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JAPAN



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Welcome!

This Travel Workbook is all about Japan. You'll learn about Japanese geography, some history and plenty more. Just follow the instructions below to complete the Workbook and find the final answer!

1.

On the next page is an Answer Grid. Each line has a number which tells you which activity you need to do in order to find the answer.

2.

Do each activity puzzle. **The answer that has a red star is the answer that goes into the Answer Grid.**

If you don't know the answer, that's OK - you can research it! ask your parents, check on the Internet or ring your grandparents and ask them.

3.

When you've solved all the puzzles, from number 1 all the way to number 7, then the secret word is shown in the blue boxes.

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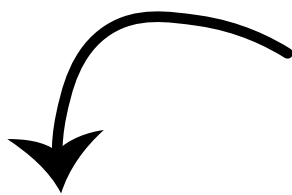
Share your answer with us or your parents. They'll tell us and we will make sure you get the next Travel Workbook.

email your answer to info@deliberatetravel.com

The Answer Grid

This is where you fill in all the answers from the activity sheets. Number 1 is the answer for Activity 1 and so on. At the end, when you've filled everything in, you can read the letters in pink, downwards. This is the final answer! Tell the answer to your parents and they'll make sure to tell us.

Read this
way for the
final answer



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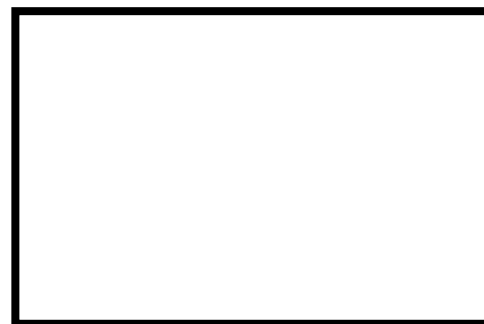
The final answer is: _____

Have you ever heard of this before? If not, look it up on Google and find some pictures!

1. First Questions

There are lots of interesting things to learn about Japan! Answer the questions on this page by doing a bit of research - ask your parents, or look on the Internet to find the answers!

The flag of Japan is white and red.
Can you find what it looks like and draw it?



How many people live in Japan? _____

What language do they speak in Japan? _____

What is the capital city of Japan? _____ ★

In Japan, they do some different sports. Can you find the name of a Japanese sport? _____

In Japan they do lots of things differently. One famous sport is Sumo Wrestling, where large men try to knock each other over in order to win. You can watch a video about Sumo here:

[WATCH SUMO](#)

In Japan the art of folding paper into beautiful shapes is popular. This is called Origami. You can learn some Origami here:

[LEARN ORIGAMI](#)

