



Houto Play:





Read the questions carefully.



Choose the correct answer.



A point will be given for each correct answer.





Are you ready to play?



What is the name of Japan's famous highspeed train?

A

The Shinkansen

B

Metro Rapid

C

Ninja Express





The Shinkansen

The Shinkansen, also known as the bullet train, travels up to 320 km/h and connects Japan's major cities.





What is Japan's capital city?

A

Osaka

B

Tokyo

C

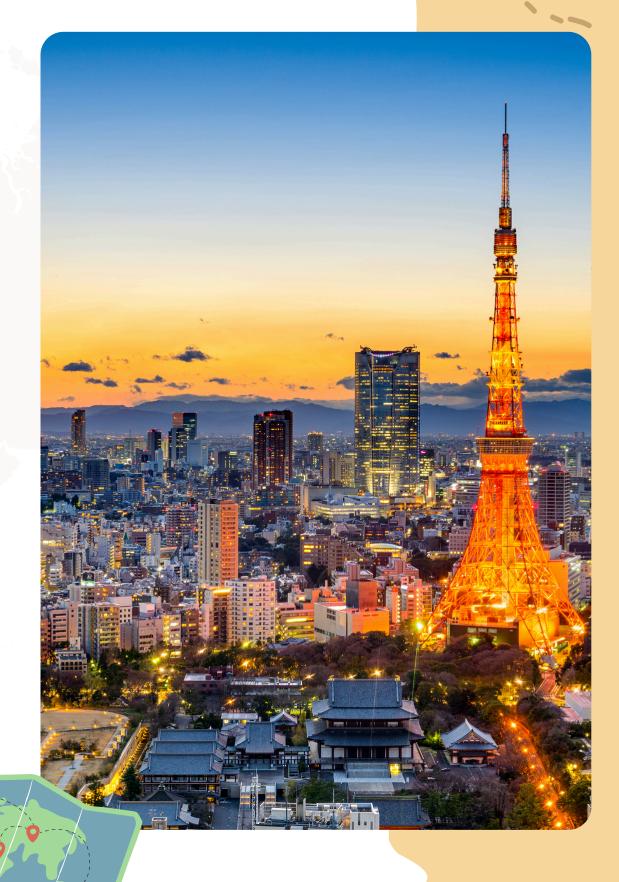
Kyoto





Tokyo

Tokyo is the capital and one of the busiest, most high-tech cities in the world.







What animal is known for bathing in hot springs in Japan?

A

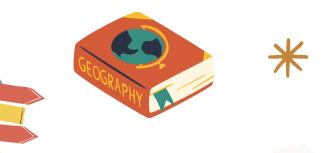
C

Flying squirrel

Snow monkeys

Tanuki





Snow monkeys

The Japanese macaque, also known as the snow monkey, lives in snowy mountain areas like Nagano. To stay warm in the freezing winter, they bathe in natural hot springs (called onsen)—just like humans!

They're the only monkeys in the world known to do this.



What is Japan's most important crop?

A

Rice

B

Wheat

C

Corn





Rice!

Rice is the heart of Japanese cuisine and has been grown in Japan for thousands of years. It's not just a food. It's part of daily life and tradition. From sushi and onigiri (rice balls) to rice served plain alongside most meals, it plays a starring role on the table. It's also used in sweet treats like mochi and in special ceremonies and festivals. **



What is the name of Japan's national sport?

A

Karate

B

Basketball

C

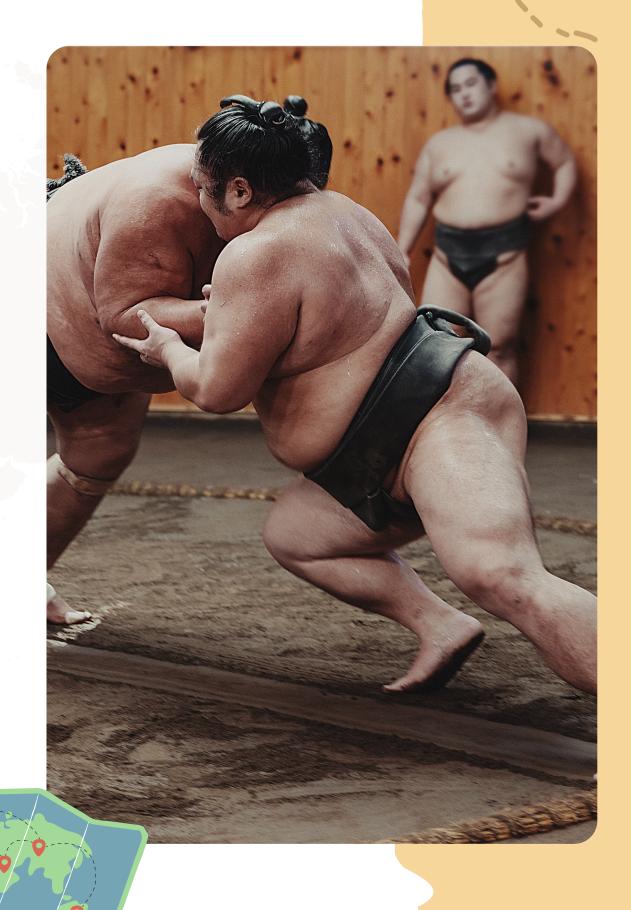
Sumo wrestling





Sumo wrestling

Sumo wrestling is Japan's national sport and one of the oldest sports in the world, with traditions going back over 1,500 years. It began as a ritual to entertain the gods and bring good harvests. In sumo, two massive wrestlers try to push each other out of a ring or make their opponent touch the ground with anything other than their feet.





During the Tanabata Festival, people in Japan write their wishes on colorful paper and hang them on bamboo trees.

A

B

True

False





True!

Tanabata, also known as the Star
Festival, is based on an ancient legend
about two star-crossed lovers who can
only meet once a year. To celebrate,
people write their hopes and dreams on
colorful strips of paper called tanzaku
and hang them on bamboo branches,
turning streets and homes into magical,
wish-filled displays.





07

Match each Japanese tradition to what it is best known for:

Origami

Kabuki Theatre

Ikebana

- A. A dramatic art form with elaborate costumes and stylised movement.
- B. The practice of arranging flowers to express beauty through simplicity and balance.
- C. The disciplined folding of paper into animals or objects without cutting or glue.





Origami - C Kabuki Theatre - A Ikebana - B









Check your rank level!

7-6 Adventurer

5-4 Traveler

3-2 Tourist

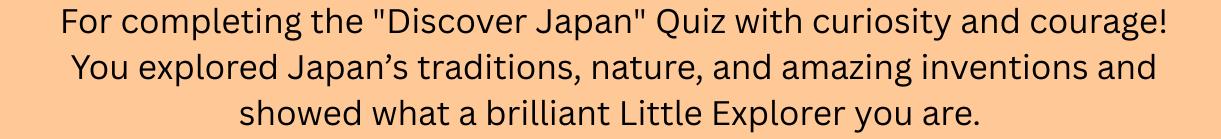
1-0 Amateur Tourist



Certificate of achievement



Awarded to:



Keep exploring, learning, and dreaming big.











WANT TO TRAVEL THE WORLD THROUGH ADVENTURE STORIES?

Join our newsletter on www.thelittleexplorersjournal.com

