ LEAF
- ☐ NATURE
- ☐ PARK
- ☐ PICNIC
- ☐ PLANT
- ☐ SEED
- ☐ SPRING
- ☐ TREE
- ☐ WEED

P E L R I T E N G S P G K
 G T S D S R P Y V R G R G
 L K P E U L B P M E A B W
 O U R T U R P I U P R G C
 W O A O M Y L C U T A R S
 F N E W A G B N E D R E H
 F S I W S P R I N G O E K
 N B W O E C R C P G V N E
 J L E E H E P M H N N S C
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 P T P L A N T M P E K J E
 J L L E A F I O S E E D I

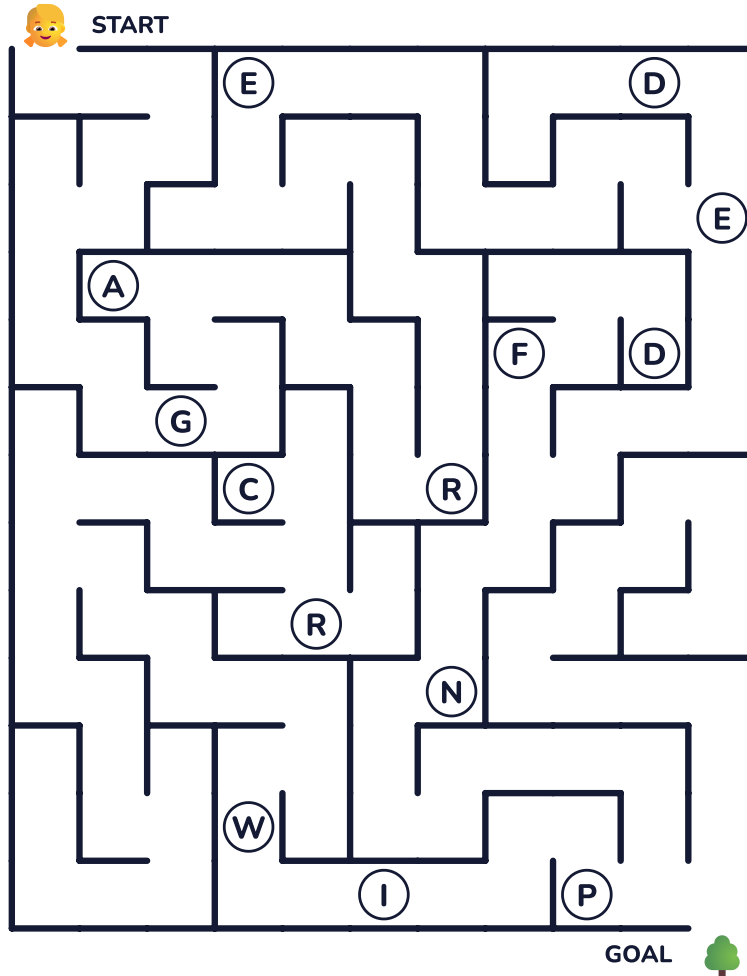
Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。





Help Sora get to the big tree!

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: _ _ _ _ _

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. is / Greenery / Day / May / on / 4 .

2. be / to / April / It / 29 / on / used .

3. public / are / free / parks / Many / today .

4. a / picnic / trees / the / We / had / under .

5. take / care / Let's / together / nature / of .



Class Activity & Writing

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Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has planted a tree	
... likes picnics	
... knows the name of a wild flower	
... has seen a slime mold	
... can name three kinds of trees in English	
... has a plant at home	
... knows the date of Showa Day	
... has visited a botanical garden	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

My favorite place in nature is _____ because _____.

On Greenery Day, I want to _____.

Thank you, nature, for _____.



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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tree



leaf



seedling



flower

