

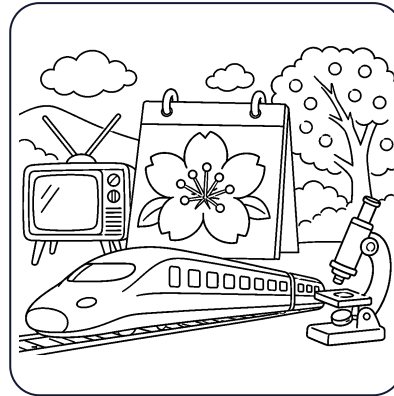


One Date, Four Names

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① Some holidays keep the same name for hundreds of years. But in Japan, one spring holiday has had four names in less than 100 years. Its date is April 29, and today it is called Showa Day.



音声を聞こう

② April 29 was the birthday of Emperor Showa. He was born in 1901 and became emperor in 1926. His time on the throne is called the Showa era. It lasted for 62 years, longer than any other era name in Japan. In those years, Japan went through a terrible war and then rebuilt itself.

③ From 1927, April 29 was a holiday for the emperor's birthday. When he died in 1989, the Emperor's Birthday moved to the new emperor's birthday. But people did not want to lose a holiday in Golden Week, a long series of spring holidays. So April 29 became Greenery Day, because the emperor loved plants and studied nature.

④ Later, some lawmakers wanted a day to remember the Showa era. Their plan failed twice, but it passed on the third try in 2005. Since 2007, April 29 has been Showa Day, and Greenery Day has moved to May 4.

⑤ The law gives this day a clear purpose. It is a day to look back on a time of war and recovery. It is also a day to think about the future of Japan. Many families travel on this day. Others ask their grandparents about life long ago, when TVs were black and white.

Words 単語**era** 時代、元号の期間**emperor** 天皇、皇帝**throne** 王座、皇位**last** 続く**terrible** ひどい、恐ろしい**rebuild** 再建する、立て直す**greenery** 緑の草木**lawmaker** 議員、立法者**fail** 失敗する**look back on** ～をふり返る**future** 未来、将来**grandparents** 祖父母



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) April 29 has changed its name many times, and today it is Showa Day. (B) Showa Day is a festival for gardeners.
- (C) Showa Day started in 1901. (D) Showa Day is a day to celebrate a new emperor.

2. How long did the Showa era last?

- (A) 26 years (B) 48 years
- (C) 62 years (D) 100 years

3. What was April 29 called after 1989?

- (A) Culture Day (B) Children's Day
- (C) Showa Day (D) Greenery Day

4. Why was April 29 named Greenery Day?

- (A) Because many trees are cut on that day. (B) Because the emperor loved plants and studied nature.
- (C) Because green is the color of Golden Week. (D) Because the new emperor was born in a forest.

5. In paragraph 2, what does "rebuilt itself" mean?

- (A) Made itself strong again after damage (B) Built a new emperor
- (C) Moved to a new place (D) Became very small

6. Which is true according to the passage?

- (A) Greenery Day does not exist anymore. (B) The plan for Showa Day passed on the first try.
- (C) Greenery Day is now on May 4. (D) Showa Day is in winter.

7. Why did people probably want to keep April 29 as a holiday in 1989?

- (A) Because they wanted to work more. (B) Because a long spring holiday is important to many people.
- (C) Because the new emperor was born on April 29. (D) Because it was the first day of school.

8. In the dialogue, what will Takumi do on Showa Day?

- (A) Go to a birthday party (B) Plant trees in the park
- (C) Study for a test (D) Visit his grandparents

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Showa Day is on April 29.	T / F
April 29 was the birthday of Emperor Showa.	T / F
Showa Day started in 1948.	T / F
Greenery Day is now on May 4.	T / F
The Showa era lasted for 100 years.	T / F
Showa Day is the last holiday of Golden Week.	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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● train



