



A Sweet Answer from Japan

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① In many countries, Valentine's Day is one day of love. But in Japan, there are two. On February 14, many women give chocolate to men. Then, one month later on March 14, men give something back. This second day is called White Day.



音声を聞こう

② White Day did not come from America or Europe. It was born in Japan in the late 1970s. At that time, Japanese candy makers wanted to sell more sweets in March. A group of candy companies chose March 14 as Candy Day. Their first big event was held in Tokyo in 1980.

③ Other people also say they started it. A sweet shop in Fukuoka sold marshmallows with chocolate inside in 1978. The shop called the day Marshmallow Day. Later, everyone used the same name, White Day. White is the color of sugar and pure love.

④ Today, people give candy, cookies, and marshmallows. Some give flowers, small bags, or jewelry. Many people also give sweets to friends and coworkers to say thank you. Some people say the return gift should cost three times more, but most people do not follow that idea.

⑤ White Day has also traveled to South Korea, Taiwan, and China. In Korea, men often give big baskets of candy. On April 14, single people there eat black noodles together. But in America and Europe, most people have never heard of White Day. So if a friend from abroad asks, tell them it is a sweet invention from Japan.

Words 単語

return gift お返し (の贈り物)**give back** お返しをする、返す**candy maker** 菓子メーカー、菓子職人**marshmallow** マシュマロ**coworker** 同僚**custom** 習慣、慣習**invention** 発明 (品)**pure** 純粋な、けがれの無い**abroad** 海外に、海外で**basket** かご**jewelry** アクセサリー、宝石類**cost** (お金が) かかる



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 the passage?

- (A) White Day is a Japanese day for giving gifts back. (B) White Day is an old holiday from Europe.
(C) White Day is a day for buying white clothes. (D) White Day is a national holiday in Korea.

2. When was the first big Candy Day event held?

- (A) In 1970 (B) In 1978
(C) In 1980 (D) In 1988

3. What did the shop in Fukuoka sell?

- (A) Cookies with candy on top (B) White chocolate cakes
(C) Flowers and cards (D) Marshmallows with chocolate inside

4. Why did candy makers want a new day in March?

- (A) They wanted to sell more sweets. (B) They wanted a new national holiday.
(C) They wanted to stop Valentine's Day. (D) They wanted to make white clothes popular.

5. In paragraph 5, what does "traveled to" mean?

- (A) Took a trip for fun (B) Became popular in
(C) Was sold only in (D) Was stopped in

6. Which is true according to the passage?

- (A) Only lovers give gifts on White Day. (B) Most people give gifts that cost three times more.
(C) Many people give sweets to friends and coworkers. (D) White Day started in America.

7. Why do you think people call White Day "a sweet invention"?

- (A) Because it is a very old festival. (B) Because people made it and it is about sweets.
(C) Because scientists found it in a lab. (D) Because it is only for children.

8. In the dialogue, why is Daiki buying many cookies?

- (A) He wants to eat them on the train. (B) It is Emily's birthday tomorrow.
(C) His boss told him to buy them. (D) He wants to give return gifts on White Day.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

- White Day is on March 14. T / F
White Day started in Europe a long time ago. T / F
On White Day, people often give candy or cookies. T / F
White Day is a national holiday in Japan. T / F
White Day is also popular in South Korea. T / F
Everyone must give a gift that costs three times more. 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。



●

● ribbon



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● present



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● basket



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● candy



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● letter



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● flowers



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● chocolate



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● cookie

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

1. N A C Y D

2. I E H W T

3. E T U R N R

4. K E O C I O

5. I B R N B O

6. H A S T K N

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

thank

ribbon

smiles

Day

snow

cookies

Christmas

chocolate

card

pumpkin

month

sweet

box

Sota's Thank-You Cookies

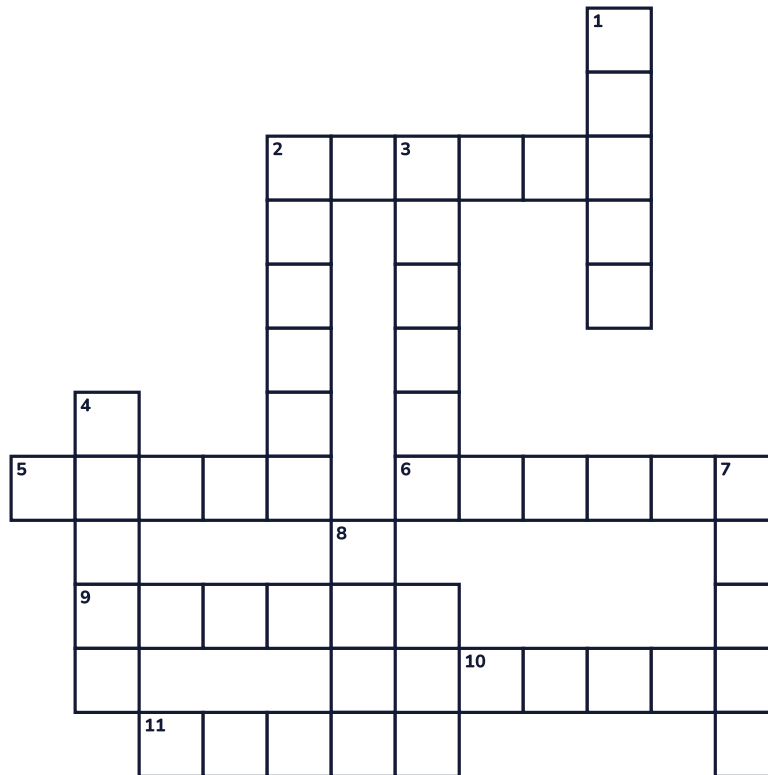
Sota is a junior high school student. Last (1) _____, his classmate Rina gave him some (2) _____ on Valentine's Day. Sota wants to say (3) _____ you. On March 14, which is White (4) _____, he bakes (5) _____ with his father. They put the cookies in a small (6) _____ with a white (7) _____. Sota also writes a short (8) _____. At school, he gives the box to Rina. She (9) _____ and says, "These are so (10) _____! You made them yourself?"



