



Four Little Sticks on One Day

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① On November 11, many people in Japan eat thin chocolate sticks called Pocky. Why this day? Just look at the date, 11/11. The four ones look like four little sticks in a row. So the snack company Ezaki Glico named it Pocky & Pretz Day.



音声を聞こう

② Pretz came first. It is a long, thin, salty biscuit stick, and it went on sale in 1963. Three years later, in 1966, the company covered Pretz with chocolate. But they left one end plain, so people could hold it with clean fingers. The name comes from pokkin, the sound a stick makes when it breaks.

③ The first Pocky & Pretz Day was on November 11, 1999. In the Japanese calendar, that year was Heisei 11. So the date had six ones in a row! Today, Pocky is sold in many countries. In parts of Europe, it has a different name, Mikado, after a game with thin sticks. In 2020, Guinness World Records called it the top-selling chocolate-covered biscuit in the world.

④ Japan is not alone. In South Korea, November 11 is Pepero Day, and friends give each other chocolate sticks. In China, the same date is Singles' Day, a huge day for online shopping. One simple shape, the number one, gives three countries three different ways to have fun. Next November 11, try counting the sticks in your box before you eat them.

Words 単語

stick 棒、棒状のもの

snack おやつ、軽食

in a row 一列に並んで、連続で

plain 何もかかっていない、無地の

cover おおう、かける

go on sale 発売される

share 分け合う

shape 形



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) Pocky is the oldest snack in Japan.
- (B) The shape of 11/11 led to a snack day in Japan and other days in Asia.
- (C) Pocky Day is a national holiday in Japan.
- (D) People in Europe started Pocky Day.

2. When did Pocky go on sale?

- (A) In 1963.
- (B) In 1999.
- (C) In 1966.
- (D) In 2020.

3. Why did the company leave one end of Pocky plain?

- (A) So people could hold it with clean fingers.
- (B) Because chocolate was too expensive.
- (C) So it would look like the number one.
- (D) Because the stick broke there.

4. Why did the date November 11, 1999 have six ones in a row?

- (A) Because it was the 11th Pocky Day.
- (B) Because Pocky was 11 years old.
- (C) Because the store opened at 11:11.
- (D) Because the year was Heisei 11 in the Japanese calendar.

5. In the dialogue, what does Olivia want to do at the end?

- (A) Buy Pocky in Canada.
- (B) Eat the Pocky together with Sora.
- (C) Start a new snack day.
- (D) Give the box to her teacher.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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| Pocky & Pretz Day is on November 11. | T / F |
| Pocky went on sale before Pretz. | T / F |
| The name Pocky comes from the sound of a stick breaking. | T / F |
| In China, November 11 is called Pepero 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。



●

● calendar



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● gift



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● one



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● autumn



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● chocolate



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● pretzel

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

box

friends

end

rice

share

11

rain

summer

sticks

date

Ken's Snack Day

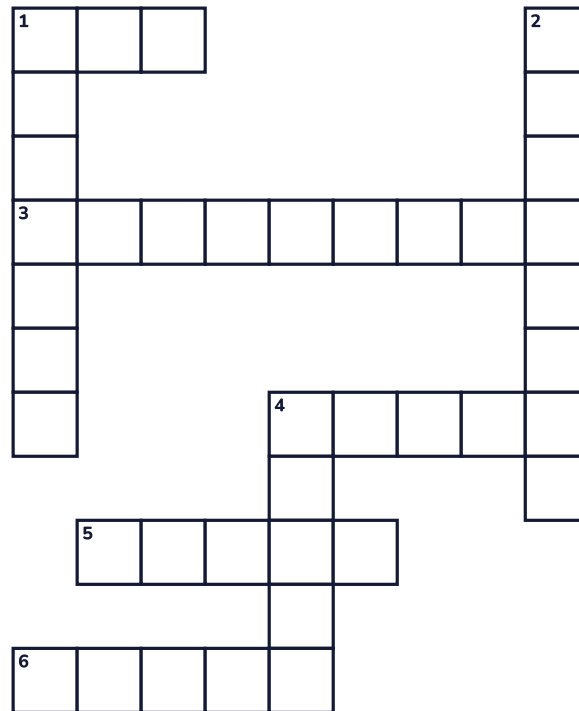
Today is November (1) _____. Ken looks at the (2) _____ on the board. "It looks like four (3) _____!" he says. After school, he buys a (4) _____ of Pocky. He gives some to his (5) _____. They all eat together in the park. The chocolate is sweet, and the (6) _____ of each stick is plain. Ken says, "Let's (7) _____ again next year!"



