

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:

a) What is a carp?

b) In which seasons are there carps in the Setogawa Canal?

c) 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		
I		a student.
He		a great teacher.
She		my best friend.
It		my favorite book.
We		very late!
You		my hero.
They		my parents.

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

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

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