

Learning English Through Japan – Seasons in Shiroyone Senmaida

Focus: Vocabulary (Seasons, Prepositions of time), Grammar (Present Simple), Reading (Comprehension)

1) Complete the text below. Use the Present Simple tense of the verbs in brackets or drag the correct preposition from the box.

during	from	from	to	to
in	in	in	in	



Shiroyone Senmaida _____ (to be) a scenic hillside of tiered rice paddies.

Its beauty _____ (to change) dramatically with the seasons.

_____ January and February, _____ winter, white snow often _____ (to cover) the hillsides.

_____ the end of April _____ July, the sunset _____ (to reflect) on the water of the flooded rice paddies and this _____ (to create) an infinity pool effect with the sea as the backdrop.

_____ the summer, the fields _____ (to turn) a striking green before ripening to gold _____ August and September. _____ warmer months, some couples _____ (to perform) traditional wedding ceremonies at the rice terraces. By doing this, they _____ (to be) blessed by the Shinto kami of rice paddies.

_____ mid-October _____ mid-December, autumn _____ (to arrive), and the rice (to be) harvested, then the terraces _____ (to be) illuminated at night with 25,000 solar-powered, color-changing LED lights.

2) About the text, choose True or False.

Nobody marries at Senmaida.	True	False
Senmaida is considered an ugly scenery.	True	False
You can see the differences during the seasons in Senmaida.	True	False
If you get married at Senmaida, you get cursed.	True	False
Senmaida always looks the same.	True	False

3) Match the months, seasons and the picture.

Months	Season	Picture
March-May		
June-August		
September-November		
December-February		