



Seven, Five, Three: A Thank-You for Growing Up

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① Every November, you can see small children in beautiful kimono at shrines all over Japan. Some hold their parents' hands. Others carry long paper bags with candy inside. This is Shichi-Go-San, which means seven, five, three. It is a festival for children aged three, five, and seven.



音声を聞こう

② Long ago, these were three different events.

At three, children's heads were no longer shaved, and they started to grow their hair. At five, boys wore a hakama, a kind of wide pants, for the first time. At seven, girls tied a real obi, a wide belt, instead of simple strings. Children often got sick in those days, so each of these steps was a big thank-you to the gods.

③ The name Shichi-Go-San became popular in Tokyo in the late 1800s. After World War II, families all over Japan started to celebrate it. Today, many families take photos at a studio and eat a special meal together. November 15 is not a national holiday, so most families visit a shrine on a weekend.

④ The candy in the bag is called chitose-ame, or thousand-year candy. It is long and thin, and it comes in red and white. Parents hope their children will have long and healthy lives. The bag shows a crane and a turtle because both are symbols of long life in Japan.

⑤ Many countries have their own ways to celebrate growing children. In Korea, babies choose an object at their first birthday party. In Mexico, girls have a big party when they turn fifteen. The ages and customs are different, but the message is the same. We are so glad you are here.

Words 単語

shrine 神社

kimono 着物

aged ～歳の

ceremony 儀式

odd number 奇数

lucky 縁起がよい、幸運な

candy 飴、お菓子

crane 鶴

turtle 亀

symbol 象徴、しるし

healthy 健康な

grow up 成長する、大人になる



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the passage mainly about?

- (A) How to make chitose-ame at home
- (B) A Japanese festival that celebrates growing children
- (C) The history of kimono in Japan
- (D) Birthday parties in Mexico

2. What did boys do at age five long ago?

- (A) They shaved their heads.
- (B) They tied an obi.
- (C) They chose an object.
- (D) They wore a hakama for the first time.

3. When did the name Shichi-Go-San become popular in Tokyo?

- (A) In the late 1800s
- (B) After World War II
- (C) In the year 1615
- (D) Last year

4. Why do most families visit a shrine on a weekend?

- (A) Because shrines are closed on weekdays
- (B) Because the candy is cheaper
- (C) Because November 15 is not a national holiday
- (D) Because children are three, five, or seven

5. In paragraph 4, the word symbols is closest in meaning to ____.

- (A) signs
- (B) toys
- (C) foods
- (D) colors

6. Which is true about the passage?

- (A) Shichi-Go-San was always one event.
- (B) Chitose-ame is red and white.
- (C) Girls tie an obi at age three.
- (D) Shichi-Go-San started after World War II.

7. Why was each step a big thank-you to the gods long ago?

- (A) Because children got presents
- (B) Because it was a holiday
- (C) Because kimono were cheap
- (D) Because many children got sick and did not grow up safely

8. In the dialogue, what does Yui say about the name chitose-ame?

- (A) It is a wish for a long life.
- (B) The candy is a thousand years old.
- (C) It comes from Brazil.
- (D) It is only for girls.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Shichi-Go-San is for children aged three, five, and seven.	T / F
Shichi-Go-San is a national holiday in Japan.	T / F
Chitose-ame means thousand-year candy.	T / F
Long ago, boys tied an obi at age seven.	T / F
The crane and the turtle are symbols of long life.	T / F
All families must visit a shrine on November 15.	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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● girl



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● candy



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● turtle



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● kimono



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● boy



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● camera



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● shrine



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● moon

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

1. N I O K O M

2. E H I S R N

3. A C E N R

4. L U E T R T

5. C Y N A D

6. A Y E H H T L

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

kimono

years

crane

angry

photo

summer

hands

happy

shrine

pizza

grown

candy

obi

Hana's Big Day

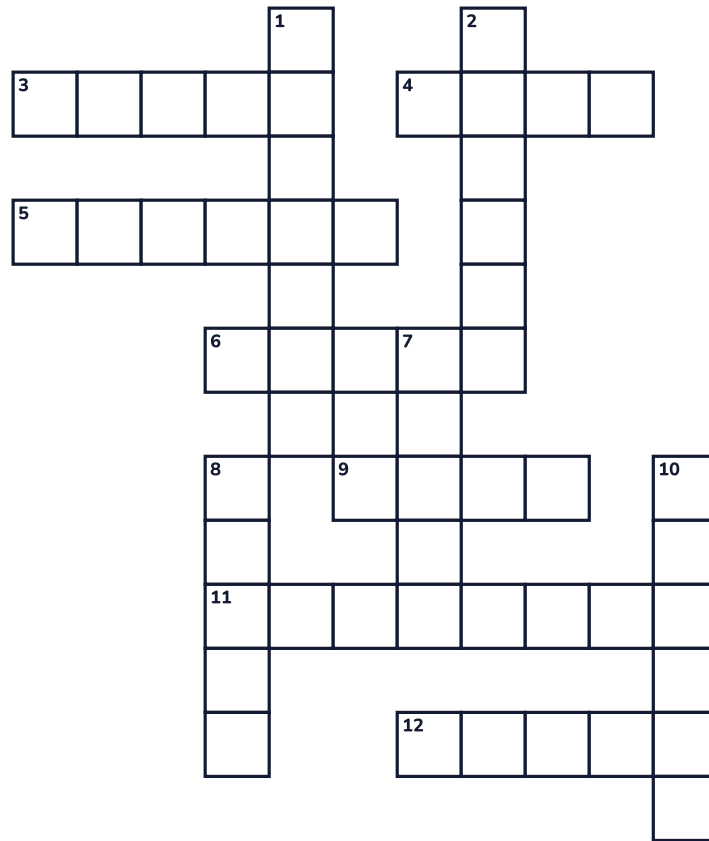
Hana is seven (1) _____ old. Today she is wearing a pink (2) _____ for the first time. Her mother ties a wide (3) _____ around her waist. The family walks to the (4) _____ near their house. Hana claps her (5) _____ and says thank you to the gods. After that, her grandfather gives her a long bag of (6) _____. There is a (7) _____ and a turtle on it. They take a family (8) _____ under a big tree. Hana smiles. She feels very (9) _____ up and very (10) _____.



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 with a long neck. It means long life. (5)
- 4 The number of fingers on one hand. (4)
- 5 A slow animal with a hard shell. (6)
- 6 A picture you take with a camera. (5)
- 9 To talk to God or the gods. (4)
- 11 The eleventh month of the year. (8)
- 12 The number after six. (5)

Down ↓

- 1 Strong and not sick. (7)
- 2 Traditional Japanese clothes with long sleeves. (6)
- 7 The number after two. (5)
- 8 A sweet food. Chitose-ame is one. (5)
- 10 A Shinto place where people pray. (6)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 13

- ☐ CANDY
- ☐ CRANE
- ☐ FAMILY
- ☐ FIVE
- ☐ GROW
- ☐ KIMONO
- ☐ OBI
- ☐ PHOTO
- ☐ PRAY
- ☐ SEVEN
- ☐ SHRINE
- ☐ THREE
- ☐ TURTLE

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。







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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。



5. up / you / are / glad / are / We / growing .



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 a Shichi-Go-San photo	
... has eaten chitose-ame	
... has worn a kimono	
... knows what kazoedoshi means	
... has a younger brother or sister	
... can draw a crane	
... likes taking photos	
... can fold a paper crane	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

When I was little, I _____.

I want to thank my family for _____.

If I explain Shichi-Go-San to a friend from abroad, I will 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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kimono



shrine



candy



turtle