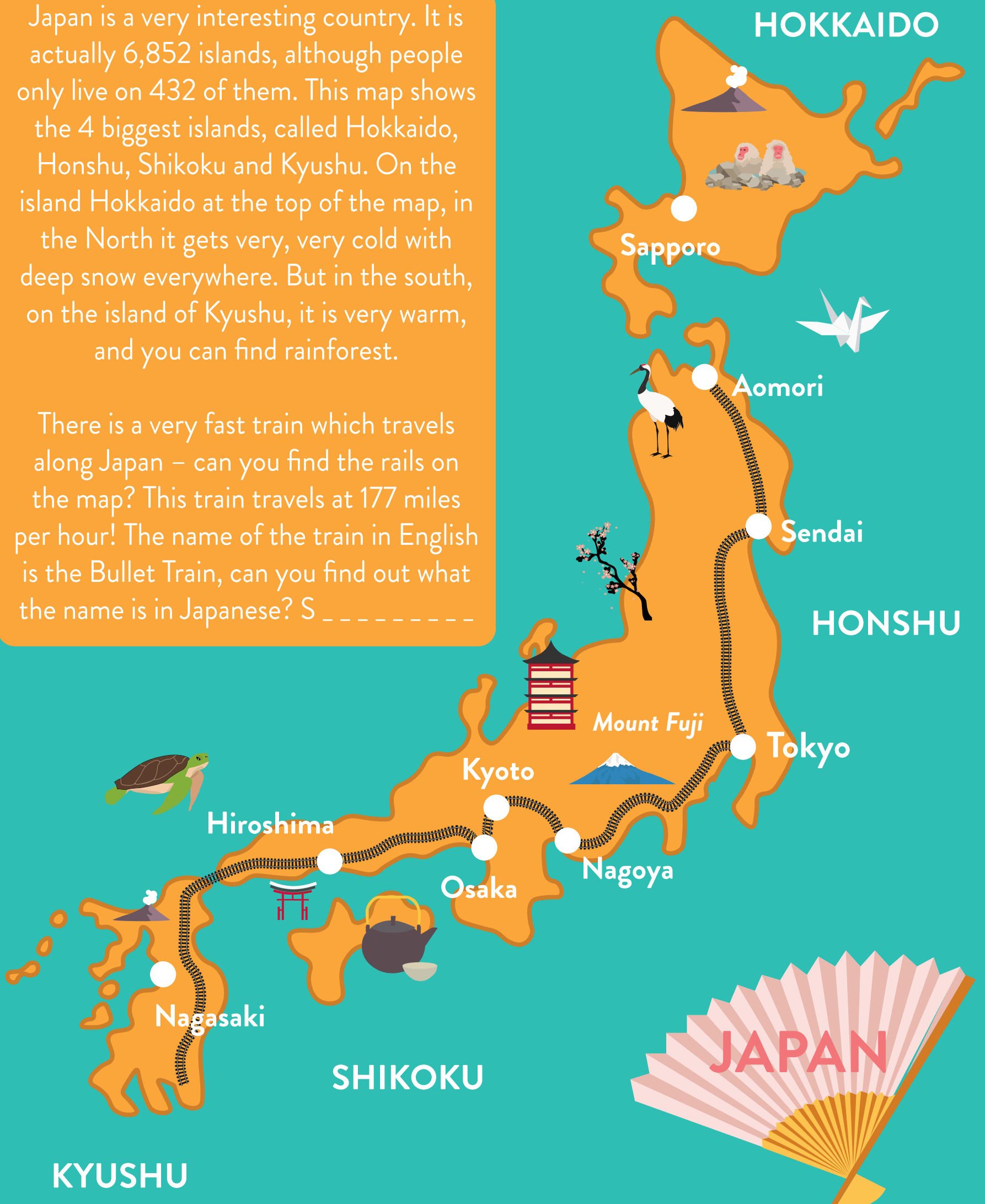
Some women in Japan dress up in a special way. They are called Geisha or Maiko. They paint their faces very white with red lipstick and wear traditional costumes called Kimono. You can see some Geisha here:

[SEE GEISHA](#)

2. A map of Japan

Japan is a very interesting country. It is actually 6,852 islands, although people only live on 432 of them. This map shows the 4 biggest islands, called Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu. On the island Hokkaido at the top of the map, in the North it gets very, very cold with deep snow everywhere. But in the south, on the island of Kyushu, it is very warm, and you can find rainforest.

There is a very fast train which travels along Japan – can you find the rails on the map? This train travels at 177 miles per hour! The name of the train in English is the Bullet Train, can you find out what the name is in Japanese? S _ _ _ _ _



3a. Momotaro Wordsearch

The story of Momotaro is a very famous children’s story in Japan. Momotaro was a young boy who went on many adventures to defeat monsters. The words in the wordsearch all come from the story on the next page.

Try to find the words in the wordsearch below. The word that isn’t in the wordsearch is the answer to this activity sheet.

Island

Ogres

Village

Boy

Knife

Peach

Stream

Clothes

Wife

Momotaro

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T	R	E	A	S	U	R	E	S	B	S	D	T	H	J	I	K	A	S

Parents

Dumplings

Spirits

Journey

Dog

Pheasant


Monkey

Defeated

Promised

Treasures

Animals

The answer is: _ _ _ _ _ 

3b. The story of Momotaro

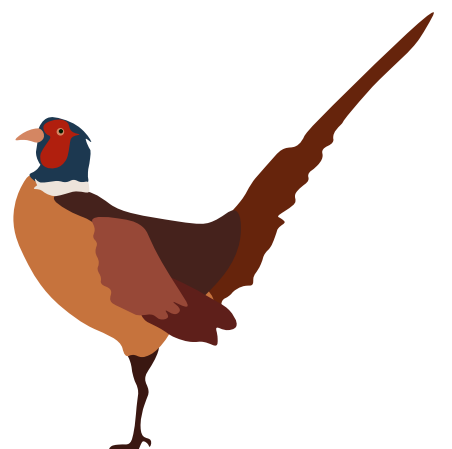
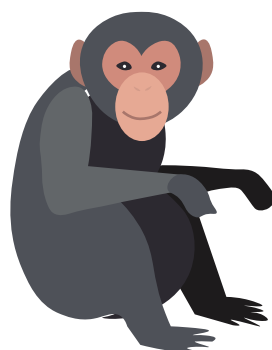
A long, long time ago somewhere in Japan an old man and his **wife** lived alone. Every day the wife washed clothes in a nearby stream. One day an enormous peach came bobbing downstream. The wife picked it up and took it home.

