

Lesson 98

1 TOPIC QUESTION

今日のトピック

What foreign occasions are celebrated in Japan?

日本ではどういった外国の行事が祝われますか？



2 ARTICLE

記事

Directions: Read the following article aloud.

課題: 以下の記事をはっきりとした声で音読しましょう。

Christmas and Halloween

Some festivals and special occasions are so popular that they are also celebrated in other countries. Christmas is a very popular winter festival based on religious stories. Christmas is celebrated in most European countries as well as north and south America and Australia. Another popular festival is Halloween, which is celebrated on October 31st. These festivals are celebrated in Japan but they are not quite as popular as in other countries.

At Christmas, people exchange gifts on December 25th. Also, it's traditional to have a family get together and enjoy a big meal together. A traditional Christmas dinner in the UK is roast turkey and boiled vegetables with gravy followed by Christmas pudding. Gravy is a kind of sauce made from the juice of the roast meat. It's brown in colour and you pour the gravy over the meat and vegetables. In some countries, if there is a lot of snow, people make snowmen and have snow ball fights. The Christmas period is also very important for businesses as people spend a lot of money on food and gifts.

Halloween is a fun festival where people dress up in costumes. The theme is based on horror such as monsters, witches, ghosts and vampires. People have Halloween parties and play games such as ducking apple where you must retrieve apples from a bowl of water using only your mouth. These festivals are a time for family and friends to get together and have fun.

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3 VOCABULARY

語い

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

課題: 先生の後に続いてくり返した後、今度はひとりで発音してみましょう。

religious 宗教上の

popular ~に人気がある

exchange 交換する

roast 焼いた

turkey 七面鳥

costume 衣装

retrieve 回収する

4 Questions

質問

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

課題: 質問を声に出して読んだ後、答えてみましょう。

1. What do people do at Christmas?

2. What do people do at Halloween?

3. What is gravy?

4. What is your favourite festival and why?