



# Three Big Days Under One Full Moon

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① On one night in May, the moon is full and round. In many Asian countries, this night is very special. It is Vesak, the most important day for many Buddhists. On this day, they remember the life of the Buddha. Streets glow with lights, and temples are full of flowers and candles.



② The Buddha was a prince born more than 2,000 years ago in what is now Nepal. He left his rich life to look for an answer to human pain. Later, he sat under a tree and became the Buddha, or the Awakened One. Many Buddhists believe he was born, became awake, and died on the same full moon day.

③ Each country has its own way to celebrate. In Sri Lanka, people hang paper lanterns in front of their homes. Some families give free food to anyone on the street. In Thailand, people walk around the temple three times with candles in their hands. Many people wear white and do not eat meat that day.

④ The date is not the same everywhere, because it follows the moon. In 1999, the United Nations made it an international day. In some years, there are two full moons in May, so countries choose different days. Japan has its own Buddha Day, too, but it is on April 8. It is called Hanamatsuri, the Flower Festival. Children pour sweet tea over a tiny statue of the baby Buddha and smile.

## Words 単語

**Buddhist** 仏教徒

**full moon** 満月

**prince** 王子

**awake** 目が覚めている

**lantern** ちょうちん、ランタン

**temple** 寺、寺院

**statue** 像

**remember** しのぶ、思い出す



# 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) Vesak is a Japanese festival for flowers in April.
- (B) Vesak is a Buddhist day that remembers the Buddha's life.
- (C) Vesak is a day when people only eat meat and drink tea.
- (D) Vesak is a new holiday that started in the year 1999.

## 2. Where was the Buddha born?

- (A) In Japan
- (B) In Thailand
- (C) In Sri Lanka
- (D) In what is now Nepal

## 3. In Thailand, what do people do with candles?

- (A) They walk around the temple three times.
- (B) They hang them in front of their homes.
- (C) They give them to people on the street.
- (D) They put them on a statue of the Buddha.

## 4. Why is the date of Vesak not the same everywhere?

- (A) Because the United Nations changes it
- (B) Because people like different seasons
- (C) Because it follows the moon
- (D) Because it moved to April 8

## 5. In the dialogue, what is a dansala?

- (A) A small statue of the baby Buddha
- (B) A place that gives free food and drinks
- (C) A paper lantern from Japan
- (D) A full moon in the month of May

### True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Vesak remembers the birth, awakening, and death of the Buddha. | T / F |
| Vesak is always on April 8 in every country.                   | T / F |
| The United Nations made Vesak an international day in 1999.    | T / F |
| Vesak is a national holiday in Japan.                          | T / F |



# Word Work

Words &amp; 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。



● lantern



● tree



● full moon



● tea



● lotus



● candle

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

temple

lantern

meat

snow

night

white

free

moon

tea

door

## Lanterns in Colombo

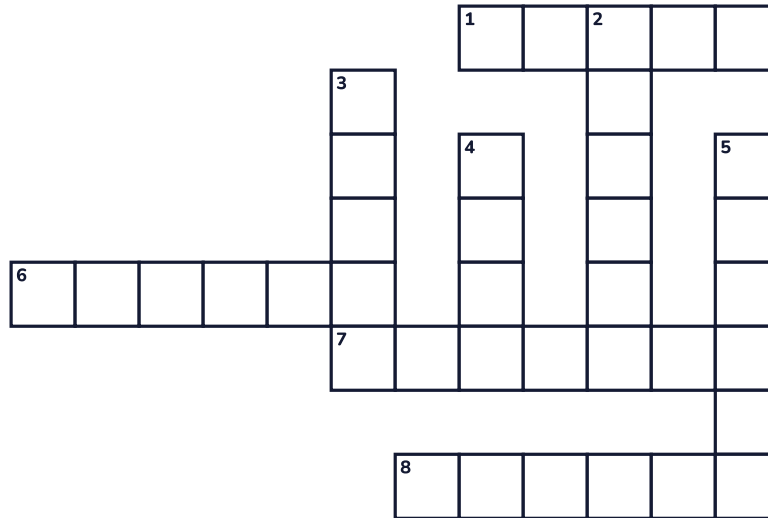
Tonight is Vesak. Ravi and his sister make a paper (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at home. They hang it by the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Then the family walks to the (3) \_\_\_\_\_. They wear (4) \_\_\_\_\_ clothes. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ is full and bright. On the street, people give (6) \_\_\_\_\_ food to everyone. Ravi gets a cup of hot (7) \_\_\_\_\_. "This is my favorite (8) \_\_\_\_\_," he says.



