

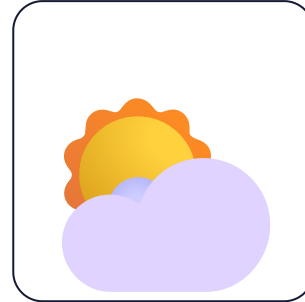


The Day Japan Started Watching the Sky

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① On June 1, 1875, a small weather office opened in Tokyo. It stood in Akasaka, near the center of the city. At first, only one man did all the work there. He was an expert from abroad, and he checked the weather three times a day. This office later became the Japan Meteorological Agency. So June 1 is Weather Day in Japan.



音声を聞こう

② Nine years later, on June 1, 1884, Japan got its first weather forecast. It was only one short sentence for the whole country. It said the wind was not steady and the weather could change easily. But it would be rainy most of the time. People read it on paper at police boxes in Tokyo.

③ Forecasts grew quickly after that. Radio started to give the weather in 1925, and TV did in 1953. In 1959, a computer began to help with forecasts. Then on June 1, 1980, Tokyo heard a new kind of forecast. It gave the chance of rain as a number, like 30 percent. That day was Weather Day, too.

④ Tokyo even has a shrine for the weather. It is called Kisho Jinja, and its biggest festival is on June 1. Army weather experts built the first one in 1944. Today, many visitors come and pray for good weather. Next time you check the weather on your phone, think of that one man in 1875.

Words 単語

forecast (天気) 予報
abroad 外国に、外国から
sentence 文

steady 一定の、安定した
chance 見込み、可能性
percent パーセント

shrine 神社
pray 祈る



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 this story?

- (A) How to read a weather map
- (B) Why June 1 is Weather Day in Japan
- (C) How to make an umbrella
- (D) Why it rains a lot in June

2. When did Japan get its first weather forecast?

- (A) 1875
- (B) 1925
- (C) 1980
- (D) 1884

3. What was new about the forecast on June 1, 1980?

- (A) It gave the chance of rain as a number.
- (B) It was on TV for the first time.
- (C) It used a computer for the first time.
- (D) It was only one sentence.

4. In paragraph 2, "steady" is closest in meaning to:

- (A) very strong
- (B) very cold
- (C) not changing
- (D) very quiet

5. In the dialogue, why does Sota have an umbrella?

- (A) It is raining now.
- (B) The forecast says it may rain in the afternoon.
- (C) Olivia asked him to bring it.
- (D) He wants to visit a shrine.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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| A weather office opened in Tokyo on June 1, 1875. | T / F |
| The first weather forecast in Japan was a long report. | T / F |
| TV started to give the weather in 1953. | T / F |
| Kisho Jinja has its biggest festival in December. | 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。



●

● lightning



●

● cloud



●

● rainbow



●

● snowman



●

● sun



●

● umbrella

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

rain

morning

chance

percent

umbrella

forecast

clouds

pizza

summer

Mika's Weather Diary

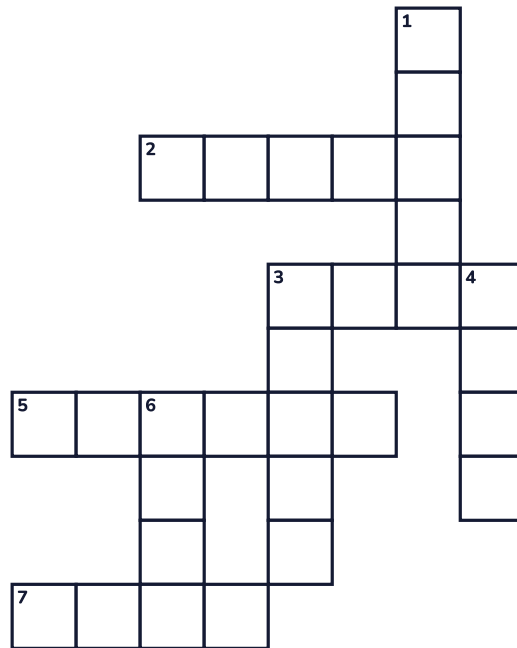
Every (1) _____, Mika looks at the sky. Today there are big gray (2) _____. "I think it will (3) _____ after lunch," she writes in her diary. Then she checks the (4) _____ on TV. It says the (5) _____ of rain is 70 (6) _____. Mika smiles and puts an (7) _____ in her bag.



