

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

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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	☒	☐
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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**.

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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?



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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.

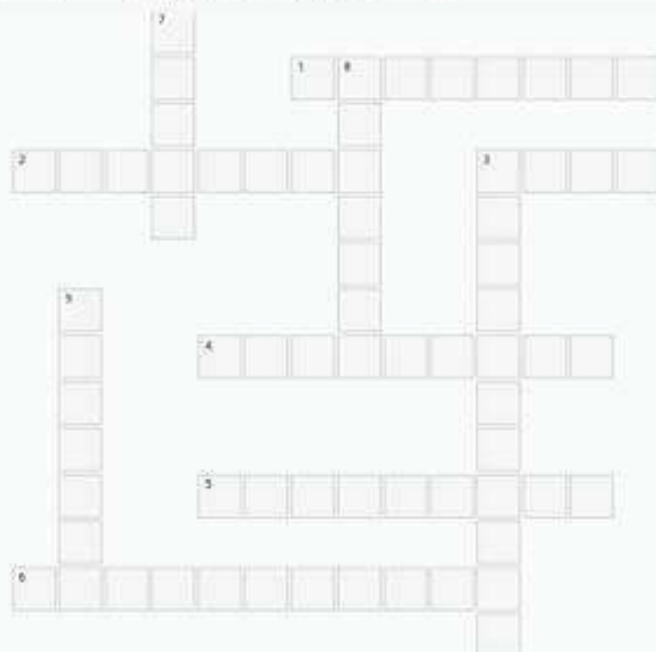
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Across

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.

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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.



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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 are millions of cherry trees in Japan. There are millions of cherry trees in Japan.

There are millions of cherry trees in Japan.

- 3  ☐ It is a very blutifull 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.
5. This tradition is spreading to other countries, too.
6. 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.

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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**.



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