



Extra Training

Reading Task 381

Read the text and mark the statements

True (1),

False (2),

Not Stated (3).

Dan: So Hannah, I'm planning my first trip to Japan, but I've never been there and I'm not sure what I should do. I know you just came back from a trip. Can you help me?

Hannah: Well, of course, Dan. First you should go to a national temple. It helps you feel real Japan. It gives you an idea about the heart of the country. And there are many famous temples all over the country.

Dan: Okay, that sounds really interesting. Anything else that I can try? How about for example, Japanese food?

Hannah: Well, Japanese food is very popular today. For example, fish dishes like sushi or sashimi, Japanese people love them. They also eat a lot of rice. They just love steamed rice with lots of vegetables. By the way, the Japanese eat very little meat, they prefer healthier food.

Dan: Yeah, especially because sushi is getting really, really popular everywhere now. So, I'm really looking forward to trying proper Japanese sushi. How about anything else, any like cultural experience or something that Japanese people do every day?

Hannah: Well, when I was there, one of my friends recommended that I should go and try something that's called "an Onsen".

Dan: "An Onsen"? It sounds like French.

Hannah: It's a hot spring, a big public bath where you can go. It's like a big swimming pool open to everybody. Well, it was a bit scary and strange but I really liked it.

Dan: Why do you say it's strange?

Hannah: Well, it was winter, you know. Quite sunny but chilly. But the water in the bath was so warm and pleasant. I didn't want to get out. Actually, I was very lucky with the weather. It never rained, there was just one cloudy and foggy day, and that's it.

Dan: Yeah. I hope it's sunny there now. Hannah, do you know any big celebrations or any big events that I can see in Japan?

Hannah: Well, in Japan there are many festivals. Fireworks are the symbol of Japan's summer, and fireworks festivals are held all over the country during the summer. The displays are absolutely amazing.

Dan: Oh, that sounds really interesting, especially because I'm going in summer. Is there anything I shouldn't do in Japan or that I should be really careful with?

Hannah: Well, Japan is a very quiet and a very polite country. So, you can't be too loud. And it's important to be polite to the older people.

Dan: Well yeah, I'm trying to keep that in mind. Thank you very much for the advice.

Hannah: You're welcome.

1. Visiting a temple helps to understand Japan.
2. Japanese food is different in European countries.
3. The Japanese like fried rice with meat.
4. People take "an Onsen" at their flats.
5. The water in "an Onsen" is not cold or chilly.
6. It is healthy to take "an Onsen" every day.
7. When Hanna was in Japan, the weather was good.
8. Fireworks festivals take place in winter.
9. You must show good manners in Japan.
10. Japanese children are very loud.