When she got home she opened the peach with a knife to eat it, but when the peach split in two a little boy jumped out. They called him Momotaro (momo means peach; Taro is a common Japanese boys' name) and brought him up as their own son.

Momotaro grew up to be the strongest in the village. One day Momotaro heard about the ogres on Ogres Island who scared the people who lived nearby and decided to stop them. His parents prepared some millet dumplings for Momotaro to eat on his journey.

Momotaro set off in high spirits and on his way he met three animals that all decided to join him after he gave them one of his dumplings. These animals were a dog, a pheasant and monkey.

The party defeated the ogres because the dumplings had made them super strong. The leader of the ogres cried and promised to never trouble human beings again, and to return all the treasures they had ever taken from his village. Momotaro and the animals then returned back to the village with all the treasures.



4. Animals and their meaning

In Japan, animals are very important. Different animals have different meanings for Japanese people. For example, some animals are very lucky, while some others will bring you power or success if you see them. Can you match the Japanese names and their description with the right animals? This one is a bit more difficult for younger kids, so ask your parents to help if you find it difficult.

TSURU

In Japan they believe that these creatures mean good luck and a long life. This is because these birds are rumoured to live over 1,000 years (although that's not really true).

KOI

These creatures represent keeping going and working hard. This is because they often have to swim upstream for a long time, showing how strong they are.

CHOHO

In Japan, they believe that this insect flutters around, carrying the souls of our loved ones. This is because they can fly high in the sky and are very beautiful and colourful.

TATSU

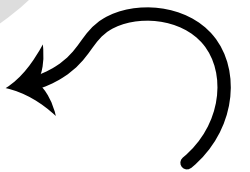
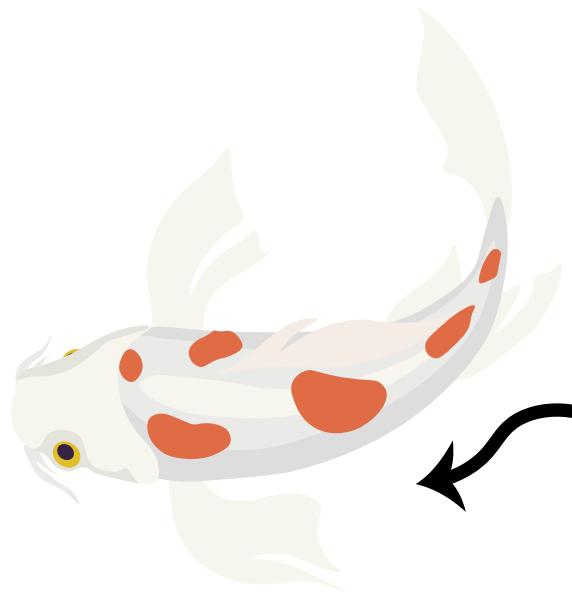
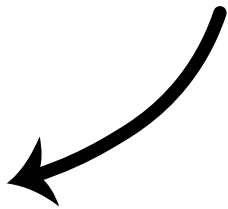
This creature doesn't really exist but lots of Japanese people believe in it anyway. It means power and success.

KAME

This creature means wisdom in Japan. They are seen as very wise because they swim slowly through the sea and live for a very long time.

