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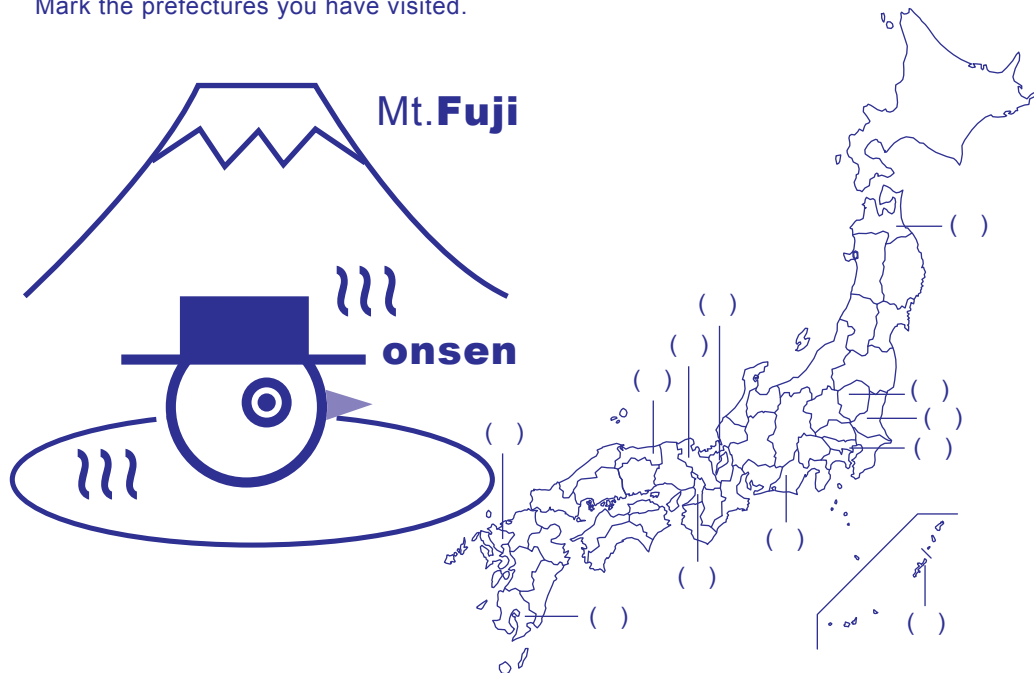
Quiz on Japanese map

日本地図クイズ (1) Nihon chizu quiz

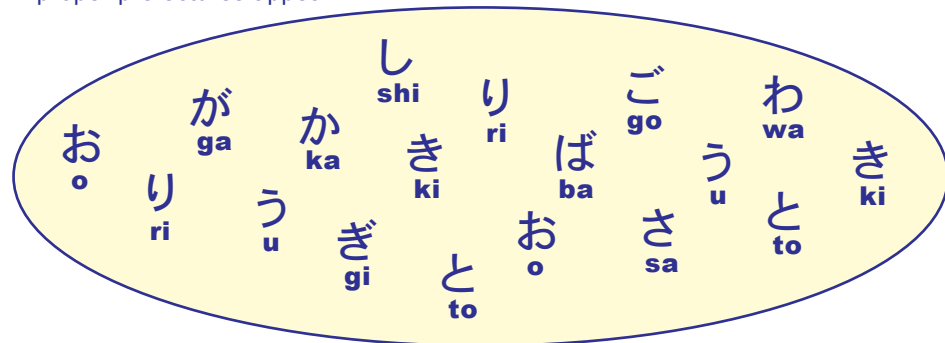
Ms. Hirayama, there are only about two weeks until the New Year. I'm planning to go on a trip around the end of the year, but I'm not sure where to go. I'd like to eat some delicious **gyōza** (dumplings with minced pork and vegetable stuffing), **ringo** (apple) and **nattō** (fermented soybeans). I also would like to taste some good-quality **shōchū** (clear distilled liquor) and **ocha** (green tea). On my travels I'd like to visit a huge lake, Mt. **Fuji** and an **onsen** (hot spring). There are so many places I want to visit in such a short period. Please give me some idea about where I should go and what I should do.

『ichi-dō itto ni-fu 43-ken』

In Japan, there are 47 prefectures, including ichi-dō (**Hokkai-dō**), it-to (**Tokyo-to**), ni-fu (**Kyoto-fu/Osaka-fu**) and 43 (yonjū-san)-ken (e.g., **Hiroshima-ken**). Can you fill in the names of the prefectures indicated by the parentheses on the map? How many prefectures have you visited? Mark the prefectures you have visited.



