



Magic Ramen from a Backyard Hut

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① In 1957, a man named Momofuku Ando lost almost all his money. He was not young anymore, but he did not give up. He built a small hut next to his house in Ikeda, Osaka. For about a year, he worked there from early morning until late at night. His goal was simple. He wanted to make noodles that anyone could cook fast.



② One day, he watched his wife cook tempura. The hot oil took the water out of the batter. That gave him an idea. He fried noodles in hot oil to dry them. The dry noodles could last a long time. Then hot water made them soft again in just two minutes.

③ On August 25, 1958, Chicken Ramen went on sale. It cost 35 yen, but a ball of udon was only 6 yen. Some sellers said it was too expensive. But people loved it and called it magic ramen. You only needed a bowl and some hot water. That is why August 25 is Instant Ramen Day in Japan.

④ Ando kept going. In 1971, his company made Cup Noodle. In 2005, his ramen even went into space, when he was 95. Today, people around the world eat more than 120 billion servings of instant noodles a year. That is about 15 servings for every person on Earth. Not bad for an idea from a home kitchen!

Words 単語

hut 小屋

goal 目標

fry 揚げる、焼く

batter (天ぷらなどの) 衣

last 長持ちする、続く

on sale 発売されて

expensive 高い (値段が)

serving 1人分、1食



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 cook tempura at home
- (B) How instant ramen was born and grew
- (C) Why udon is cheaper than ramen
- (D) How to travel into space

2. Where did Ando get his idea?

- (A) From a paper cup
- (B) From a TV show
- (C) From his wife's tempura
- (D) From a book about space

3. How much did a ball of udon cost in 1958?

- (A) 6 yen
- (B) 35 yen
- (C) 95 yen
- (D) 120 yen

4. In paragraph 2, "last" is closest in meaning to:

- (A) come at the end
- (B) taste good
- (C) become soft
- (D) stay good

5. In the dialogue, what does Ava find smart?

- (A) The price of the ramen
- (B) The little hole for an egg
- (C) The paper cup
- (D) The tempura

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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| Chicken Ramen went on sale on August 25, 1958. | T / F |
| Ando got his idea from sushi. | T / F |
| In 1958, Chicken Ramen was cheaper than udon. | T / F |
| Ando's ramen went into space in 2005. | 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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● ramen



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● tempura



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● rocket



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● chicken



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● chopsticks



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● egg

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

noodles

egg

good

minutes

water

shoes

river

together

night

Ramen Night

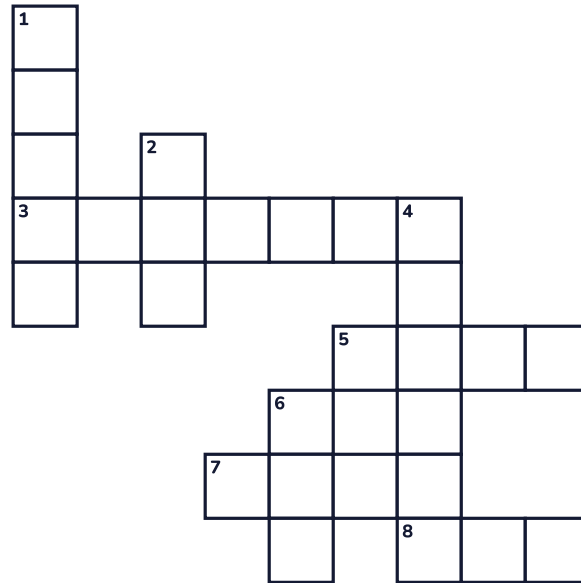
It is a cold (1) _____. Mom is not home, so Ken makes dinner. He puts the (2) _____ in a bowl. Then he adds hot (3) _____ and an (4) _____. He waits for three (5) _____. "Wow, it smells (6) _____!" says his little sister. They eat the hot ramen (7) _____.



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 bird on a farm. Its meat is popular. (7)
 5 Hot liquid food. You often eat it with a spoon. (4)
 7 A round dish for soup or rice. (4)
 8 Hens lay this. It is white or brown. (3)

Down ↓

- 1 Rockets fly here, far above the Earth. (5)
 2 You use it to fry food. (3)
 4 Long and thin food made from flour. (6)
 6 The opposite of cold. (3)



Word Search

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

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J	P	O	B	N	U	M	R	P	U	R	E	A
D	A	U	O	G	U	W	G	W	E	K	B	P
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C	N	P	C	P	O	K	A	S	P	I	W	W
C	G	W	W	N	K	P	O	R	O	D	N	O

Find these words! 10

- ☐ BOWL
- ☐ CHICKEN
- ☐ CUP
- ☐ EGG
- ☐ NOODLE
- ☐ OIL
- ☐ RAMEN
- ☐ SOUP
- ☐ SPACE
- ☐ WATER

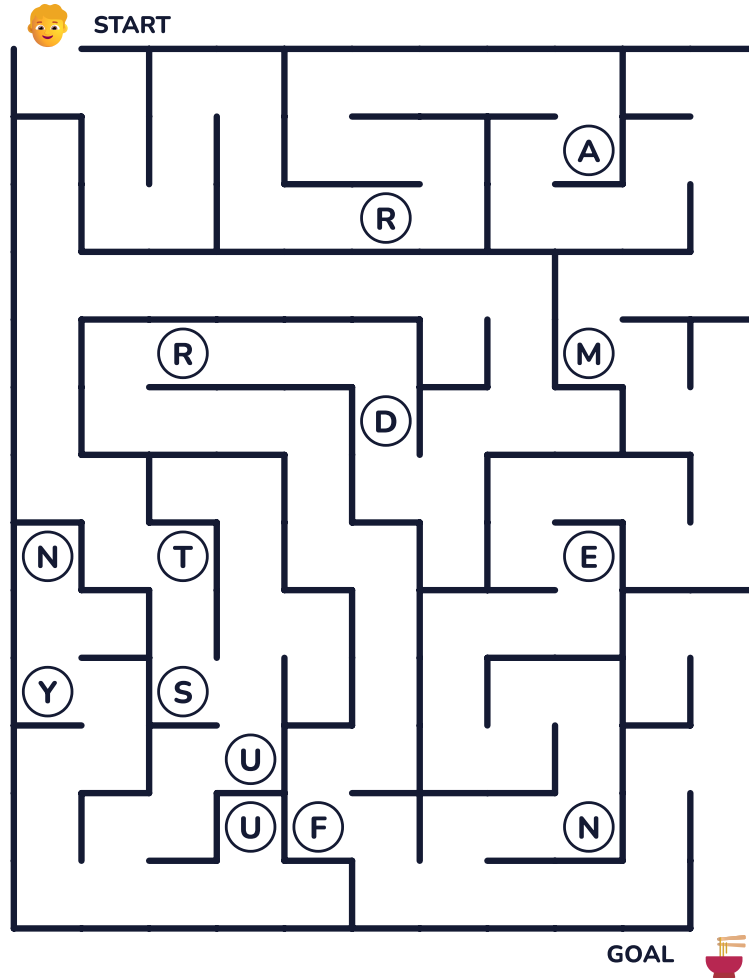


Maze & Sentences

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Help the boy get to the hot ramen!

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。

If I could make a new instant ramen, it would have _____ in it because _____.

Momofuku Ando is a great inventor 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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ramen



egg



tempura



rocket



chopsticks

Draw your Instant Ramen Day! 即席ラーメン記念日（8月25日）の絵を描こう。