# 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 A beautiful flower that grows in muddy water. (5)  
 6 This word means the Awakened One. (6)  
 7 A paper light. People hang it by the door. (7)  
 8 In Japan, people pour sweet tea on a small one. (6)

## Down ↓

- 2 A building where Buddhists pray. (6)  
 3 The country where the Buddha was born. (5)  
 4 It is full and round on this special night. (4)  
 5 The son of a king. (6)



# Word Search

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

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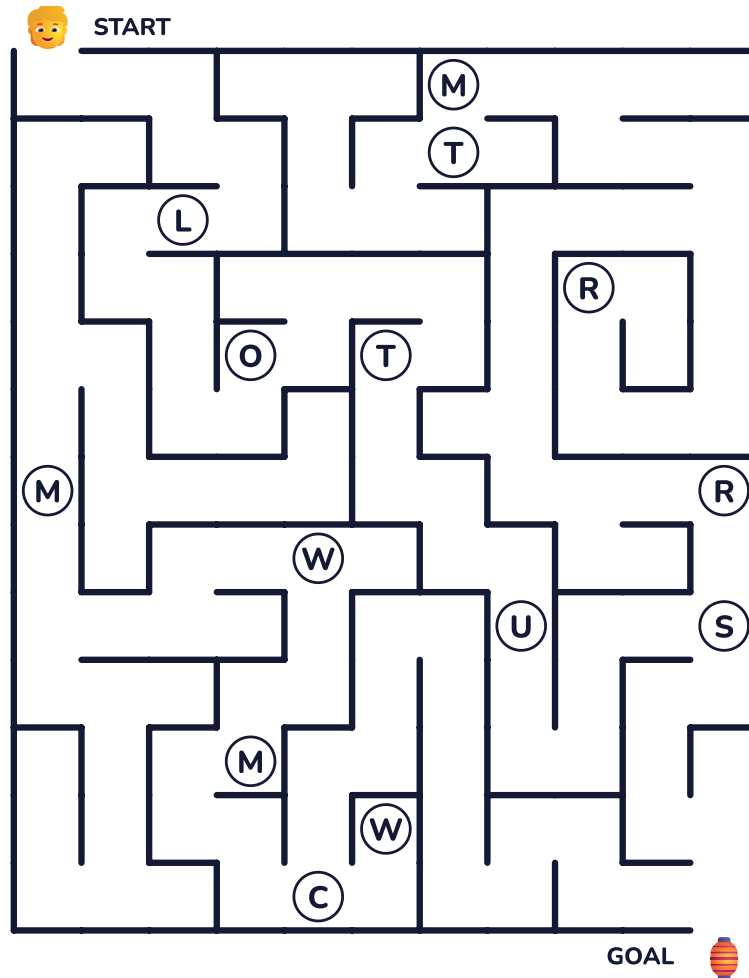
## Find these words! 10

- ☐ BUDDHA
- ☐ CANDLE
- ☐ LANTERN
- ☐ LOTUS
- ☐ MOON
- ☐ NEPAL
- ☐ PRINCE
- ☐ STATUE
- ☐ TEA
- ☐ TEMPLE



Help Ravi bring his lantern to the temple!

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 made a Vesak lantern, it would be \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

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On a special day, I want to give \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

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# 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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lantern



full moon



lotus



candle



tree

Draw your Vesak! ウェーサーカ祭（ブッダの日）の絵を描こう。