

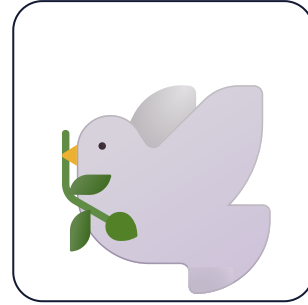


One Minute at Noon

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① At noon on August 15, a siren sounds at Koshien Stadium. The high school baseball game stops. Players, umpires and fans stand up and close their eyes. For one minute, the big stadium is silent. This day is called Shusen no Hi, the day the war ended for Japan.



② On August 15, 1945, people all over Japan gathered around radios at noon. Most of them heard the emperor's voice for the first time. He said that Japan accepted the Allies' demands to end the war. His message was recorded the night before. But many people could not understand it, because the words were difficult and the sound was not clear.

③ About 3.1 million Japanese people died in the war. About 800,000 of them were ordinary people, not soldiers. Every year on this day, the government holds a ceremony in Tokyo to remember them. Families of the dead come from all over Japan. At noon, they bow their heads together. In 1982, the day got an official name: a day to remember the war dead and pray for peace.

④ Other countries remember the end of the war on different days. Britain and Australia remember it on August 15. South Korea celebrates its liberation on the same day. But the United States marks September 2, when Japan signed the surrender papers on a ship in Tokyo Bay. One war, but many different dates for its end.

Words 単語

silent 静かな、音のない

emperor 天皇、皇帝

accept 受け入れる

record 録音する、記録する

ordinary ふつうの

ceremony 式、式典

liberation 解放

surrender 降伏



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 reading?

- (A) August 15 is a day to remember the end of the war in Japan. (B) August 15 is a national holiday for sports.
(C) Koshien Stadium was built in 1945. (D) All countries end the war on August 15.

2. When was the emperor's message recorded?

- (A) On September 2 (B) At noon on August 15
(C) The night before the broadcast (D) In 1982

3. Why could many people not understand the message?

- (A) Because it was in English (B) Because the words were difficult and the sound was not clear
(C) Because the radio broke (D) Because it was too long

4. In paragraph 3, what does "ordinary people" mean?

- (A) Soldiers (B) Famous people
(C) Government leaders (D) Common people who were not soldiers

5. In the dialogue, what does Olivia say about Australia?

- (A) It has no day for the end of the war. (B) It remembers the end of the war on September 3.
(C) It calls its day VP Day, in August. (D) It watches baseball on August 15.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

- August 15 is a national holiday in Japan. T / F
The emperor's message was played on the radio at noon. T / F
The United States marks the end of the war on September 2. T / F
Every country in the world uses the same date for the end of the war. 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。



●

● dove



●

● pray



●

● flowers



●

● noon



●

● radio



●

● ship

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

caps

eyes

radio

peace

party

remember

candy

snow

noon

minute

hope

A Quiet Minute

At (1) _____, a siren sounded at the stadium. The players took off their (2) _____.

Everyone stood up. For one (3) _____, nobody said a word. Grandpa closed his (4)

_____. "My mother heard the (5) _____ on this day in 1945," he said quietly. "Today

we (6) _____ the people who died in the war." Then the game started again. I (7)

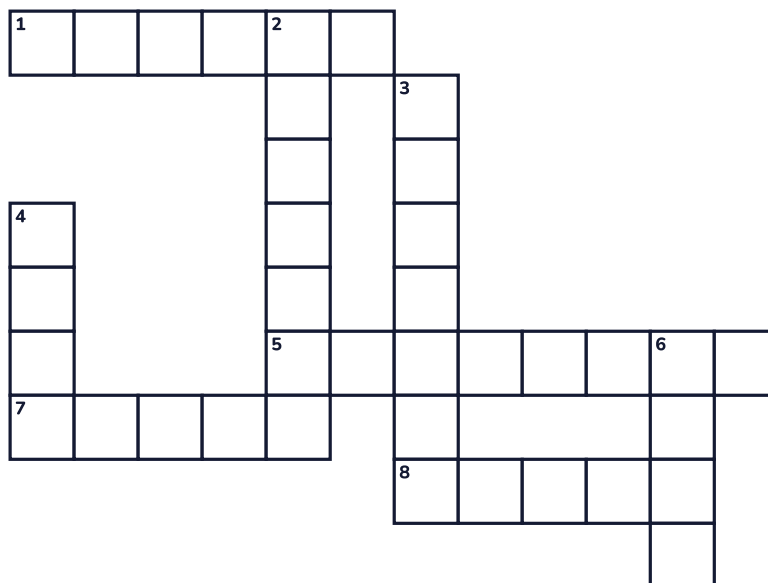
_____ the world will always have (8) _____.



