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Momotaro

A Japanese Folk Tale



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A Look at the picture and answer the questions.



- 1 What is the title of this book?
The title of this book is _____.
- 2 Where does this story come from?
This story comes from _____.
- 3 What do you see on the cover illustration? Circle the correct words.
I see a boy with a bird, a monkey, and a dog. He seems to be (strong / shy) and (nervous / brave).
- 4 What do you think will happen in the story?
I think _____.

B Read and write.

1 Who is your favorite hero?

My favorite hero is _____
_____.

2 Why is he or she a hero?

(He / She) is a hero because _____
_____.

C Draw your hero.



Words to Learn

During Reading

A Find the word for each picture. Then write the words.

dumpling
strength

demon
peach

smart
hero

1



2



3



4



5



6



B Unscramble the words.

1 paceh → _____

2 samrt → _____

3 hoer → _____

4 moden → _____

C Fill in the blanks.

prepare join journey sniff frightening shout

- 1 Momotaro _____d to leave.
- 2 The leader of the demons was _____.
- 3 The dog _____ed Momotaro's bag.
- 4 "How dare you come here!" _____ed Ankadoji.
- 5 "I will _____ you," said the monkey.
- 6 Momotaro continued his _____ with his new friend.

Comprehension

During Reading

A Look and circle (○) True or False.

1



The old woman found a fresh peach in the river.

True

False

2



The old woman gave Momotaro a duckling.

True

False

3



The three animals joined Momotaro after they ate a dumpling.

True

False

4



Momotaro said that he would climb over the wall of the demons' castle.

True

False

B Circle the correct answer.



- 1 What does the name Momotaro mean?
- a. peach boy
 - b. boy hero



- 2 Which words best describe Momotaro?
- a. strong and brave
 - b. tough and frightening



- 3 Why did Momotaro fight the demons?
- a. To bring the people's money back
 - b. To take over their castle



- 4 What happened when Momotaro returned home?
- a. Everyone was happy to see him.
 - b. Everyone was jealous of his success.

A Read and unscramble the sentences.

1 (after dinner / We / this peach / can have / .)

2 (very good / They / him / took / care of / .)

3 (always / our / take / The demons / money / .)

4 (stop / Are / the demons / going to / you / ?)

5 (the people / again / I / steal from / won't / .)

6 (him / Everyone / happy / was / to see / .)

A Check the correct answer. Then write using the options.

Main Character(s)

- Mototaro Ankadoji
 young couple

Setting(s)

- small town the stream
 the demons' castle

First

Second

Third

Options

- a The old woman picked up a peach from the river.
- b He met a monkey, a dog and a bird on his way and the animals joined him.
- c When Momotaro grew up he decided to go on a journey to stop the demons from taking people's money.
- d Momotaro returned home with the stolen money and the people welcomed him.
- e A small boy came out of the peach. Her husband named him Momotaro.
- f Momotaro and his animal friends fought the demons and beat them.

Review Quiz

After Reading

A Circle the best answer.

- 1 Momotaro was a (hero / pro).
- 2 The old woman saw a fresh (pear / peach) in the water.
- 3 Momotaro grew up strong and (stupid / smart).
- 4 "Give me a (dumpling / duckling). I will join you," said the monkey.
- 5 The (demons / devils) always take our money," said Momotaro one day.

B Fill in the blanks.

hero smart fresh dumplings frightening

- 1 She saw a _____ peach in the water.
- 2 Momotaro grew up strong and _____.
- 3 The old woman said she would make _____ for Momotaro.
- 4 Ankadoji was _____ and spoke with a loud voice.
- 5 Momotaro was a _____.

Name

Date

Book Title

Summary

Write a summary using the options.

Options

- a. They named him Momotaro and took good care of him.
- b. When the old woman cut the peach, a small boy came out of it.
- c. Once upon a time, an old woman picked up a peach in the river.
- d. Everyone was happy when Momotaro returned home with the stolen money.
- e. He met a monkey, a dog, and a bird on his way and they joined him after he shared his dumplings with them.
- f. Momotaro and his friends fought and beat the demons.
- g. Momotaro grew up strong and smart, and he decided to stop the demons from taking the people's money.