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 Snacks often come in this paper container. (3)
- 3 Sweet and brown. It covers most of a Pocky. (9)
- 4 To give part of your food to others. (5)
- 5 With nothing on it. (5)
- 6 Food you eat between meals. (5)

Down ↓

- 1 A small, dry, baked food. Pretz is one. (7)
- 2 The eleventh month of the year. (8)
- 4 A long, thin piece. Pocky looks like this. (5)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 10

- ☐ BOX
- ☐ ELEVEN
- ☐ FRIEND
- ☐ PLAIN
- ☐ POCKY
- ☐ PRETZ
- ☐ SHARE
- ☐ SNACK
- ☐ STICK
- ☐ SWEET

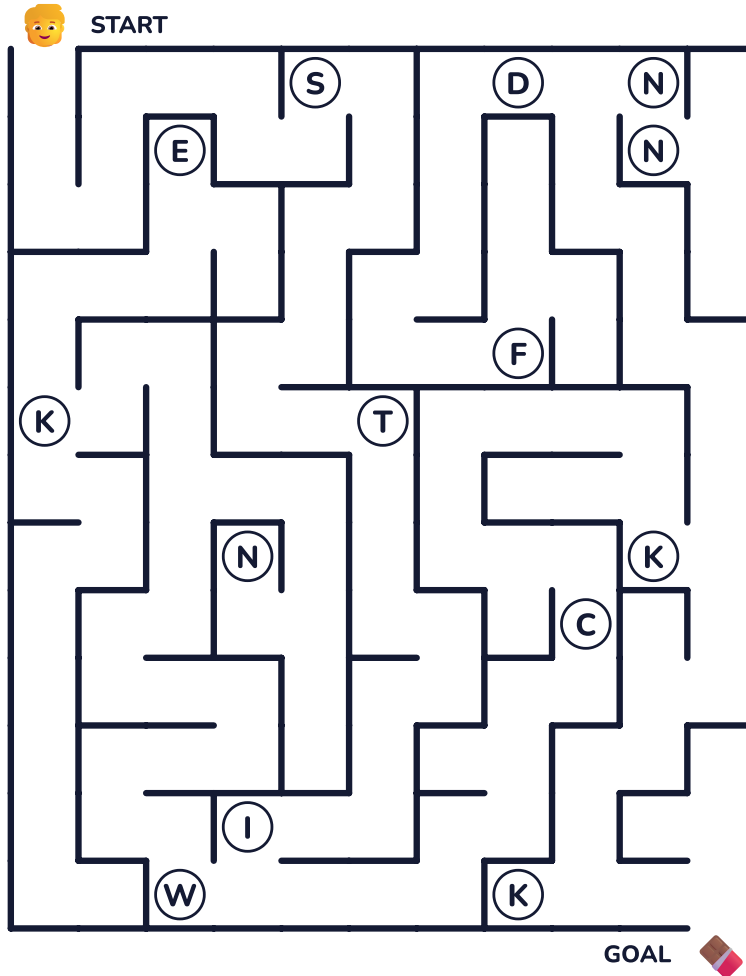


Maze & Sentences

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Help Ken bring the snack to his friend!

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。

If I made a snack day, it would be on _____ because _____.

To explain Pocky Day to a friend, I would say, "_____."



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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chocolate



pretzel



one



calendar



gift

Draw your Pocky & Pretz Day! ポッキー & プリッツの日の絵を描こう。