

# THE REAL SAMURAI



## THE REAL SAMURAI IN COLORS

Look at the chart and follow the colors to create sentences. Put the words in order to find out the 5 messages of the story.

samurais	Akira	teacher	Fuyu
is	The	Reiko	warriors
Japan	and	are	are
Shoko	main	characters	takes place
story	the	the	in

1. ....

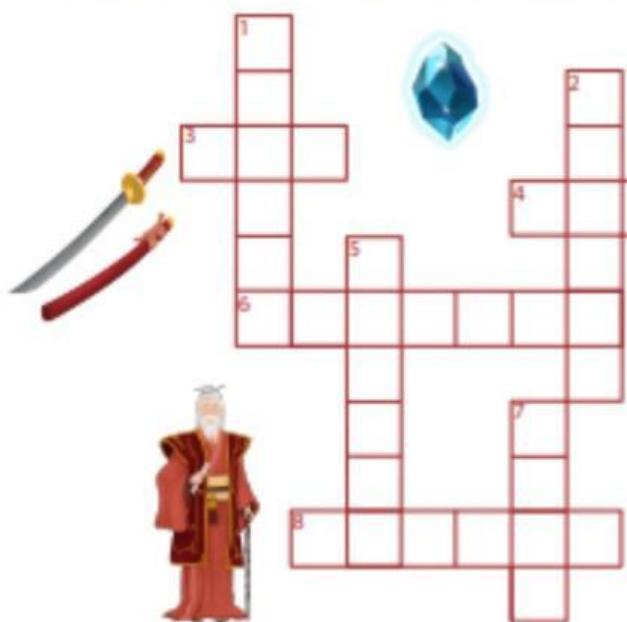
2. ....

3. ....

4. ....

## A SAMURAI CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Look at the pictures and complete the crossword puzzle with words from the story.



### ACROSS

- 3. bow
- 4. stone
- 6. reunion
- 8. leader

### DOWN

- 1. flower
- 2. katana
- 5. puzzle
- 7. tree

## THE PLOT

In the garden of a picturesque Japanese temple, the fate of the country hangs in the balance. The great Samurai is about to choose a new leader. Tension builds up as Reiko, the son of the family, gets ready to occupy this important position. Akira, the youngest daughter, however, argues her older sister, Shoko, should be the rightful successor. In order to make a fair decision, their father agrees to bring in Master Fuyu, an experienced instructor who will guide Reiko and Shoko in finding the most suitable person for the position.

Before leaving, the father gives a precious item to each of his children. Shoko receives a sacred flower, symbolizing purity and beauty. Reiko receives a precious stone, representing strength and resilience. Akira receives a gong, signifying the need for harmony and balance. Each item carries a unique meaning and sets the stage for the challenges that lie ahead.

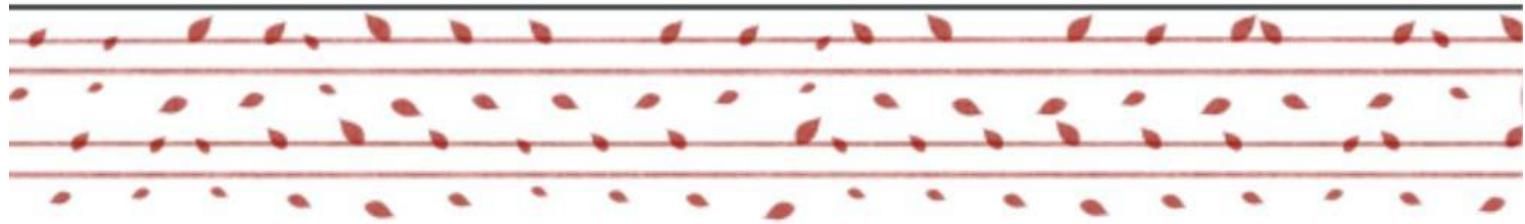
As their father leaves on a mission, the siblings embark on a journey of self-discovery and face the challenges presented to them by Master Fuyu.

The journey begins under the guidance of Master Fuyu. The siblings embrace all the physical, mental, and spiritual challenges they encounter. They push their bodies to the limit, honing their physical abilities through hard work and martial arts. They engage in intellectual exercises, sharpening their minds and learning the intricate strategies of a true Samurai. In addition to this, they delve into the depths of their souls, connecting with their inner selves to find their purpose.

During these difficult tests, Akira finds solace in her deep connection with the wise Sakura tree. Every day, Akira shares her dreams and experiences with the tree, seeking its wisdom and guidance. Through this bond, the Sakura imparts messages that only Akira can interpret, broadening her understanding of the path she must follow.

Will Reiko and Shoko's transformative journey allow them to find the true Samurai?

The answer lies in the culmination of their efforts, their growth, and their commitment to the path of the Samurai.



## A MIXED-UP STORY

Look at the pictures and complete the paragraphs with the words from the box.

FATHER - SPEECH - TREE - LEADER - FLOWER - MIND - OLDER - GONG - WISHES

Then, put the story in the correct order.

	Akira's father announces he must leave. Before leaving, he gives each of his kids a precious object: a <b>sacred</b> _____ to Shoko, a <b>precious stone</b> to Reiko and a _____ to Akira.
	Akira talks to her dearest friend: the Sakura _____. She retells all the fantastic stories of her day and makes the most wonderful _____.
	Fuyu teaches Reiko and Shoko to build a strong body, _____ and soul to become the next _____ of the town.
	People are waiting for the Samurai's _____. It is an important day: The real Samurai will be announced.
	Akira complains to her _____. She believes Reiko shouldn't become the next Samurai; rather her _____ sister Shoko should become the next Samurai.