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● microscope



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● tree



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● grandmother



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● birthday



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● calendar



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● camera



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● television

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

1. R R O E P M E

2. H Y S T R O I

3. U T F R U E

4. P S T N A L

5. I L R A P

6. V A E T L R

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

Olympics

stories

names

school

snowman

plants

album

TV

garden

Halloween

grandmother

surprised

smartphone

Kaito's Showa Day

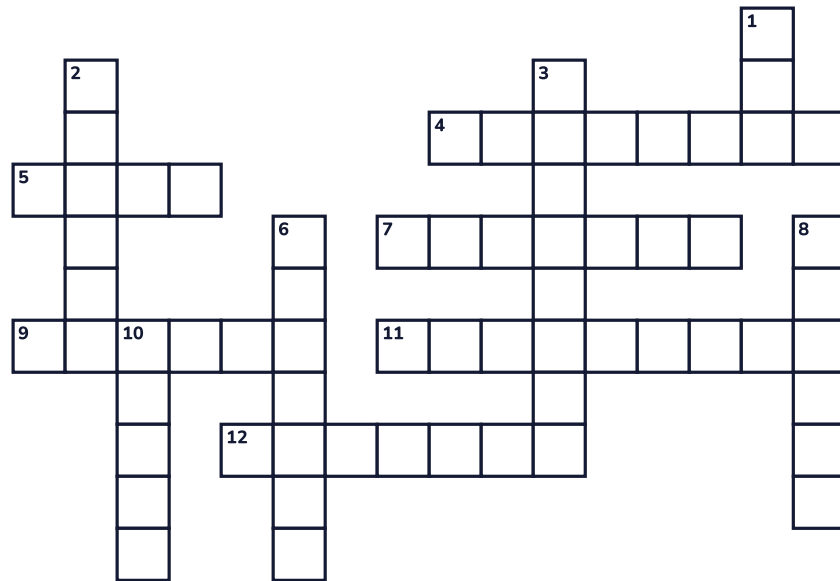
April 29 is Showa Day. Kaito does not have (1) _____ today. He visits his (2) _____ in the countryside. She shows him an old photo (3) _____. In one photo, she is a young girl in front of a black and white (4) _____. "We watched the Tokyo (5) _____ on this TV in 1964," she says. Kaito is (6) _____. Then they walk in the (7) _____ together. Grandma knows the (8) _____ of many (9) _____. Kaito says, "I want to hear more (10) _____ about the Showa era!"



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 day you were born. (8)
- 5 A big green place with trees where families walk. (4)
- 7 The head of the Imperial family of Japan. (7)
- 9 Trees, flowers, and grass are all these. (6)
- 11 A person who studies nature in a lab. (9)
- 12 A day with no school or work. (7)

Down ↓

- 1 A long period of time with a name, like Heisei or Reiwa. (3)
- 2 To go on a trip. Many people do this in Golden Week. (6)
- 3 Green plants and trees. A May holiday has this word in its name. (8)
- 6 The study of the past. (7)
- 8 The time that will come after now. (6)
- 10 The fourth month of the year. (5)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 14

- ☐ APRIL
- ☐ BIRTHDAY
- ☐ EMPEROR
- ☐ ERA
- ☐ FUTURE
- ☐ GREENERY
- ☐ HISTORY
- ☐ HOLIDAY
- ☐ NATURE
- ☐ PARK
- ☐ PHOTO
- ☐ PLANTS
- ☐ SHOWA
- ☐ TRAVEL

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。

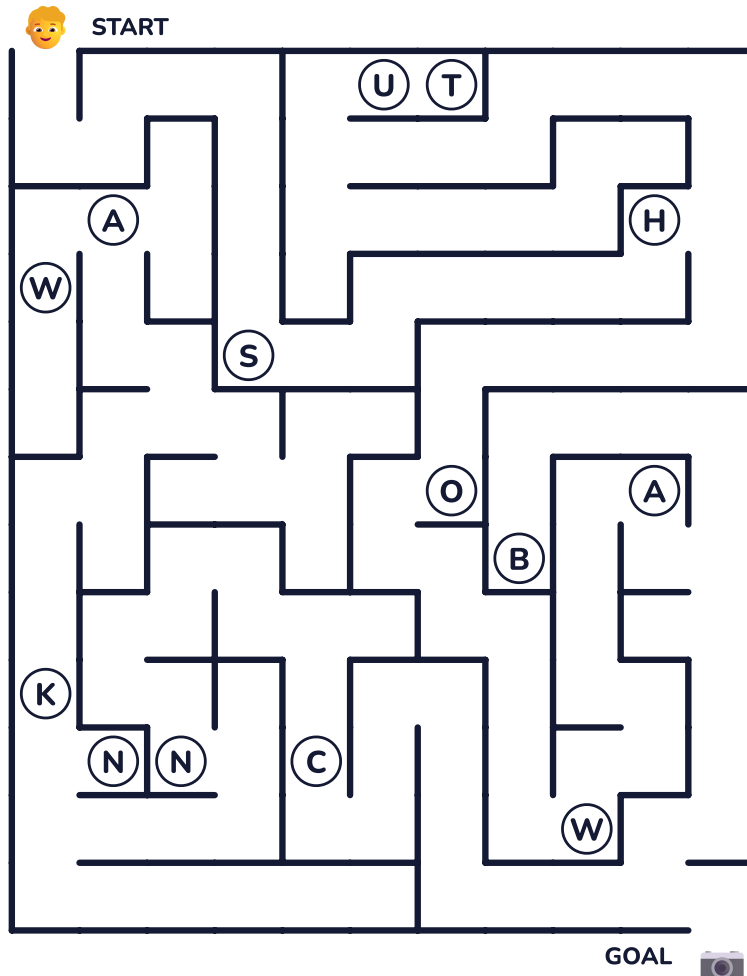






Help Riku find his grandpa's old photo album!

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: _____

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. April / Day / Japan / is / Showa / in / 29 .

2. and / The / nature / plants / loved / emperor .

3. to / 4 / moved / Greenery / May / Day .

4. look / the / era / We / back / Showa / on .

5. Golden / families / travel / during / Week / Many .



Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has visited a grandparent during Golden Week	
... knows someone born in the Showa era	
... has seen a black and white photo	
... can name all four holidays in Golden Week	
... likes studying history	
... has looked at something under a microscope	
... knows what era name we use now	
... likes going to big parks	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If I could ask a person from the Showa era one question, I would ask, "_____?"

In the future, I hope Japan will be _____ because _____.

To explain Showa Day to a friend from abroad, 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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calendar



birthday



tree



microscope

