



Raking in Good Luck

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① In November, a big night market opens at some shrines in Tokyo. People call it Tori no Ichi, the Rooster Fair. It does not have one fixed date. It is held on the Days of the Rooster in an old calendar, and this day comes every 12 days. So November has two Rooster Days, and sometimes three.



音声を聞こう

② The most famous fair is at Otori Shrine in Asakusa. It starts at midnight and goes on for 24 hours. About 150 shops sell kumade, or lucky bamboo rakes. A rake is a garden tool for collecting fallen leaves. People believe these rakes can collect good luck and money for the coming year.

③ The rakes are covered with lucky things, like smiling masks, gold coins, and bags of rice. Small ones cost about 1,000 yen, but the biggest ones cost hundreds of thousands of yen. When someone buys a rake, the seller and the buyer clap their hands together in a fast rhythm. This is called tejime, and it closes the deal with good wishes.

④ There is also an old saying about this fair. In years with three Rooster Days, people say there will be more fires. Nobody really knows why. But one of the worst fires in the city's history happened in such a year, in 1657. So even today, some rakes carry a small sticker that tells people to be careful with fire.

Words 単語**rake** 熊手、(熊手で) かき集める**fair** 市、縁日、品評会**rooster** おんどり**fixed** 決まった、固定の**lucky** 縁起のいい、幸運な**clap** 手をたたく**deal** 取引引き**saying** ことわざ、言い伝え



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) The Rooster Fair is a market where people buy lucky rakes in November. (B) The Rooster Fair is a farm event for chickens.
- (C) The Rooster Fair is held every month in Tokyo. (D) The Rooster Fair started after a fire in 1657.

2. Why does the date of the fair change every year?

- (A) Because the shrine chooses a new date by lottery. (B) Because it follows the weather.
- (C) Because the Day of the Rooster comes every 12 days. (D) Because shops open on weekends only.

3. How long does the fair at Otori Shrine in Asakusa last?

- (A) 12 hours. (B) One week.
- (C) Three days. (D) 24 hours.

4. In paragraph 3, what does "closes the deal" mean?

- (A) Shuts the shop for the night. (B) Finishes the buying and selling.
- (C) Makes the rake smaller. (D) Asks for more money.

5. In the dialogue, why is Chloe surprised?

- (A) Because the rakes are very small. (B) Because the fair is in the morning.
- (C) Because people can ask for a lower price at a shrine. (D) Because Haruto bought a rake.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

- The Rooster Fair is held in November. T / F
- The fair is always on the same date every year. T / F
- People clap their hands after someone buys a rake. T / F
- Everyone agrees that years with three Rooster Days have more fires. 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。



●

● fire



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● night



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● clap



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● shrine



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● coin



●

● rooster

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

lights

price

luck

summer

snow

pizza

rake

claps

night

shrine

coins

Aya's First Rake

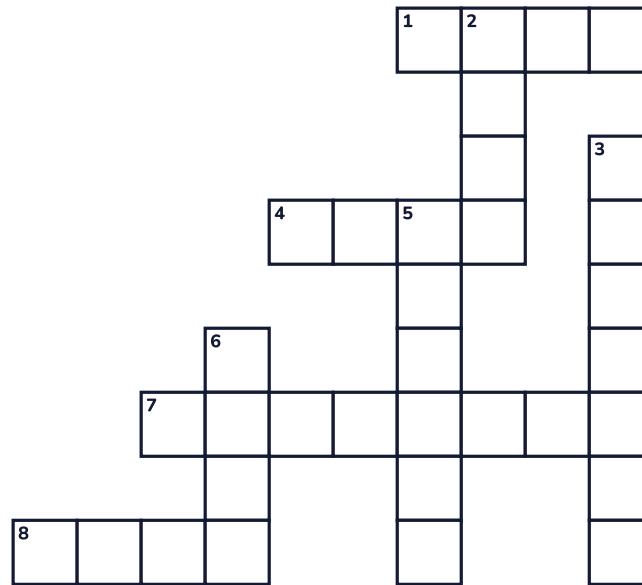
It is a cold (1) _____ in November. Aya and her father walk to the (2) _____. There are many (3) _____ and shops. They want to buy a small (4) _____. It has a smiling mask and gold (5) _____ on it. Her father asks for a lower (6) _____. Then everyone (7) _____ together. Aya says, "I hope it brings us good (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 To hit your hands together. (4)
- 4 You wear this on your face. (4)
- 7 12 o'clock at night. (8)
- 8 A garden tool for collecting leaves. (4)

