

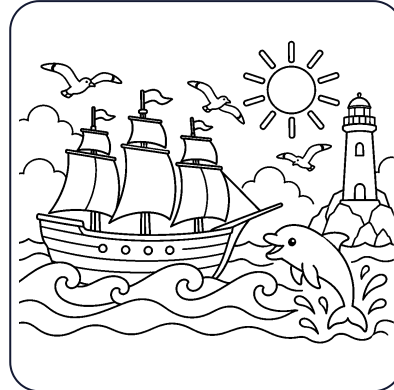


A Holiday That Came by Ship

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① Japan is a country of islands. It has about 14,000 islands, and the sea is everywhere. So Japan has a national holiday just for the sea. It is called Umi no Hi, or Marine Day, and it comes on the third Monday of July.



② The story starts with a ship. In the summer of 1876, Emperor Meiji traveled around northern

Japan. On the way home, he sailed on the Meiji Maru, a ship that checked lighthouses. The ship sailed from Aomori to Hakodate, and then down the Pacific coast. The ship arrived safely in Yokohama on July 20. Later, people remembered this day as a day for the sea.

③ For many years, it was not a day off. But many people wanted a holiday for the sea, and more than 10 million people signed their names. In 1996, July 20 finally became Marine Day. Since 2003, it has been on a Monday, so people get a three-day weekend.

④ The date moved two more times. Because of the Tokyo Olympics, Marine Day was on July 23 in 2020 and on July 22 in 2021. Both days were Thursdays. Some calendars printed before the change showed the wrong dates.

⑤ Today, many families go to the beach on Marine Day. Some people visit ships and ports, and others enjoy fresh fish. The Japanese government says no other country has a national holiday for the sea. And the old Meiji Maru still stands in Tokyo, waiting for visitors.

Words 単語

marine 海の

island 島

emperor 天皇、皇帝

sail 航海する、船で行く

lighthouse 灯台

arrive 着く

safely 無事に、安全に

sign 署名する

weekend 週末

port 港

seafood 魚介類、海の幸

national holiday 国民の祝日



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) How to swim in the sea
- (B) How Marine Day started and how it is celebrated
- (C) The history of the Tokyo Olympics
- (D) How to build a lighthouse

2. About how many islands does Japan have?

- (A) 140
- (B) 14,000
- (C) 1,400
- (D) 140,000

3. Where did the Meiji Maru arrive on July 20, 1876?

- (A) Yokohama
- (B) Hakodate
- (C) Aomori
- (D) Osaka

4. In which year was Marine Day on July 22?

- (A) 1996
- (B) 2003
- (C) 2020
- (D) 2021

5. In paragraph 3, what does "signed their names" mean?

- (A) sang songs
- (B) wrote their names to show they agreed
- (C) changed their names
- (D) forgot their names

6. Which is true about Marine Day?

- (A) It has always been on a Monday.
- (B) It started in 2020.
- (C) Since 2003, it has been on a Monday.
- (D) It is in August.

7. Why did Marine Day move in 2020 and 2021?

- (A) Because of the Tokyo Olympics
- (B) Because of a typhoon
- (C) Because the Meiji Maru broke
- (D) Because schools asked for it

8. In the dialogue, when does Sofia want to see the Meiji Maru?

- (A) On Saturday
- (B) On Sunday
- (C) On Monday
- (D) On Tuesday

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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| Marine Day is on the third Monday of July. | T / F |
| The Meiji Maru arrived in Yokohama on July 20, 1876. | T / F |
| Marine Day became a national holiday in 1876. | T / F |
| In 2021, Marine Day was on July 22. | T / F |
| Many countries have a national holiday for the sea. | T / F |
| The Meiji Maru was a ship for checking lighthouses. | 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。



●

● fish



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● island



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● crab



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● wave



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● shell



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● dolphin



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● anchor



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● ship

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. O E C A N

2. A L N D S I

3. H A E B C

4. A S L I O R

5. A R H O C N

6. O N Y A D M

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

ice

Day

ship

castle

sea

thank

mountain

beach

snow

port

sister

summer

winter

A Day at the Sea

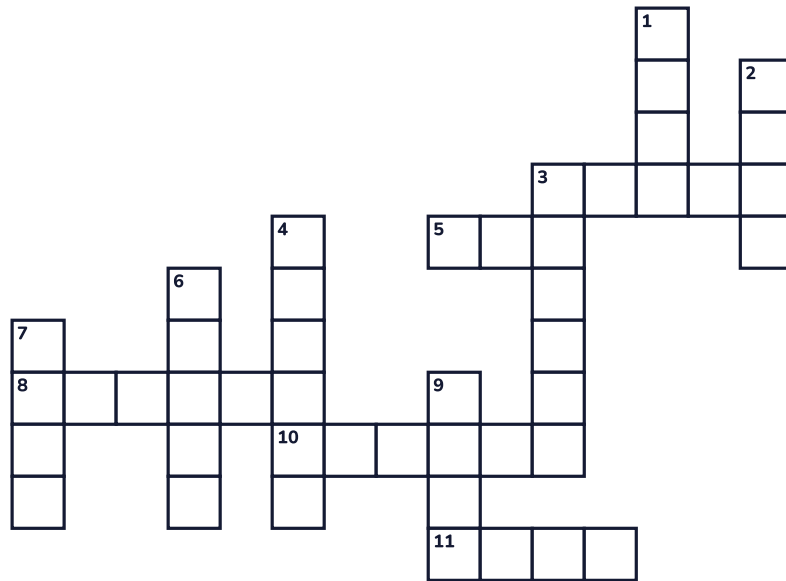
It is Marine (1) _____. Riku and his family drive to the (2) _____. The sun is hot, and the (3) _____ is blue. Riku swims with his (4) _____. Then they build a big sand (5) _____. Dad buys shaved (6) _____ for everyone. In the afternoon, they see a white (7) _____ far away. "Where is it going?" Riku asks. "Maybe to a (8) _____ in another country," says Mom. Before going home, Riku says (9) _____ you to the sea. "See you next (10) _____!"



