



Hunting for Red Leaves

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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❶ In Japan, many people go hunting in autumn. But they do not hunt animals. They hunt for red and yellow leaves! This is called momijigari. Momiji means colored autumn leaves, and gari means hunting. Nobody takes anything home. People just walk, look, and take photos.



音声を聞こう

❷ This custom is very old. About 1,000 years ago, people at the emperor's court went to the hills to enjoy the colors. Later, in the Edo period, people in the towns went too. There is even a famous old play about it. In the story, a brave man goes deer hunting and meets a group of women. They invite him to their leaf party, but the beautiful woman there is really a demon!

❸ Why do leaves change color? In autumn, the green color in the leaves breaks down. Then the yellow color, hidden all summer, can be seen. The red color is new. The leaves make it in autumn. Trees start to change when the coldest part of the day goes below 8 degrees. Cold nights and sunny days make the colors even brighter.

❹ The cherry blossom front moves north in spring. But the autumn leaf front moves south! It starts in Hokkaido in October and reaches the south of Kyushu in December. Trees on high mountains change first, so the tops turn red before the towns below. People in America enjoy autumn leaves too, and they call it leaf peeping. So where will you go hunting this fall?

Words 単語**hunt** 狩る、探し回る**custom** 習慣、風習**court** 宮廷**demon** 鬼、悪魔**hidden** かくれた**break down** 分解される、こわれる**degree** (温度の) 度**peep** のぞく、ちらっと見る



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 this story?

- (A) How to hunt animals in Japan
- (B) What momijigari is, its history, and why leaves change color
- (C) How to make tempura from leaves
- (D) Why Americans like Kyoto

2. Which color is new in autumn leaves?

- (A) Green
- (B) Yellow
- (C) Red
- (D) Blue

3. Which way does the autumn leaf front move?

- (A) South
- (B) North
- (C) East
- (D) It does not move.

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

- (A) very bright
- (B) broken
- (C) very cold
- (D) not easy to see

5. In the dialogue, what does Noah's family do every October?

- (A) They go hunting for deer.
- (B) They go leaf peeping in Vermont.
- (C) They visit Kyoto.
- (D) They make maple syrup.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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| In momijigari, people hunt animals. | T / F |
| The red color in leaves is made in autumn. | T / F |
| The autumn leaf front moves from south to north. | T / F |
| Americans call autumn leaf viewing leaf peeping. | 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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● chestnut



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● rice ball



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● fallen leaves



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● maple leaf



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● mountain



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● camera

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

yellow

beach

leaf

snowman

hand

photos

river

mountains

fresh

A Walk in the Red Hills

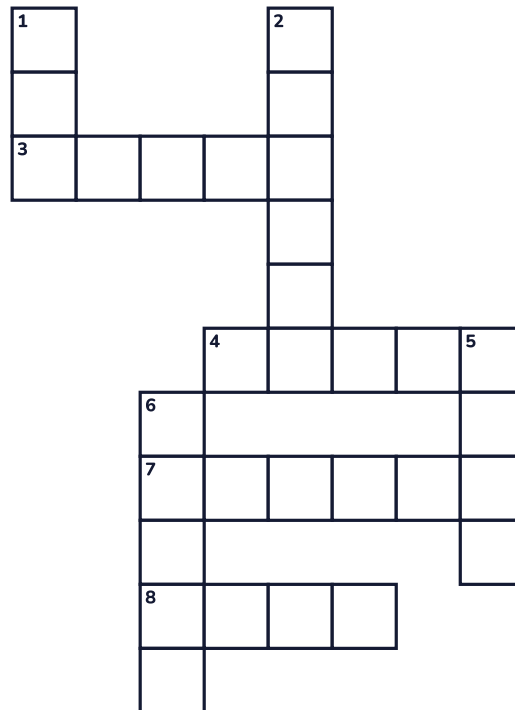
On Sunday, my family went to the (1) _____. The trees were red, orange, and (2) _____. The air was cool and (3) _____. My brother picked up a red (4) _____ from the ground. It looked like a small (5) _____. We took a lot of (6) _____ and ate rice balls by the (7) _____.



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 →

- 3 A scary monster in old stories. It may have horns. (5)
- 4 The opposite of north. (5)
- 7 The season after summer. (6)
- 8 A flat green part of a tree. It falls in autumn. (4)

Down ↓

- 1 The color of a tomato. (3)
- 2 A tree with fan-shaped leaves. They turn yellow. (6)
- 5 To look for animals and catch them. (4)
- 6 A tree. Its leaf is on the flag of Canada. (5)



Word Search

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

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F	Y	D	G	Y	P	K	J	W	K	K	T	W

Find these words! 10

- ☐ AUTUMN
- ☐ GINKGO
- ☐ HUNT
- ☐ LEAF
- ☐ MAPLE
- ☐ ORANGE
- ☐ RED
- ☐ SOUTH
- ☐ TREE
- ☐ YELLOW

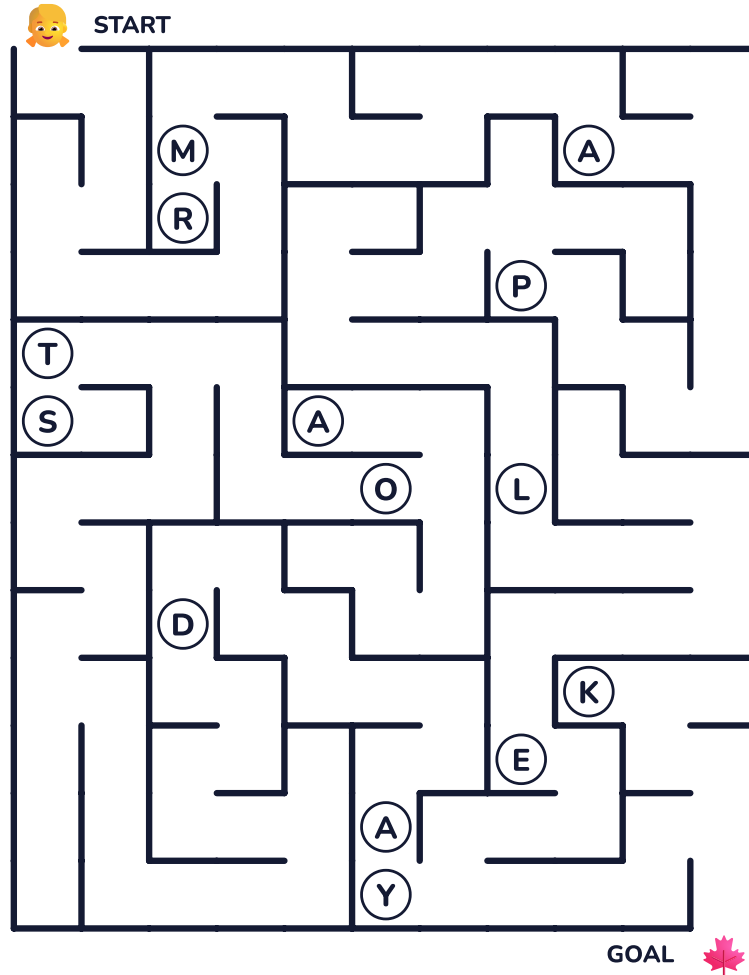


Maze & Sentences

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Help the girl find the red maple 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: _____



Class Activity & Writing

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Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

My favorite autumn color is _____ because _____.

If a friend from abroad visits in autumn, I will take them to _____.



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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maple leaf



fallen leaves



chestnut



mountain



camera

Draw your Momijigari (Autumn Leaf Viewing)! 紅葉狩りの絵を描こう。