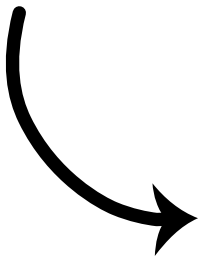
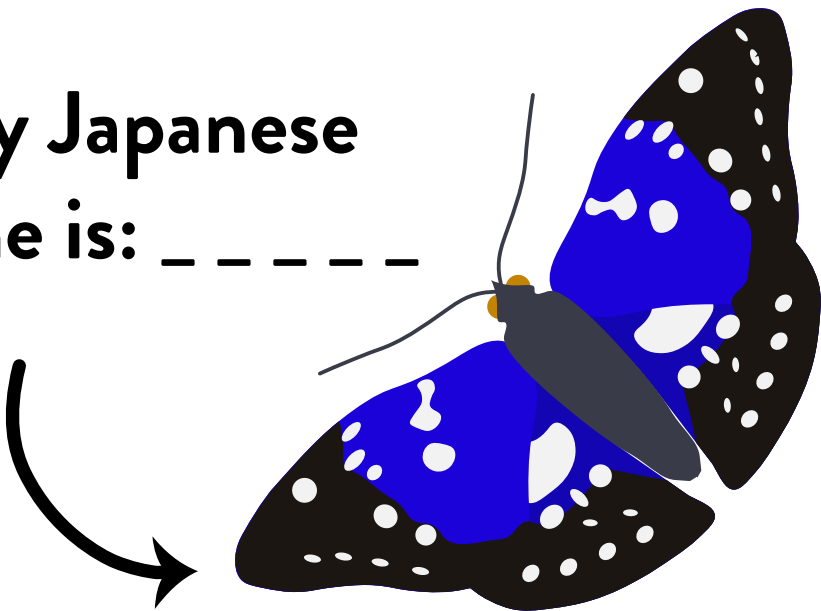


My Japanese name is:

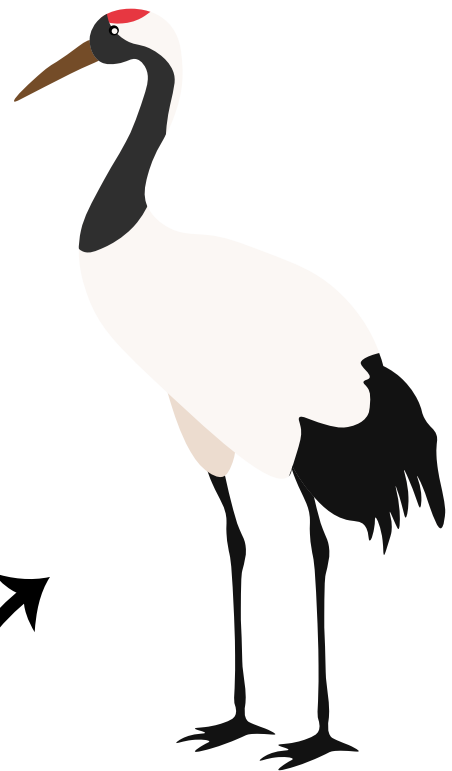
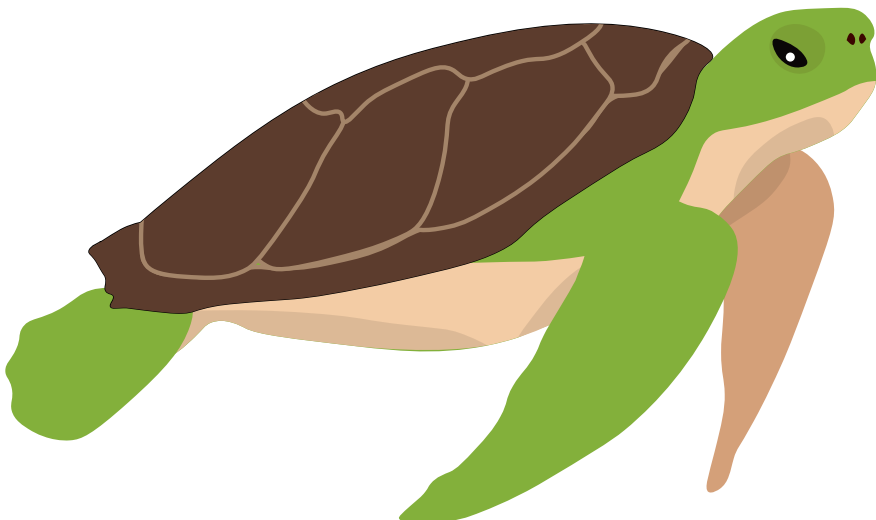
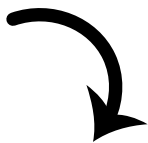


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5. Time to eat sushi!

Sushi is a famous Japanese food. It is made from rice and raw fish. The Japanese eat lots of fish because the country is surrounded by sea. Sometimes sushi has seaweed wrapped around the rice and fish in a circle. Sushi is often eaten with a brown sauce called soy sauce.

Can you spot 6 differences between the two pictures of sushi?

