

Learning English Through Japan – Japanese Festivals

Focus: Vocabulary (Dates, Months, Ordinal Numbers), Listening (for Detail, Comprehension).

Study material: Woodward English

PART 1 - Vocabulary 1

1) Drag the months to the correct spaces.

November	July	May	February
April	January	December	August
June	October	September	March

Year: _____		
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12

2) Listen and drag the numbers to the correct spaces.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th
25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st	Bonus!

3) Match the dates.

a July fourth	
b the twenty-fifth of December	
c the seventh of April	
d August tenth	
e the eighth of September	

07/04
08/09
07/04
10/08
12/25

4) Match the years.

a 1928		
b 1800		
c 2003		
d 2022		
e 1907		

eighteen	and three
twenty	nineteen
twenty	oh seven
twenty-eight	hundred
twenty-two	nineteen

5) Listen and match the dates.

07/03/1990	03/07/1990	13/11/1992
	14/01/1998	31/12/2020

				

PART 2 - Vocabulary 2

6) Say the months to complete the calendar below.

Year: _____					
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12

7) Write the ordinal numbers below.

1 st		10 th		14 th	
23 rd		19 th		3 rd	
8 th		25 th		21 st	
15 th		2 nd		6 th	
26 th		13 th		24 th	
7 th		31 st		18 th	
5 th		11 th		20 th	
9 th		27 th		28 th	
22 nd		30 th		12 th	
17 th		4 th		16 th	
29 th					

8) Write 5 dates using:

	Only numbers	Only letters
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

PART 3 - Listening

1) Watch the video below and complete the table with the correct information and drag the dates to the correct festivals.

February	July	May
25/01 to 08/02		3 rd weekend of May

Nagasaki Lantern Festival	- starts every _____ - it lasts _____ - the decoration is _____ and _____ - in _____ became official annual event
date	
Sapporo Ice/Snow Festival	- people build _____ sculptures - started by _____ local high school kids - there is _____, _____ and light-up _____
date	
Tokyo's Kanda Festival	- one of the _____ festivals in Tokyo - it is for wishing _____ and _____ to the Japanese people - the main parade carries _____ portable shrines
date	
Tokyo's Sanja Festival	- it lasts _____ days - it's one of the _____ and _____ Tokyo's Festival
date	
Kyoto's Gion Festival	- it lasts _____ month - it's one of the _____ and _____ festival - it dates back to _____ - it started because of a _____
date	

10) Discuss the following questions.

a) What is your favorite festival from the video?

b) Are there any festivals in your city/country? Talk about them.