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 →

- 1 The eighth month of the year. (6)
- 5 A formal event, for example to remember people who died. (8)
- 7 A time when there is no war. (5)
- 8 People listened to the emperor on this in 1945. (5)

Down ↓

- 2 No sound at all. (7)
- 3 The head of the imperial family of Japan. (7)
- 4 A very big boat. The USS Missouri was one. (4)
- 6 Twelve o'clock in the daytime. (4)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 10

- ☐ AUGUST
- ☐ CEREMONY
- ☐ EMPEROR
- ☐ MEMORY
- ☐ NOON
- ☐ PEACE
- ☐ PRAY
- ☐ RADIO
- ☐ SHIP
- ☐ SILENCE

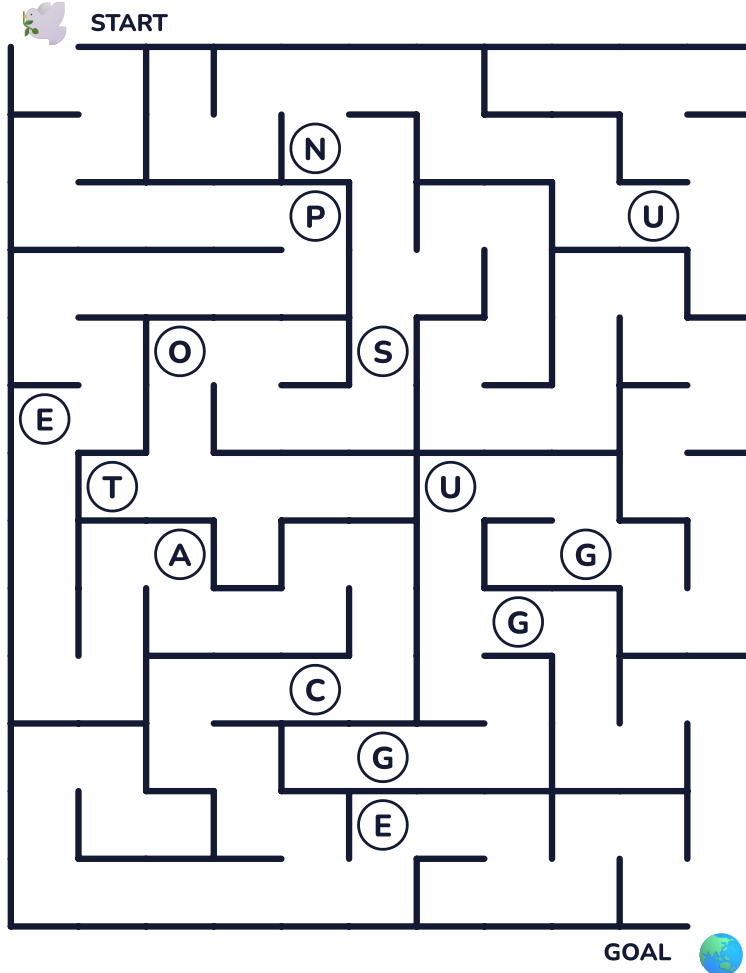


Maze & Sentences

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Help the dove fly to the peaceful world!

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。

On August 15, I want to remember _____ because _____.

To keep peace in the world, I think we should _____.



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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radio



noon



dove



ship



pray

Draw your End of the War Memorial Day! 終戦の日（8月15日）の絵を描こう。