

Seasons in Japanese Art Exhibition

Pre-excursion worksheet

1) What are the Japanese words for the four seasons? Write the *hiragana* and *kanji* next to the English.

Spring _____ Autumn _____

Summer _____ Winter _____

2) What months belong to each of the following seasons in Japan. Write in *kanji*.

Spring _____

Summer _____

Autumn _____

Winter _____

3) What does きせつ mean? _____

4) What is the meaning of the following kanji? In what seasons would you see them?

梅

桜

Meaning : _____

What season? : _____

5) What is ^{はなみ}花見? When do Japanese people do ^{はなみ}花見? What do the two *kanji* mean?

6) What is ^{つきみ}月見? When do Japanese people do ^{つきみ}月見? What do the two *kanji* mean?

7) What is こうよう (紅葉)? When do Japanese people do こうよう (紅葉)?

SPRING 春

16 August - 22 September 2003

The following questions relate to the spring and summer section of the exhibition. The catalogue numbers that correspond to each piece of art are given in brackets.

1) ^{〇〇なに} ^み何が見えますか。(2) _____

2) Which months can you identify? Write them in Japanese and English. (3)

3)



Look at these screens from right to left. The pine tree is evergreen and lives for a long time, so it is a symbol of long life. The Japanese word for pine is まつ (松). The pronunciation of “pine” (まつ) is the same as the verb “to wait” (まつ) and this word play is often used in poetry.

The pine on the right is a young tree, and there are small flowers symbolising spring. Flower is はな(花).

On its left is a pine with a thick trunk indicating maturity, and the cool stream indicates summer. River is かわ(川).

The next pine with autumn-coloured ivy around its trunk suggests autumn. Autumn leaves are こうよう(紅葉).

The pine on the far left has a bent trunk and drooping top with snow on it, indicating winter. Snow is ゆき(雪).

a. Look at the colours of the screen, and write in English the part of the screen they represent.

Red	あか (赤)	_____
Green	みどり (緑)	_____
Brown	ちゃいろ (茶色)	_____
Gold	きんいろ (金色)	_____
White	しろ (白)	_____
Blue	あお (青)	_____

b. Draw lines connecting the objects and colours to the season they best describe.

春 (はる)	川 (かわ)
	雪 (ゆき)
夏 (なつ)	花 (はな)
	紅葉 (こうよう)
秋 (あき)	白 (しろ)
	赤 (あか)
冬 (ふゆ)	茶色 (ちゃいろ)

4) What does the scene depict? (12)

5) Look at the picture and match the months on the left to the corresponding activities on the right. (15)

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|----|---|---|---|
| 一月 | ・ | ・ | <u>お風呂</u> に入っています。 |
| 二月 | ・ | ・ | <u>しゃみせん</u> をれんしゅうしています。 |
| 三月 | ・ | ・ | <u>きんぎょすくい</u> をしています。 |
| 四月 | ・ | ・ | <u>かるた</u> をしています。 |
| 五月 | ・ | ・ | ^{うち} _{まえ} 家の前に立っています。 |
| 六月 | ・ | ・ | ^{はなみ} 花見をしています。 |

Vocabulary	お風呂 - Japanese bath
	しゃみせん - <i>shamisen</i> (Japanese musical instrument)
	きんぎょすくい - scooping up goldfish
	かるた - New Year's card game

6) What is the Japanese work for monkey?

How many monkeys can you see? Write in *kanji*.



SUMMER 夏

7) What can you see on the ふうすま?
Write in English. (31)



8) What is the name of this festival? (32)

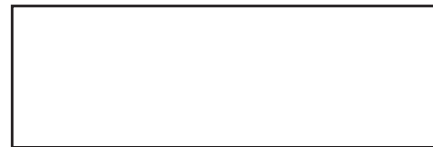
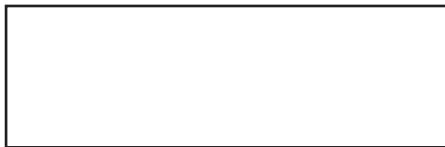


9) This flower is called あじさい in Japanese.
Do you know its English name? (34)



10) これは何ですか。Write in English. (36)

What are the two designs? Draw the patterns in the boxes provided and write what they represent in the spaces below.



11) Circle the correct response. (37)

男です／女です

^た立っています／すわっています

^{きもの} ^き着物を着ています／^きようふくを着ています



12)



What is *tanabata*? (40)

When is it held? _____

What is the girl doing? Why?

13) What is at the top of the きもの? (42)

How many are there? _____

What is the main color of this きもの?

Write in Japanese. _____



15) せんすはいくつありますか。

日本語で書いてください。 _____

せんす - folding fan



16) What was your favourite piece in the exhibition? Why did you like it?

AUTUMN 秋

27 September - 26 October 2003

The following questions relate to the autumn and winter displays of the exhibition. The catalogue numbers that correspond to each piece of art are given in brackets.

1) a. What are persimmons? (50) Circle the correct answer :

やさい	くだもの	どうぶつ	のみもの
(vegetable)	(fruit)	(animal)	(drink)

Note : The Japanese word for persimmons is かき . They are available at your local supermarket or green grocers when they are in season.

b. How many qualis can you see? Write in *kanji* _____

2) The counter for thin flat things in Japanese such as paper and leaves is まい . For example, one piece of paper is 一まい .

How many leaves can you see on this vase?
Write in Japanese. (51) _____



3) a. What type of leaves are in the picture? (52)

b. What colours can you see? Write in Japanese.



4) a. What do the colours in the *kimono* reflect? (54)

b. What pictures are used on the design?



5) 何が見えますか。 Put a tick next to each thing that is visible. (55)

- a. 月 (つき) moon _____
- b. 太陽 (たいよう) sun _____
- c. さる monkeys _____
- d. 桜 (さくら) cherryblossoms _____
- e. かえで maple _____
- f. 栗 (くり) chestnuts _____
- g. 松 (まつ) pine _____



6) What is happening in the pictures representing the following months? (15)

- 七月 _____
- 八月 _____
- 九月 _____
- 十月 _____
- 十一月 _____
- 十二月 _____

7) What does this picture show? (57)



7) これは何ですか。

What are mayflies?



8) 木は何本ありますか。

Circle the correct answer. (65)

- 十一本
- 十本
- 九本
- 八本



9) 天気はどうですか。(66)



WINTER 冬

10) What is the Japanese word for birds?
Circle the correct response. (69)

- とら
- とり
- うし
- いぬ



b. The counter for birds is わ. For example, one bird is 一わ (いちわ).
How many birds can you see? Write in Japanese. _____

11) a. What is the design on this dish? Circle the correct response. (71)

雨
雪
雲
花

- (rain)
- (snow)
- (cloud)
- (flower)



b. What colours can you see? Write in Japanese. _____

12) How many of each of the following can you see? Write in *kanji*. (74)

- さる monkey _____
- しか deer _____
- いのしし boar _____
- すずめ sparrow _____



13) a. Choose a title for this picture. (76)

b. Write Santa Claus in *hiragana*.



14) What was your favourite piece in the exhibition? Why did you like it?
