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UNIT 2: Festivals and celebrations Exercise 1: Predicting content using visuals

Listen to a talk about a festival. Before you listen, look at the pictures and answer the questions. Then listen and check your answers.

1 This festival takes place in

- Europe.
- Japan.
- the USA.

Japan

2 This is a celebration of

- nature.
- food.
- art and music.

nature

3 This celebration

- is very expensive.
- happens every four years.
- is something everyone can enjoy.

is something everyone can enjoy

4 This celebration happens

- all over the country.
- only in the capital city.
- in the countryside.

all over the country

Your score is 0/4

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Hint Help

UNIT 2: Festivals and celebrations Exercise 2: Listening for main ideas

Listen to the speaker talking about a Japanese festival. Choose which things the speaker talks about.

Topic	Yes	No
What *hanami* means	☐	☐
How to study Japanese plants	☐	☐
When you can see *hanami*	☐	☐
How to travel to the north of Japan	☐	☐
A popular place where you can see this festival	☐	☐
What people do in this festival	☐	☐
Eating the cherry flowers	☐	☐
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Your score is 0/10.

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2 This festival takes place every [ ] , all over the country.

This festival takes place every **spring**, all over the country.

3 The cherry blossoms start to appear in southern Japan in [ ]

and finish in northern Japan in [ ].

The cherry blossoms start to appear in southern Japan in **March** and finish in northern Japan in **May**.

4 People meet with family or [ ] under the trees and

[ ] or sing. In places like Ueno Park in Tokyo, you can also see

paper [ ] in the trees.

People meet with family or **colleagues** under the trees and **eat food** or sing. In places like Ueno Park in Tokyo, you can also see paper **lanterns** in the trees.

5 This festival is a celebration of [ ] and it is also a reminder that

nothing in life lasts [ ].

This festival is a celebration of **nature** and it is also a reminder that nothing in life lasts **long**.

6 This festival is also celebrated in other places, like Australia or

[ ].

This festival is also celebrated in other places, like Australia or **Europe**.

Your score is 0/11.

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Complete the questions with the correct form of *be* or *do*.

1 ✗ Japanese people go to this festival every year?

Do Japanese people go to this festival every year?

2 ✗ it take place in the spring or summer?

Does it take place in the spring or summer?

3 ✗ you going to go to the park tonight?

Are you going to the park tonight?

4 What kind of food ✗ you eat at this festival?

What kind of food do you eat at this festival?

5 ✗ it an interesting celebration?

Is it an interesting celebration?

6 What ✗ the best places to see this festival?

What are the best places to see this festival?

7 Why ✗ this festival make people feel both happy and sad?

Why does this festival make people feel both happy and sad?

8 ✗ this festival only in Japan?

Is this festival only in Japan?

Your score is 0/8.

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Choose the correct verb in each sentence.

1 I bought a new camera, and now I can [ ] better pictures.

I bought a new camera, and now I can **take** better pictures.

2 I hope you [ ] a very nice time at the party tomorrow.

I hope you **have** a very nice time at the party tomorrow.

3 Please [ ] my advice – go to the Cherry Blossom festival. It's beautiful.

Please **take** my advice – go to the Cherry Blossom festival. It's beautiful.

4 We always [ ] a lot of fun in the summer holidays.

We always **have** a lot of fun in the summer holidays.

5 When you listen to a lecture, do you always [ ] notes?

When you listen to a lecture, do you always **take** notes?

6 My brother doesn't [ ] university – he works.

My brother doesn't **go to** university – he works.

7 In the exam, please [ ] your time. You do not need to answer the questions quickly.

In the exam, please **take** your time. You do not need to answer the questions quickly.

8 I would like to [ ] the concert, but I don't have a ticket.

I would like to **go to** the concert, but I don't have a ticket.

Your score is 0/8.