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 →

- 3** A hard thing on the beach. A small sea animal once lived in it. (5)
- 5** A very big area of salty water. (3)
- 8** Land with water all around it. (6)
- 10** A heavy metal thing that keeps a ship in one place. (6)
- 11** A place where ships stop. Yokohama is one. (4)

Down ↓

- 1** Water that moves up and down on the ocean. (4)
- 2** Marine Day is in this month. (4)
- 3** A person who works on a ship. (6)
- 4** Since 2003, Marine Day is usually on this day of the week. (6)
- 6** A sandy place next to the ocean. (5)
- 7** It lives in water and swims with fins. (4)
- 9** A big boat that carries people or things. (4)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 14

- ☐ ANCHOR
- ☐ BEACH
- ☐ FISH
- ☐ ISLAND
- ☐ JULY
- ☐ MONDAY
- ☐ OCEAN
- ☐ PORT
- ☐ SAILOR
- ☐ SAND
- ☐ SEA
- ☐ SHELL
- ☐ SHIP
- ☐ WAVE

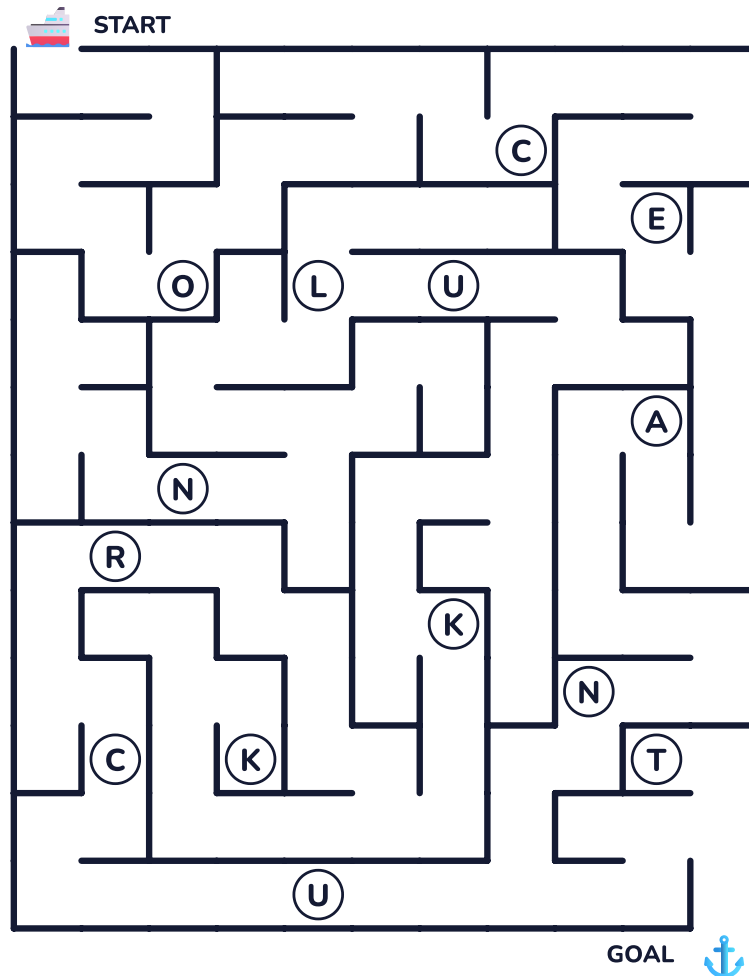
Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。





Help the Meiji Maru sail to Yokohama!

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: _____

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. holiday / a / Marine / is / national / Day .

2. ship / in / Yokohama / safely / arrived / The .

3. Japan / islands / has / thousand / fourteen / about .

4. Monday / the / went / to / beach / We / on .

5. sea / thank / you / say / the / to / Let's .



Class Activity & Writing

Class _____ No. _____ Name _____

Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has been on a big ship	
... can swim fifty meters	
... likes sushi	
... has seen a lighthouse	
... knows the date of Marine Day this year	
... has visited an aquarium	
... can name three sea animals in English	
... has picked up shells on a beach	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

My favorite thing about the sea is _____ because _____.

On Marine Day, I want to _____.

To keep the sea clean, 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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wave



ship



fish



shell

