



The Holiday That Misses the Birthday

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① In February, many stores in the United States have big sales. Their signs say "Presidents' Day Sale!" Many families shop for new beds and sofas. But the official name of this holiday is not Presidents' Day. It is Washington's Birthday.



② George Washington was the first president of the United States. Before that, he led the army in the war for independence. He was born in Virginia in 1732. He was chosen as president with every vote, two times. The capital city, Washington, D.C., has his name. In 1879, his birthday became a holiday, and it was the first national holiday for a president.

③ Washington's birthday is February 22. But since 1971, the holiday has been on the third Monday of February. The government wanted more three-day weekends. So now the holiday always comes between February 15 and 21. It is never on his real birthday! Abraham Lincoln was also born in February, so many people remember him on this day too. Some states call it Presidents' Day, and other states use different names.

④ There is a famous story about young George. He cut down his father's cherry tree and said, "I can't tell a lie." But a writer named Mason Weems probably made up this story. Also, Washington did not have wooden teeth. His false teeth were made of ivory, gold, and even human teeth. Still, some Americans eat cherry pie on this day!

Words 単語

president 大統領

official 公式の、正式な

capital 首都

vote 票、投票（する）

weekend 週末

lie うそ、うそをつく

make up （話を）作り上げる、でっちあげる

false teeth 入れ歯



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the reading mainly about?

- (A) How to find good sales in February
- (B) The life of Abraham Lincoln
- (C) How to make cherry pie
- (D) A holiday for Washington and some stories about him

2. Since when has the holiday been on the third Monday of February?

- (A) Since 1732
- (B) Since 1971
- (C) Since 1879
- (D) Since 1789

3. Why is the holiday never on February 22?

- (A) Because the third Monday is always between February 15 and 21
- (B) Because February 22 is Lincoln's birthday
- (C) Because stores are closed on February 22
- (D) Because Washington did not like his birthday

4. In paragraph 4, what does "made up" mean?

- (A) Cleaned
- (B) Bought
- (C) Invented, not true
- (D) Forgot

5. What does Mio say about Japan in the dialogue?

- (A) Japan has Monday holidays too.
- (B) Japan has a holiday for presidents.
- (C) Japan has big sales in February.
- (D) Japan has no holidays in February.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Presidents' Day is on the third Monday of February.	T / F
The holiday is always on Washington's real birthday.	T / F
George Washington was the first president of the United States.	T / F
Washington had wooden teeth.	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。



● axe



● tooth



● dollar



● ballot box



● cherry



● pie

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

together

pumpkin

summer

laughs

tree

real

school

pie

story

A Pie for George

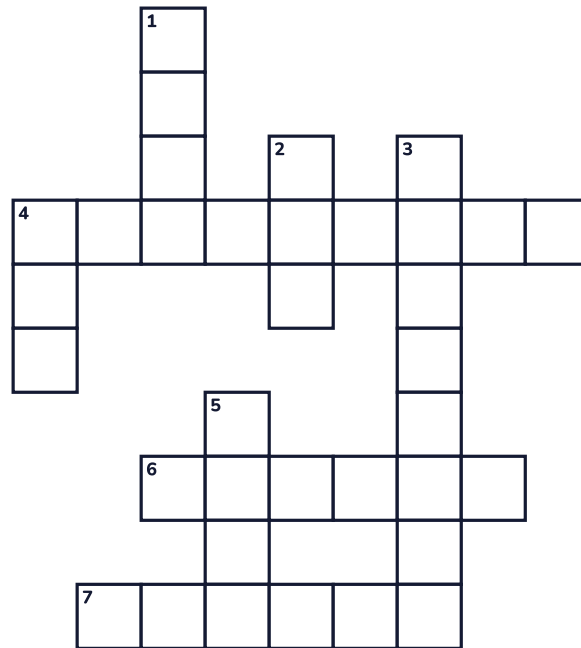
On Presidents' Day, Emma does not go to (1) _____. She and her dad bake a cherry (2) _____. "Why cherry?" Emma asks. Her dad tells her an old (3) _____ about George Washington and a cherry (4) _____. "Is it true?" she asks. "Maybe not," he (5) _____. "But the pie is (6) _____!" They eat it (7) _____ after dinner.



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 →

- 4** The leader of the United States. (9)
6 The first workday of the week. (6)
7 A small red fruit. It grows on a tree. (6)

Down ↓

- 1** A time when stores sell things for less money. (4)
2 Something you say that is not true. (3)
3 The second month of the year. (8)
4 A baked sweet food with fruit inside. (3)
5 You do this to choose a leader. (4)



Word Search

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

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M	O	N	D	A	Y	A	M	J	P	D	S	C
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Find these words! 10

- ☐ CAPITAL
- ☐ CHERRY
- ☐ FEBRUARY
- ☐ LIE
- ☐ MONDAY
- ☐ PIE
- ☐ PRESIDENT
- ☐ SALE
- ☐ TEETH
- ☐ VOTE

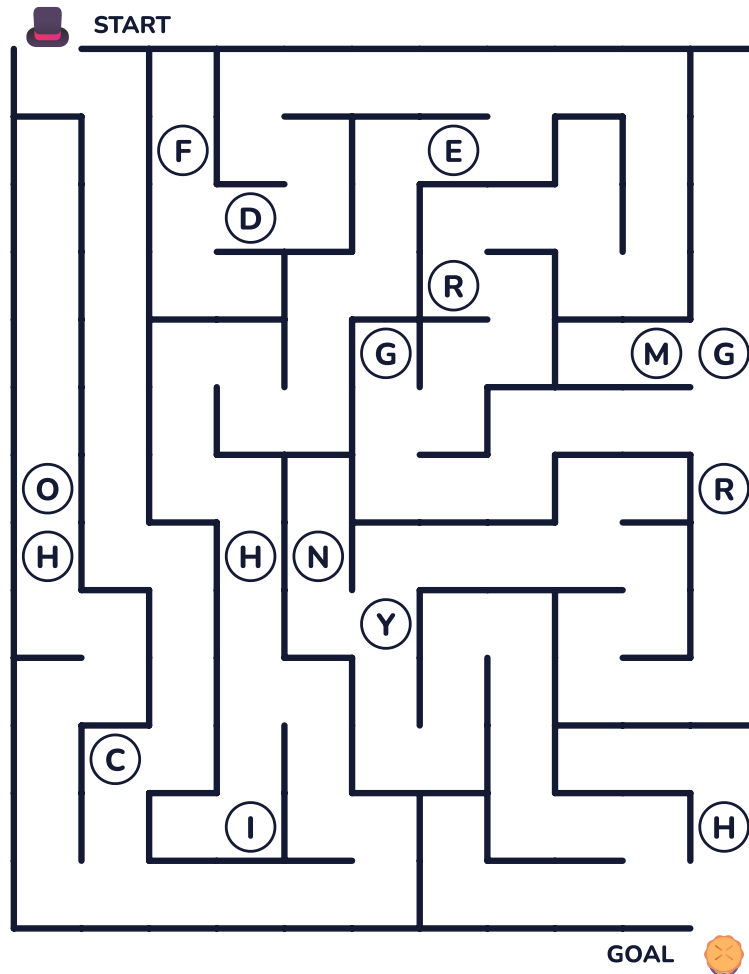


Maze & Sentences

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Help George get to the cherry pie!

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 were president for one day, I would _____ because _____.

On a three-day weekend, I like 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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cherry



pie



axe



tooth



dollar

Draw your Presidents' Day! 大統領の日（プレジデント・デー）の絵を描こう。