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 →

- 2 A white or gray thing in the sky. (5)
 3 Cold white things that fall in winter. (4)
 5 A place in Japan to pray. It often has a red gate. (6)
 7 The sixth month of the year. (4)

Down ↓

- 1 You listen to news and music on it. (5)
 3 The sky is blue and bright. It is _____. (5)
 4 Moving air. It can blow your hat away. (4)
 6 Water that falls from the clouds. (4)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 10

- ☐ CLOUD
- ☐ JUNE
- ☐ RAIN
- ☐ SHRINE
- ☐ SKY
- ☐ SNOW
- ☐ STORM
- ☐ SUNNY
- ☐ UMBRELLA
- ☐ WIND

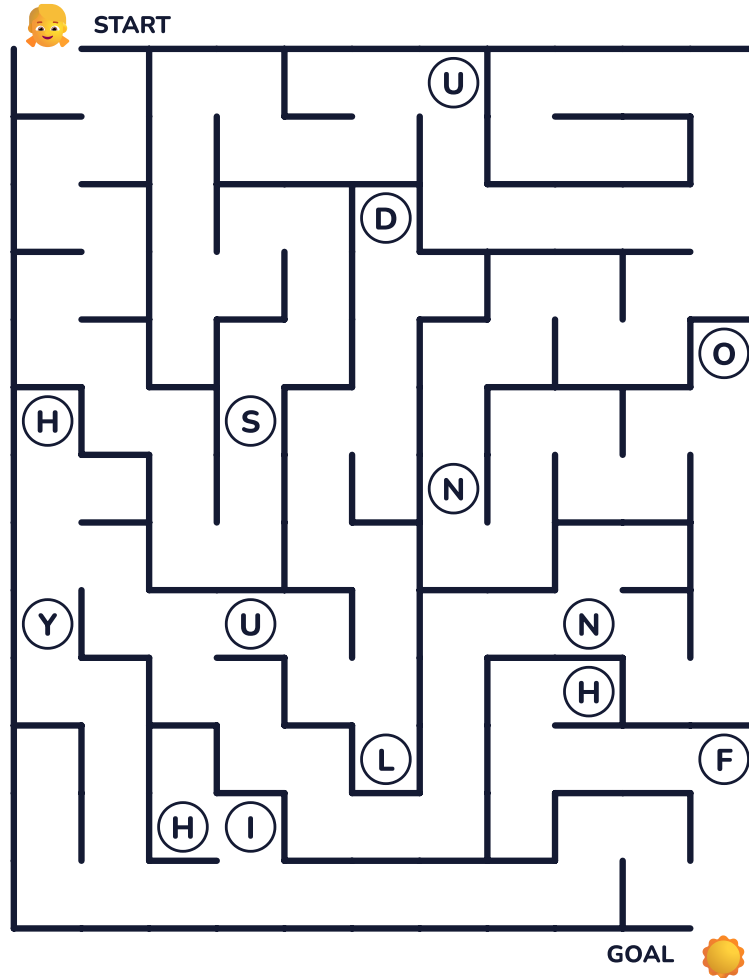


Maze & Sentences

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Help the weather girl get to the sunny park!

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。

Tomorrow's weather will be _____ because _____.

My favorite weather is _____. On days like that, I like to _____.



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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umbrella



sun



cloud



snowman



rainbow

Draw your Weather Day in Japan! 気象記念日（天気の日）の絵を描こう。