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 long, thin piece of cloth for a present. (6)
5 The country where White Day was born. (5)
6 A word you say when someone is kind to you. (6)
9 A small baked sweet. You can make it with flour and butter. (6)
10 A country near Japan. People there give baskets of sweets on March 14. (5)
11 The color of sugar and snow. (5)

Down ↓

- 1** A small hard sweet. Kids love it. (5)
2 To give or send something back. (6)
3 You can carry fruit or sweets in it. (6)
4 The third month of the year. (5)
7 A sweet white thing. You put it in tea. (5)
8 Another word for a present. (4)



Word Search

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

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

Find these words! 14

- ☐ BASKET
- ☐ CANDY
- ☐ CARD
- ☐ COOKIE
- ☐ GIFT
- ☐ JAPAN
- ☐ KOREA
- ☐ MARCH
- ☐ RETURN
- ☐ RIBBON
- ☐ SUGAR
- ☐ SWEET
- ☐ THANKS
- ☐ WHITE

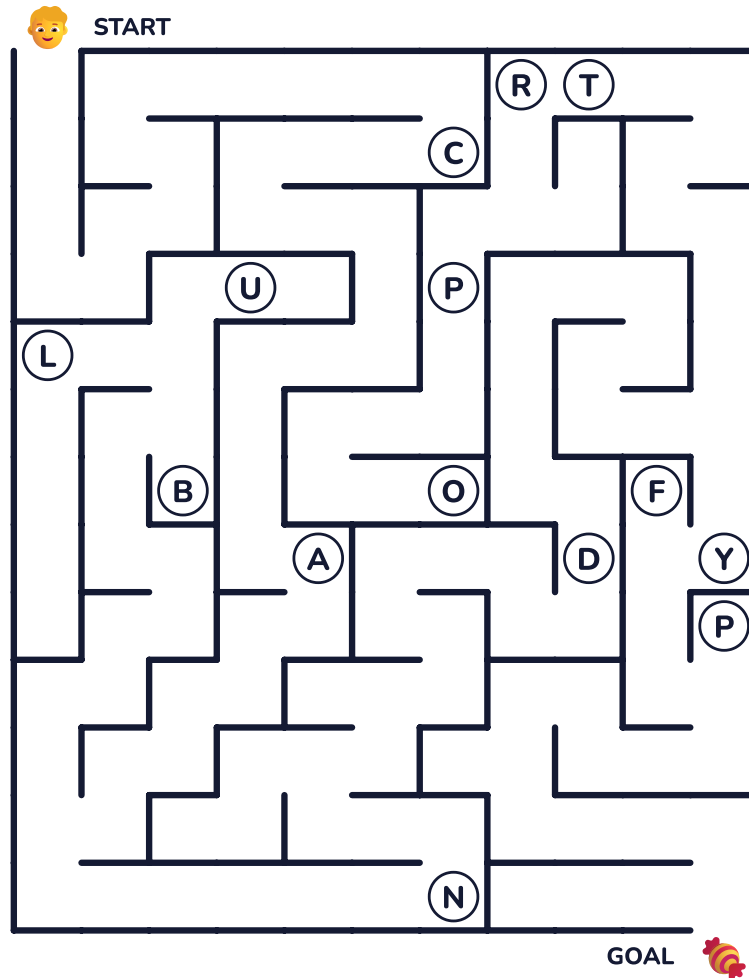
Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。





Help Ken bring the candy to Aya!

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. White / in / Japan / born / Day / was .

2. 14 / give / back / something / March / Men / on .

3. for / I / my / friends / made / cookies .

4. chocolate / you / month / for / last / the / Thank .

5. give / People / baskets / in / of / Korea / candy .



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

Find someone who ...	Name
... has given a White Day gift	
... likes marshmallows	
... can bake cookies	
... knows where White Day was born	
... has written a thank-you card	
... likes white chocolate	
... knows the date of Pi Day	
... has a friend from South Korea or Taiwan	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If I give a White Day gift, I will give _____ to _____ because _____.

I want to say thank you to _____ because _____.

To explain White Day to a friend from abroad, 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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candy



cookie



present



ribbon