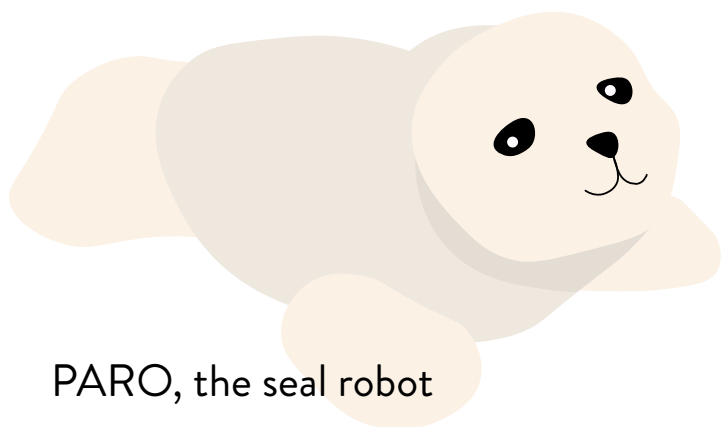


The seaweed that is used in sushi has a special name. Can you find out what it is? _ _ _ _ ★

6. Robots in Japan

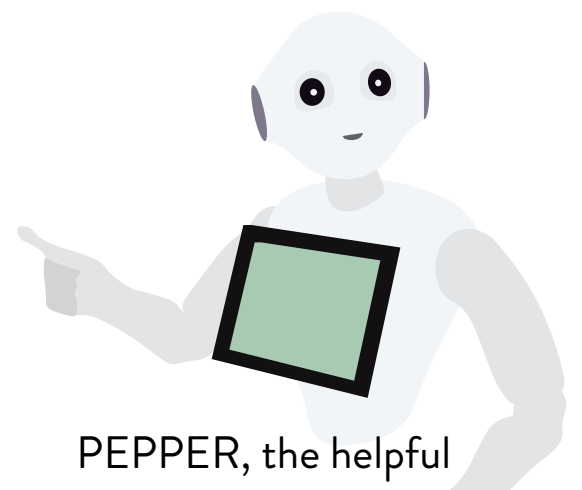
People in Japan love robots! They build lots of them to do lots of different jobs. It is very normal in Japanese cities to see robots. Here are 5 different types of robot - can you match the robot to the job they do?

The answer for this page is the name of the robot which has the job with the star beside it: _ _ _ _



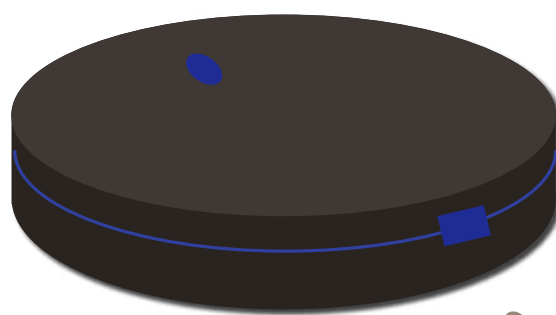
PARO, the seal robot

"I can climb stairs and push things"



PEPPER, the helpful robot

"I bring drinks to the table"

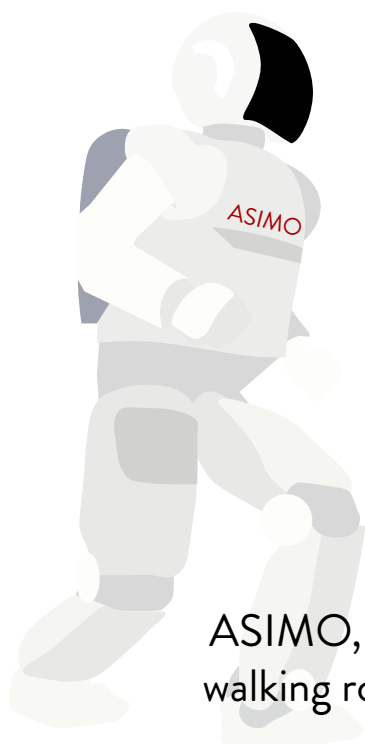


"I clean the floor when it gets dirty"

not all robots look like humans - some look like other things but they're still robots!

ROBOVAC, the cleaning robot

"I give directions to people who are lost"



ASIMO, the walking robot

"I give old people cuddles and love"



ORIHIME-D, the waiter robot

Congratulations!
You've finished all the
activity sheets.

Tell your parents the answer you've found and tell them to let us know.
We'll make sure you get the next edition of Deliberate Travel Kids