

Learning English Through Japan – Mitsukejima Island

Focus: Reading (Comprehension), Pronunciation (Silent Letters).

PART 1 - Reading

1) Watch the video below reading the information and choose True or False.

A - Mitsukejima Island is known as Battleship Island because...

- a) There were many battles in the it.
- b) It looks like a battleship.
- c) Its shape looks like a giant triangle.

B - Locals didn't install a stone bridge to walk to the island.

- a) This statement is true.
- b) This statement is false.

C - It is possible to swim around the island during the whole year.

- a) This statement is true.
- b) This statement is false.

D - Visitors can't watch the sun rising over the island.

- a) This statement is true.
- b) This statement is false.

PART 2 - Pronunciation

2) In English, there are letters called 'silent'. The silent letter is a letter that, in a particular word, does not correspond to any sound in the word's pronunciation. In the word 'island', for example, the 's' is a silent letter.

Read the words/expressions below (click on the microphone to record your answers) and check the words with silent letters.

1	island	
3	government	
5	stand	
7	I know	
9	visitors	
11	autumn	
13	psalm	
15	kiss	
17	hotel	
19	our	
21	listen	
23	whole day	

2	night	
4	King Knight	
6	hand	
8	handsome	
10	romantically	
12	romantic	
14	pure	
16	knife	
18	honest	
20	one hour	
22	castle	
24	world	

3) Do you know other words with silent letters?