Down ↓

- 2 Good things that happen by chance. (4)
- 3 A male chicken. It is one of the twelve animal signs. (7)
- 5 A holy place in Japan with a gate called torii. (6)
- 6 It is hot and burns wood. (4)



Word Search

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

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J	U	O	D	E	N	N	K	H	Y	Y	W	D
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R	E	O	J	C	L	A	P	F	M	R	H	D

Find these words! 10

- ☐ CLAP
- ☐ COIN
- ☐ FAIR
- ☐ LUCK
- ☐ MASK
- ☐ NIGHT
- ☐ RAKE
- ☐ RICE
- ☐ ROOSTER
- ☐ SHRINE

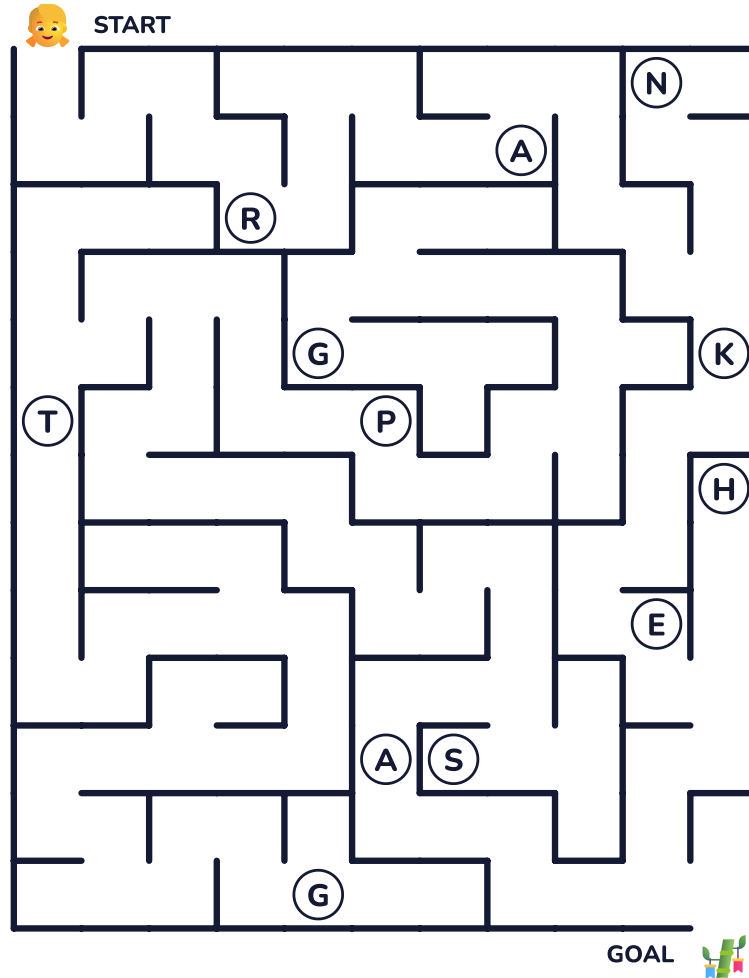


Maze & Sentences

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Help Aya find the lucky rake!

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。

If I had a lucky rake, I would rake in _____ because _____.

To explain Tori no Ichi to a friend, 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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rooster



shrine



clap



coin



fire

Draw your Tori no Ichi (Rooster Fair)! 酉の市の絵を描こう。