



A Crown of Candles in the Dark

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① It is early on a dark December morning in Sweden. The door opens, and a girl walks in slowly. She wears a long white dress and a red sash. On her head, there is a crown of candles. She sings a soft song and brings coffee and yellow buns. This is Lucia.



音声を聞こう

② December 13 is St. Lucia's Day. Lucia was a young Christian woman in Sicily, Italy. She died around the year 304. Her name means light. One story says she wore candles on her head. Then she could use both hands to carry food to people in hiding.

③ But why do people remember her in the cold north? In the old calendar, December 13 was the longest night of the year. Sweden changed its calendar in 1753, but Lucia stayed on the same day. In 1927, a newspaper in Stockholm chose a Lucia for the city. After that, the custom spread to schools, offices, and churches all over the country.

④ Today, Lucia walks at the front of a line of children. Girls in white hold candles, and boys called star boys walk with them. Some children dress up as gingerbread men. Everyone eats lussekatter, saffron buns in the shape of the letter S. The name means Lucia's cats, and the raisins look like cat eyes. On the darkest days of winter, the candles bring a little light to everyone.

Words 単語

crown 冠

candle ろうそく

sash (肩や腰に巻く) 帯

saffron サフラン

bun 小さな丸いパン

custom 習慣、風習

spread 広まる

in hiding かくれて



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 text?

- (A) Lucia was a queen of Sweden.
- (B) St. Lucia's Day is a summer festival in Italy.
- (C) St. Lucia's Day is a day for buying gifts.
- (D) St. Lucia's Day brings light to the dark Swedish winter.

2. Where did Lucia live?

- (A) In Sicily, Italy
- (B) In Stockholm, Sweden
- (C) In Naples, Italy
- (D) In Finland

3. Why was December 13 special in the old calendar?

- (A) It was the first day of the year.
- (B) It was the longest night of the year.
- (C) It was the day Sweden changed its calendar.
- (D) It was the hottest day of the year.

4. In paragraph 3, "spread" is closest in meaning to:

- (A) stopped
- (B) became smaller
- (C) went to more places
- (D) was forgotten

5. In the dialogue, what will Haruto be in the Lucia line?

- (A) Lucia
- (B) A teacher
- (C) A gingerbread man
- (D) A star boy

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|--|-------|
| Lucia was born in Sweden. | T / F |
| The name Lucia means light. | T / F |
| Lussekatter are buns shaped like the letter S. | T / F |
| St. Lucia's Day is on December 25. | 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。



●

● crown



●

● coffee



●

● snow



●

● cat



●

● candle



●

● star

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

beach

candles

family

coffee

sings

buns

noisy

dark

dress

Lucia Morning

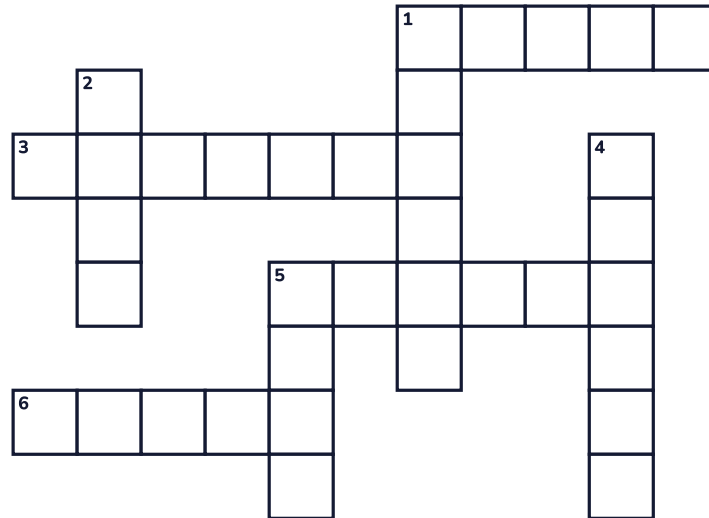
On December 13, Anna gets up before her (1) _____. It is still (2) _____ outside. She puts on a white (3) _____ and a crown of (4) _____. Then she walks into her parents' room and (5) _____ a soft song. She brings them hot (6) _____ and yellow (7) _____. Her father smiles and says, "Thank you, Lucia!"



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 color of snow. (5)
- 3 A yellow spice. It is very expensive. (7)
- 5 A country in the north of Europe. Stockholm is its capital. (6)
- 6 A king or queen wears this on the head. (5)

Down ↓

- 1 The coldest season of the year. (6)
- 2 The opposite of bright. (4)
- 4 It gives a small light. You light it with a match. (6)
- 5 You do this with a song. (4)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 10

- ☐ BUN
- ☐ CANDLE
- ☐ CROWN
- ☐ DARK
- ☐ LIGHT
- ☐ LUCIA
- ☐ SING
- ☐ STAR
- ☐ WHITE
- ☐ WINTER

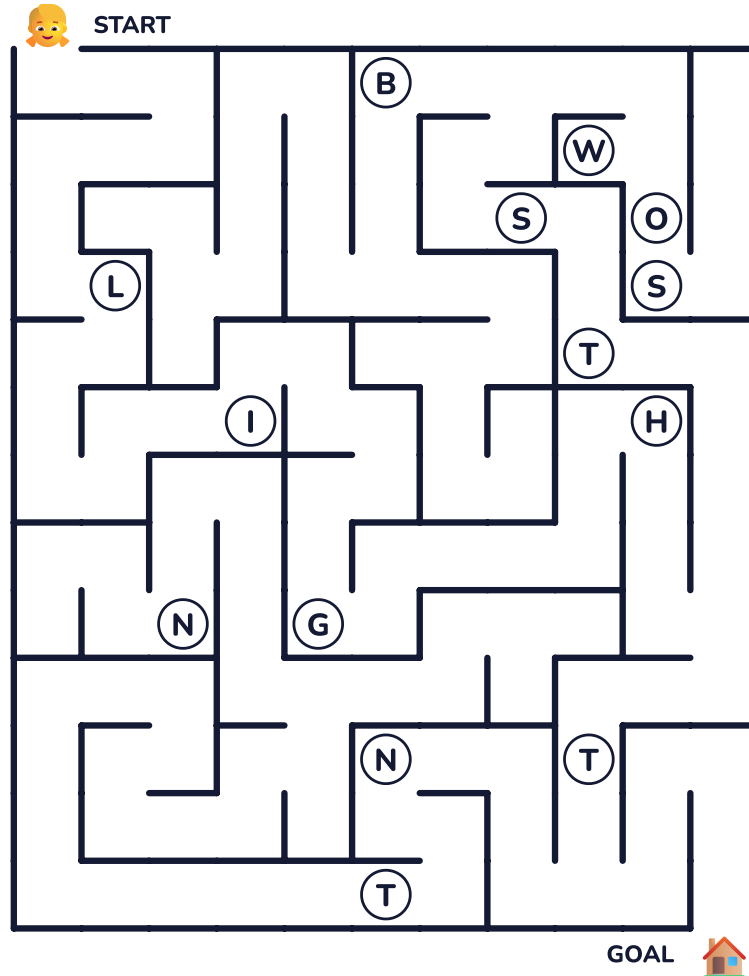


Maze & Sentences

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Help Lucia bring the buns to the family!

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

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Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

On a dark winter morning, I like to _____.

If I joined a Lucia line, I would be _____ 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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candle



crown



star



coffee



cat

Draw your St. Lucia's Day! 聖ルチア祭の絵を描こう。