

1 Article : Rare 'Diamond Fuji' Dazzles Crowd in Funabashi City

Directions: Read the following article aloud.

Mount Fuji was bathed in a gentle orange glow when the sun [aligned with](#) its summit, treating observers in Funabashi to the magical sight of "Diamond Fuji."

On October 27, lucky observers [caught a glimpse of](#) "Diamond Fuji" when the sun [aligned with](#) the summit of Mount Fuji at Funabashi Sanbanze Seaside Park in Funabashi City, Chiba Prefecture.

This phenomenon happens during sunrise or sunset when the sun appears to rest directly above the mountain's peak. It typically occurs between October and February.

A Magical Sight

As the setting sun peered over the summit at around 4:40 pm, groups of people gathered on the beach with their smartphones and cameras to [witness](#) this magical sight.

Haruka Kimura, an office worker from Kasukabe City, Saitama Prefecture, was [among](#) the spectators. "I had heard of Diamond Fuji, but this is my first time seeing it," Kimura exclaimed, her eyes beaming as she gazed at the orange "diamond."

According to the park's spokesperson, 157 people visited the park that day. The next [opportunity](#) to [witness](#) "Diamond Fuji" is expected to be on February 14, 2024.

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2 Key phrases and vocabulary

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

1. **catch a glimpse of** ～ ～をちらりと見る、～を垣間見る、～の片りんをうかがう

Let's arrive early to **catch a glimpse of** the parade.

2. **aligned with** ～ ～と一直線になっている、～とつながっている、～と足並みをそろえる

The road is **aligned with** the mountain range, offering stunning views.

3. **witness**

目の当たりにする、目撃する、立ち会う、経験する、直面する、(法廷などで)証言する、目撃者・証人

I was fortunate to **witness** the birth of a baby deer in the woods.

4. **among** ～に囲まれた、～の間の、～(集団)の中にいる、～の間で共通して

Among the crowd, I spotted my friends at the concert.

5. **opportunity** 機会、チャンス、有利な条件・状況

The conference provided an excellent **opportunity** for us to establish valuable connections.

3 Questions

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

1. When does "Diamond Fuji" usually occur?
2. Why is the phenomenon on Mount Fuji referred to as "Diamond Fuji," and what makes it a special sight for observers?
3. Have you ever seen a special event in nature like "Diamond Fuji"?
4. What natural sights or events do you wish to witness or experience, and why are they appealing to you?
5. How do you think people's interest in natural events impacts their appreciation of the environment?

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日本語関連記事：
千葉・船橋で「ダイヤモンド富士」 オレンジ色に輝く

千葉県船橋市の「ふなばし三番瀬海浜公園」で10月27日、富士山頂に太陽が重なる「ダイヤモンド富士」が見られた。

午後4時40分ごろに夕日が山頂にかかると、砂浜に集まった人たちがスマートフォンやカメラを一斉に構えた。埼玉県春日部市から訪れた会社員の木村晴香さん（21）は「ダイヤモンド富士という現象は知っていたが初めて見た」とオレンジ色の“ダイヤ”に瞳を輝かせていた。

同公園によると、この日は157人が来園。次にダイヤモンド富士が見られるのは来年の2月14日だという。