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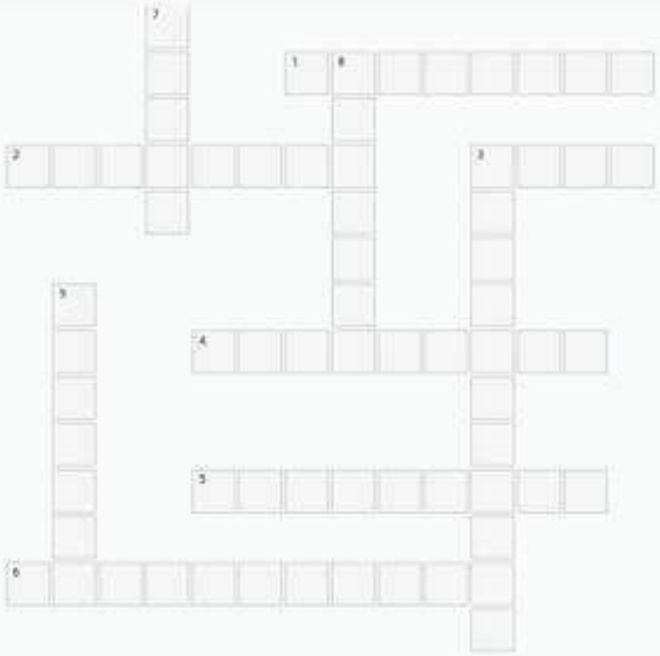

Across

1 Something that you do: a___y

2 Special event that can involve music, dancing, eating, etc.: f___l

3 Food that is prepared: d___h

4 They explode in the night sky and makes a noise and beautiful colours: f___s

5 Something that is part of a culture for a long time: t___n

6 An event where people have fun: c___n

Down

3 Special things you put in a wall or on buildings to look more attractive: d___s

7 An event where people have fun: p___y

8 The habits and customs of a group of people: c___e

9 Special clothes you wear: c___e

Your score is 0/10.

Try again OK

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Listen to the short conversations and write the answers you hear.

1 A: Would you like to come to the design festival next weekend?

B: Yes, [ ] What time does it start?

Yes, **I'd love to**. What time does it start?

2 A: Shall we go to the party tonight?

B: Well, [ ]. We have an exam tomorrow.

Well, **I'm not sure if that's a good idea**. We have an exam tomorrow.

3 A: How about going to that new café?

B: Yes, [ ]. I can study there.

Yes, **fantastic**. I can study there.

4 A: Why not study now, and then we can eat later?

B: OK, [ ] I'm not hungry yet.

OK, **good idea**. I'm not hungry yet.

5 A: Shall we buy tickets for the music festival next week?

B: Yes, [ ]. I went last year and it was fantastic.

Yes, **that sounds good**. I went last year and it was fantastic.

Your score is 0/5.

Try again OK

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Listen and choose the correct sentence.

1 ▶
- Their are many festivals in Japan. ✗
- There are many festivals in Japan.
- There are money festivals in Japan.

There are many festivals in Japan

2 ▶
- There are millions of cherry trees in Japan. ✗
- There millions of cherry trees in Japan.
- Their are millions of cherry trees in Japan.

There are millions of cherry trees in Japan

3 ▶
- It is a very biutifull sight. ✗
- It is a very beutiful sight.
- It is a very beautiful sight.

It is a very beautiful sight

4 ▶
- This tradition spreading to another countries, too. ✗
- This tradition is spreading to other countries, too.
- The tradition is spreading to other countries, to.

This tradition is spreading to other countries, too

5 ▶
- Even countries like Finland are starting to have their own flower-watching festivals. ✗
- Even country like Finland are starting to have their own flower-watching festivals.
- Even countries like Finland are starting to love their own flower-watching festivals.

Even countries like Finland are starting to have their own flower-watching festivals

6 ▶
- The Japanese people no that life is short. ✗
- The Japanese people know that live is short.
- The Japanese people know that life is short.

The Japanese people know that life is short

Your score is 0/6.

Try again OK

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Listen to the sentences and type in the words you hear.

1 This is the [ ] blossom festival, and it happens [ ] after the [ ] of [ ].

This is the **cherry** blossom festival, and it happens **every year** after the **end** of **winter**.

2 There are [ ] well-known places where you can see [ ] of [ ] together.

There are **many** well-known places where you can see **thousands** of **trees** together.

3 At night, [ ] paper lanterns [ ] from the [ ].

At night, **beautiful** paper lanterns **hang** from the **trees**.

4 After a [ ] time, the [ ] flowers [ ] and [ ] away.

After a **short** time, the **cherry** flowers **die** and **fall** away.

5 [ ] gets [ ] and [ ], and we should [ ] beautiful things while we [ ].

Everything gets **old** and **changes**, and we should **celebrate** beautiful things while we **can**.

Your score is 0/19.

Try again OK

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