

Lesson 12



Reading 12-A

冬休みに、よしえさんは家族で初めて北海道へ行きました。りよかんにとまって、雪まつりを見に行ったり、雪遊びをしたりしました。さつぼろの雪まつりには、雪像がたくさんありました。が、よしえさんは、「雨の中のトロ」の雪像が一番好きでした。よしえさんはスノーモービルを運転したかったのですが、まだ十五才なのでスノーモービルを運転することができませんでした。でも、お父さんが運転して、よしえさんを後ろに乗せてくれました。東京に帰ると、雨が降りました。寒いのに、雨ばかりで雪は全然ふりませんでした。

雪像

snow sculpture

Fuyu yasumi ni, Yoshie san wa kazoku de hajimete hokkaidō e ikimashita. Ryokan ni tomatte, yuki matsuri o mi ni ittari, yuki asobi o shitari shimashita. Sapporo no yuki matsuri niwa, setsuzō ga takusan arimashita ga, Yoshie san wa, “ame no naka no totoro” no setsuzō ga ichiban suki deshita. Yoshie san wa sunōmōbiru o unten shitakatta desu ga, mada jūgosai na node sunōmōbiru o unten suru koto ga dekimasen deshita. Demo, otōsan ga unten shite, Yoshie san o ushiro ni nosete kuremashita. Tōkyō ni kaeru to, ame ga furimashita. Samui noni, ame bakari de yuki wa zenzen furimasen deshita.

Questions 12-A

- How many times had Yoshie been to Hokkaido before?
(A. she had been to Hokkaido many times, B. she had been to Hokkaido twice before, C. she had been to Hokkaido once before, D. she had never been to Hokkaido before)
- Which snow sculpture was Yoshie’s favorite?
(A. Totoro standing in the snow, B. Totoro standing with the Cat Bus, C. Totoro standing with other characters, D. Totoro standing in the rain)
- Why wasn’t Yoshie able to drive the snowmobile?
(A. she was not old enough, B. there was not enough snow, C. it was snowing too much, D. the snowmobile was broken)
- How was the weather in Tokyo when Yoshie’s family returned home?
(A. it was snowing, B. it was cloudy, C. it was rainy, D. it was clear)



Reading 12-B

今年の9月のおわりに、大きな台風が来ました。のりおさんの家族はみんな家に帰って来ていて、晩ごはんを食べるところでした。あっという間に、町中の電気が消えてしまいました。でも、のりおさんの家には運良く、かい中電灯と電池があったので、それで部屋を明るくして、ご飯を食べました。のりおさんは、台風の夜にかい中電灯を使って夕食を食べるのは少し変だと思いました。食べ終わった後に、電気がつきました。

かい中電灯 ちゅうでんとう flashlight

変 へん strange, weird

Kotoshi no kugatsu no owari ni, ōkina taifū ga kimashita. Norio san no kazoku wa minna ie ni kaette kite ite, bangohan o taberu tokoro deshita. Attoiu ma ni, machijū no denki ga kiete shimai mashita. Demo, Norio san no ie niwa unyoku, kaichūdentō to denchi ga atta node, sore de heya o akaruku shite, gohan o tabemashita. Norio san wa, taifū no yoru ni kaichūdentō o tsukatte yūshoku o taberu no wa sukoshi hen da to omoimashita. Tabe owatta atoni, dengi ga tsukimashita.

Questions 12-B

- Where were the people in Norio's family when the power went out?
(A. no one in Norio's family was home, B. Norio was the only one home, C. everyone in Norio's family was home except Norio, D. everyone in Norio's family was home)
- Where did the power outage occur?
(A. throughout Norio's house, B. throughout Norio's neighborhood, C. throughout Norio's neighborhood, but not at Norio's house, D. throughout the city)
- What did Norio feel lucky about?
(A. that Norio's neighbors had flashlights and batteries, B. that Norio's family had flashlights and batteries, C. that the lights did not go out at Norio's neighbors' houses, D. that the lights did not go out at Norio's house)
- When did the power come back on?
(A. before dinner, B. during dinner, C. after dinner, D. just before they went to bed)



Reading 12-C

りませんでした。
 に注意しなければな
 をのぼる時は、足元
 もっていたので、坂
 た。雪がたくさん積
 が、いいお天気でし
 した。寒い日でした
 くの公園に出かけま
 行くのはやめて、近
 いと言ったので山へ
 が、友だちがあぶな
 きなので喜びました
 んは元々、雪が大好
 りました。まゆみさ
 その日の朝、雪がふ
 約束をしていました。
 日に友達と山へ行く
 まゆみさんは、元

やくそく

約束

promise, appointment

よろこ

喜ぶ

be glad, happy

Mayumi san wa, ganjitsu ni tomodachi to yama e iku yakusoku o shite imashita. Sono hi no asa, yuki ga furimashita. Mayumi san wa motomoto yuki ga daisuki na node, yorokobimashita ga, tomodachi ga abunai to itta node yama e iku no wa yamete, chikaku no kōen ni dekakemashita. Samui hi deshita ga, ii o tenki deshita. Yuki ga takusan tumotte ita node, saka o noboru toki wa, ashimoto ni chūi shinakereba narimasen deshita.

Questions 12-C

- Where did Mayumi and her friends want to go on New Year's Day?
(A. to a nearby town, B. to the mountains, C. to the city, C. to the countryside)
- Why did they have to change their plans?
(A. because they could not find enough sleds, B. because one of her friends was not feeling well, C. because Mayumi had to work, D. because there was too much snow)
- How was the weather?
(A. clear and cold, B. cloudy and cold, C. rainy and cold, D. snowy and cold)
- What happened when climbing the hill?
(A. Mayumi's friend slipped and fell, B. Mayumi and her friends had to be careful, C. Mayumi slipped and fell, C. Mayumi's friend was not careful)



Reading 12-D

ゆうたさんは、学校でとても人気があります。だれにでも気がるに声をかけ、いつもにこにこしているからです。昨日、ゆうたさんは、病気で学校を休みました。友達は、ゆうたさんが休んだのに気付いていました。

今日、学校にもどって来たら、「昨日、どうしたの?」ときかれました。「早く元気になってね」とみんなに言われ、ゆうたさんは、うれしかったようです。

声をかける to greet, call out to someone

気がるに casually

Yūta san wa, gakkō de totemo ninki ga arimasu. Dare ni demo kigaru ni koe o kake, itsumo nikoniko shite iru kara desu. Kinō, Yūta san wa, byōki de gakkō o yasumimashita. Tomodachi wa, Yūta san ga yasunda no ni kizuite imashita. Kyō, gakkō ni modotte kitara, “kinō, dōshitano?” to kikaremashita. “Hayaku genki ni natte ne” to minna ni iware, Yūta san wa, ureshikatta yō desu.

Questions 12-D

1. Why is Yūta very popular at school?

(A. because he talks to everyone, and he always has a smile, B. because he always has a smile, and he plays football well, C. because he plays football well, and he is good looking, D. because he is good looking, and he talks to everyone)

2. What happened when Yūta missed school?

(A. his friends did not notice, B. his friends noticed, C. his friends called him at home, D. his friends visited him at home)

3. What did Yūta's friends say to him?

(A. they told him to get well, B. they told him to stay at home until he feels better, C. they told him to take his medicine, D. they told him to get plenty of sleep)

4. What does Yūta probably think about his friends?

(A. they give too much advice, B. they are popular students, C. they have much medical knowledge, D. they are good friends)