Enter the correct **hiragana** character into each square so that the names of proper prefectures appear.



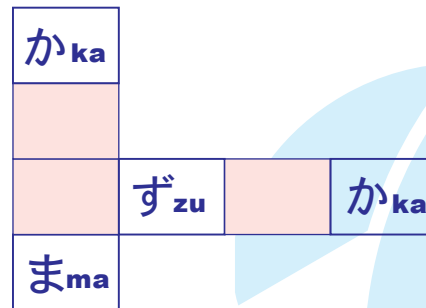
1) A: A prefecture famous for **Arita-yaki** (**Arita** ceramic wares) and the remains of **Yoshinogari**

B: A prefecture where Lake **Biwa**, the largest freshwater lake in Japan, is located



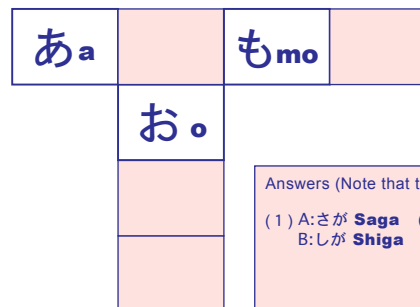
2) A: A prefecture famous for **Sakurajima** island, **Saigō Takamori** and **shōchū**

B: Which prefecture do you think of when you hear "Mt. **Fuji**, green tea and mikan"?



3) A: A prefecture where the Universal Studio Japan is located and many **rakugo** (traditional comic storytelling) and **manzai** (comic dialogue act) performers entertain

B: A prefecture famous for its apples



■■■ So you're planning a trip? How nice! Let me help you by giving you a quiz in which you have to find names of the prefectures where you can get the things you want to eat and drink or visit the places you mentioned. Do your best and don't worry about bringing back a gift for me. I won't be offended. By the way, I also love **nattō**, **ocha** and **shōchū**!

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5-minute Japanese Class by Hitomi Hirayama

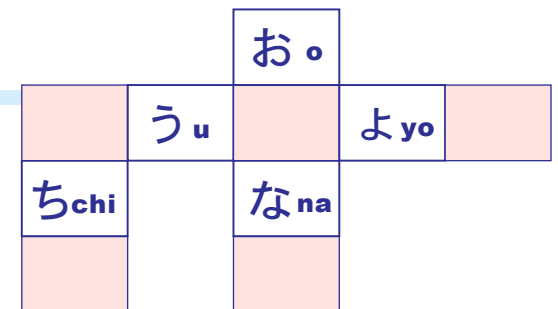


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4) A: A prefecture famous for **gyōza** and where **Nikko** is located

B: A prefecture once known as the **Ryūkyū** Kingdom

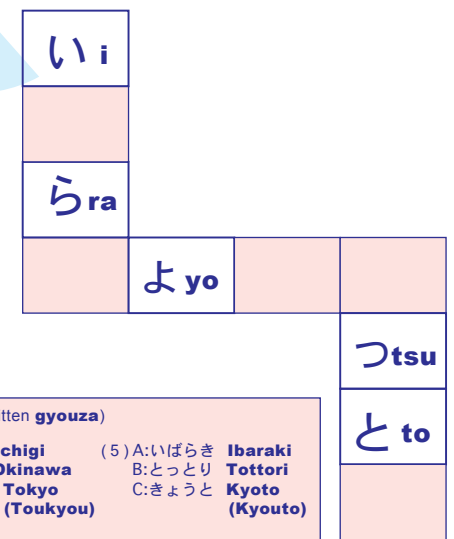
C: A prefecture where the Diet building and the Imperial Palace are located



5) A: A prefecture famous for **Tsukuba** Science City, its plum blossom park and **nattō**

B: The only prefecture that has sand dunes in Japan

C: A prefecture where the old capital of Japan was situated until it was moved to **Tokyo**



Answers (Note that the form showing all syllables follows the usual form. e.g. **gyōza** would be written **gyouza**)

- (1) A:さが **Saga** (2) A:かごしま **Kagoshima** (3) A:おおさか **Osaka (Oosaka)** (4) A:とちぎ **Tochigi** (5) A:いばらき **Ibaraki**
 B:しが **Shiga** B:しずおか **Shizuoka** B:あおもり **Aomori** B:おきなわ **Okinawa** B:とっとり **Tottori**
 C:とうきょう **Tokyo (Toukyou)** C:きょうと **Kyoto (Kyouto)**