



Vernal Equinox Day Word Bingo

先生が読んだ単語に○。たて・よこ・ななめにそろえば
BINGO!

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Card A

telescope	equinox	length	flowers	sprout
bean	calendar	spring	figure out	grave
tea	sun	 FREE	March	west
night	vernal	sunrise	scientist	moment
shore	holiday	east	announce	bean paste

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Card B

shore	west	bean paste	sprout	scientist
sunrise	east	grave	spring	flower
telescope	tea	 FREE	compass	flowers
March	calendar	bean	night	moon
holiday	announce	figure out	vernal	equinox

先生用（読み上げる単語）：equinox, vernal, fixed, scientist, figure out, announce, moment, grave, shore, bean paste, length, sunrise, flower, calendar, night, telescope, tea, compass, sprout, spring, east, west, sun, holiday, flowers, March, bean, moon



Vernal Equinox Day Board Game

3〜4人で。さいころをふって進もう！★のマスに止まったら、下の課題に英語で答えよう。

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25	26 Back 3	27	28 ★10	29	30 GOAL
24 ★9	23	22 ★8	21	20 Go 3	19
13 ★5	14	15	16 ★6	17	18 ★7
12	11 Back 2	10 ★4	9	8 ★3	7
1 START	2	3 ★1	4	5 ★2	6

★1 Say: "Today is Vernal Equinox Day, a national holiday in Japan."

★2 Say: "On this day, the sun rises in the east and sets in the west."

★3 What does "equinox" mean in Japanese?

★4 What does "vernal" mean in Japanese?

★5 What does "national holiday" mean in Japanese?

★6 True or False? Vernal Equinox Day is a national holiday in Japan.

★7 True or False? The date of Vernal Equinox Day is written in the law.

★8 True or False? On this day, the sun rises in the east and sets in the west.

★9 Spell the word: The season after winter.

★10 Spell the word: The day when day and night are almost the same length.

Back=戻る / Go=進む。答えられなかったら1回休み。消しゴムやコインをコマに使う。



Role Play

ペアで会話を读もう。役を交代して3回！

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 Noah, an exchange student from Australia, talks with his Japanese classmate Sakura before a long weekend in March.

音声はここから
Listen here

- Noah** Sakura, why don't we have school on Friday?
- Sakura** It's Vernal Equinox Day. It's a national holiday.
- Noah** A holiday for the equinox? That's cool. Is it always on the same date?
- Sakura** No. Astronomers calculate it, and the government announces it a year early.
- Noah** Really? I've never heard of that.
- Sakura** My family will visit my grandfather's grave that day.
- Noah** Is it like a festival for people who died?
- Sakura** Kind of. This week is called Higan. We clean the grave and bring flowers.
- Noah** That sounds peaceful. Do you eat anything special?
- Sakura** Botamochi. It's sticky rice covered with sweet red beans.
- Noah** Sounds good! You know, in Australia, March is the start of fall.
- Sakura** Oh, right! Our seasons are opposite. So it's an autumn equinox for you.
- Noah** Exactly. Can I try some botamochi after your visit?
- Sakura** Sure! My grandma makes the best ones.

☐ 1st time ☐ 2nd time (switch roles) ☐ 3rd time (try without looking!)

Your turn! 自分たちの会話を作ろう

Noah: Sakura, why don't _____

Sakura: It's Vernal Equinox _____

Noah: A holiday for _____

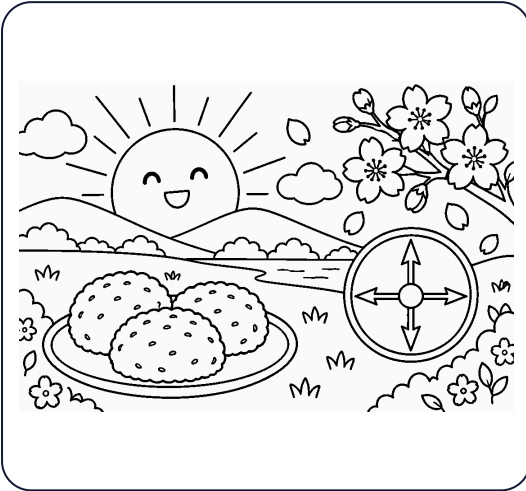
Sakura: No. Astronomers calculate _____



Write a Vernal Equinox Day Card

英語でカードを書こう。絵に色をぬって、メッセージを書いてプレゼントしよう！

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Dear _____ ,

From _____

Useful phrases 使える表現

- **Today is Vernal Equinox Day, a national holiday in Japan.** 今日は春分の日で、日本の祝日です。
- **On this day, the sun rises in the east and sets in the west.** この日、太陽は真東からのぼり、真西にします。
- **Many families visit their family graves during Higan week.** お彼岸の週には、多くの家族がお墓参りをします。
- **The date changes a little every year, so astronomers decide it.** 日付が毎年少し変わるので、天文学者が決めます。
- **We eat botamochi, rice balls covered with sweet red bean paste.** あんこで包んだもち米のお菓子、ぼたもちを食べます。
- **I hope you have a wonderful day!** すてきな1日を！
- **Thank you for always helping me.** いつも助けてくれてありがとう。



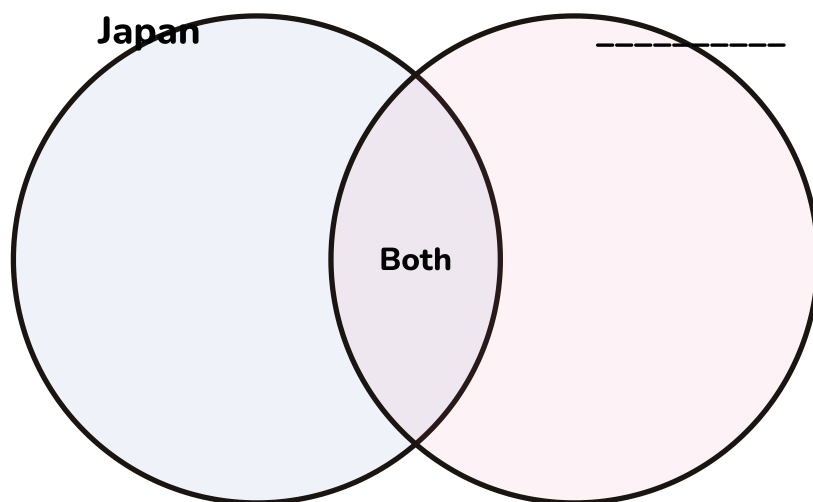
Around the World

国ごとの違いを調べて英語で書こう（サイトの「国別比較」も参考に）。

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Country	How do people celebrate? どう祝う？
 Iran イラン	
 Mexico メキシコ	
 Christian countries キリスト教の国々	
 Cambodia カンボジア	

Compare! 日本と比べよう（ベン図）



I want to visit _____ on Vernal Equinox Day because _____.