

- Children's Day -



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Kintaro was raised by a **witch** / in the mountains, / could talk to animals, / and was so strong / that he could **wrestle** bears. // He used his **favorite axe** / to help local **wood cutters**. // One day, / his **Lord**, Minamoto no Yorimitsu, / became sick. // He had been **poisoned** / by a spider **pretending** to be a monk. // Yorimitsu was too weak from the poison / to kill the spider, / but Kintaro chased it down / and cut it up! //

An iris bath might help a child grow strong / like Kintaro, / since iris leaves look like swords, / and iris (shoubu) sounds like **valor**. //

5月5日はこどもの日である! // 鯉のぼりが掲げられる / 日本中で / この祝日に// これはなぜかという / 逆流を泳ぐ鯉は、言われているからだ / 竜になると// 子供たちも同じように / 人生の困難を戦い抜かなければならない / 強く成長するために// 人々は家を飾り付ける / 武士の甲冑の模型で / 力の象徴である / または、桃太郎や金太郎の人形で//

金太郎は山姥に育てられた / 山の中で / (彼は) 動物と話すことができたし / ととても力持ちであった / 熊と相撲を取れるくらいに// 彼は愛用の斧を使った / 地元の木こりたちを助けるために// ある日 / 彼の主君である、源頼光が / 病に倒れた// 彼は毒を盛られたのだった / 僧侶に化けた蜘蛛によって// 頼光は毒により弱っていて / 蜘蛛を倒すことができなかった / しかし、金太郎は蜘蛛を追いつめて / 見事に切り裂いた! //

菖蒲湯が、子供が強く育つのに役立つかもしれない / 金太郎のように / 菖蒲の葉は剣のように見え / 「菖蒲」(勝負) は 武勇のことに聞こえるからである。//

Vocabulary and Phrases

windsock	吹き流し/鯉のぼり	witch	魔女/山姥
upstream	上流	wrestle	取り組む/相撲
hardship	苦難	favorite	気に入りの
decorate	飾る	axe	斧
model	模型	wood cutter	木こり
armor	鎧	Lord	主君
symbol	象徴	poison	毒
doll	人形	pretend	見せかける
		valor	武勇

Total Number of words used

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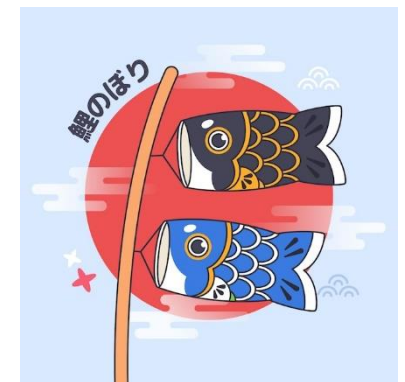
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【Listen & Fill Blank】

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Kintaro was raised by a _____ in the mountains, could talk to animals, and _____ he could wrestle bears. He used his favorite axe to help local wood cutters. One day, his Lord, Minamoto no Yorimitsu, became sick. He had been poisoned by a spider _____ to be a monk. Yorimitsu was too weak from the poison to kill the spider, but Kintaro chased it down and _____!

An iris bath might help a child grow strong like Kintaro, since iris leaves look like _____, and iris (shoubu) sounds like valor.

【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: What fish can turn into a dragon by swimming upstream?

Question 2: What kind of bath might make a child strong like Kintaro?

Question 3: What is your favorite part of Children's Day?

Ask 1: 答えが「axe」である質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 2: Spider についての質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 3: 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

Sample Answer 1: Carp.

Sample Answer 2: Iris bath.

Sample Answer 3: Decorations / golden week / Actually, I don't like Children's Day / iris baths / etc...

Sample Question 1: What tool does Kintaro use to help wood cutters? /
What is Kintaro's main weapon? / etc...

Sample Question 2: Why was Minamoto no Yorimitsu sick? /
What monster did Kintaro defeat? /
etc...

Sample Question 3: How can I make an iris bath? /
How did Kintaro learn to speak with animals? /
What is the best samurai armor for decoration?/
etc...