

Almost as Beautiful as a Cherry Tree

1. 大意をつかむ

★質問★ アメリカから日本に贈られた花に関係する自分物はだれですか。

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What is almost as beautiful as a cherry tree in the spring? You can see this tree in Japan as well as in the U.S. Many people know that Tokyo gave cherry trees to the U.S. more than 100 years ago, but did you know that the U.S. gave Japan other trees in return? The American trees are called "flowering dogwoods" in English, or "hanamizuki" in Japanese. They are a symbol of spring in the eastern part of the U.S. In the last 30 years or so, Nagoya has planted dogwoods along its streets. They are at their most beautiful right now. I feel lucky to be able to go dogwood-viewing near home.

2. 細部まで読み取る

① What is almost as beautiful as a cherry tree in the spring?

② ①の桜とほぼ同様に美しいものは2か国で見られるようです。

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③ 100年前にあった2国間の交流は？

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④ 桜とほぼ同様に美しい木の名前は？

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⑤ ④の木はアメリカ東部では、どんな意味がありますか。

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⑥ 30年前、名古屋で始まり今現在も続いていることは？

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⑦ ちょうど今見ごろのようです。

They are at their most beautiful right now.

⑧ 筆者のジャレルさんはどんな思いでハナミズキを眺めているのでしょうか。

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3. 学習する学年と教科書の該当ページ（表示がないのは1年生）

① 2年 p.107) 比較表現

What is almost as beautiful as a cherry tree in the spring?

② A as well as B : B 同様に A も

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④ 3年 p.7) 受け身

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"hanamizuki" in Japanese.

⑥ 3年 p.23) 現在完了形

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⑧ 3年 p.41) 不定詞

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