

Learning English Through Japan

Setogawa Canal – Hida Furukawa

Focus: Grammar and Reading (Be – Present and Past Simple), Speaking (Discussion).

PART 1 - Reading

1) Complete the text below using the correct form and tense of the Be verb.

I am visiting a town called Hida-Furukawa. It _____ Winter now.

I am walking along the Setogawa Canal, but look at the photos, there _____ (not) any carps to see, there _____ only some leaves...



Usually, there _____ beautiful carps in the canal, but a person told me that the carps _____ relocated to a warm pond every Winter. Last week, there _____ still some carps to see here, but I didn't make it in time, unfortunately.

Anyway, the place _____ still very interesting!

The water _____ very clean and the houses and temples here _____ stunning.

2) Discuss the following questions:

- What is a carp?
- In which seasons are there carps in the Setogawa Canal?
- What do you do when a place is different than what you expected?

PART 2 - Grammar

2) Complete the table below with the correct form and tense of the Be verb.

Present Simple			Past Simple		
I		a student.	I		just a freshman 1 year ago.
He		a great teacher.	He		a great teacher. I miss him.
She		my best friend.	She		my best friend at university.
It		my favorite book.	It		my favorite book.
We		very late!	We		very late yesterday, so let's run today.
You		my hero.	You		my hero when I was a child.
They		my parents.	They		a great band, but they split up.

3) Complete the sentences with the correct form and tense of the Be verb.

- There _____ 2 pens on my table this morning.
- There _____ just one pen on my table today.
- 'There _____ some people fighting on the street. Let's call the police!'
- Yesterday, there _____ a new person moving to the apartment next door.
- There _____ two cats outside.
- _____ there any cars to see during Spring?
- Last summer, there _____ some cars to see.
- There _____ not cars in the canal this winter.
- _____ there some cars in the canal last winter?
- When I visited her last year, there _____ a bus stop across from her house. Maybe there _____ still a bus stop there...