

Exercise 1: Predicting content using visuals

You are going to listen to a talk about a festival. Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



1. This festival takes place in _____.
2. This is a celebration of _____.
3. This celebration is _____.
4. This celebration happens _____.

Exercise 2: Listening for main ideas

Listen to the talk about a Japanese festival, and choose which things the speaker talks about.

Facts	True	False
1. What hanami means		
2. How to study Japanese plants		
3. When you can see hanami		
4. How to travel to the north of Japan		
5. A popular place where you can see this festival		
6. What people do in this festival		
7. Eating the cherry flowers		
8. Hanami in other parts of the world		

Exercise 3: Taking notes

Listen again and complete the sentences. There are some words that you do not need.

people they work with	Africa	spring	nature	
the U.S.	watch	eat food	lanterns	winter
May	TV	Europe	flower	December

1. In Japanese, hana means _____, and mi means to _____.
2. The festival takes place every _____, all over the country.
3. The cherry blossoms start to appear in southern Japan at the end of _____ and finish in northern Japan in _____.
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.
5. This festival is a celebration of _____ and also a reminder that nothing in life lasts.
6. This festival is also celebrated in other places, like _____ and Australia.