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# Japanese map quiz

## 日本地図クイズ (2) Nihon chizu quiz

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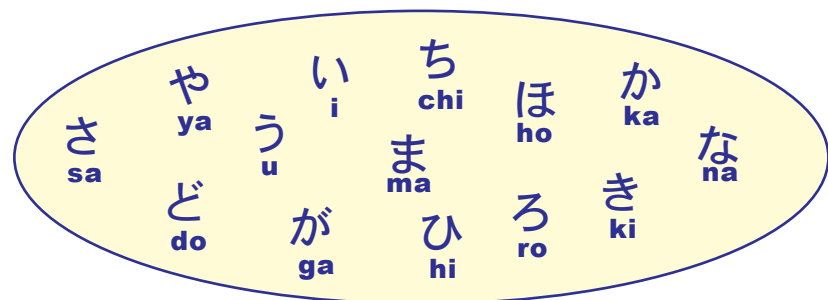
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One of my friends recently suggested, "Golden Week ni **bijin o sagashi ni ikō!** (Let's go and look for 'bijin' during Golden Week!)" However, he did not tell me where he was planning to look. He only said this destination was in the Tohoku region and he would take me along if I could guess where he wanted to go. He gave me some hints, saying the prefecture is famous for quality rice and apples. Ms. Hirayama, please help me because I really want to go with him!

■■■ The prefecture known for its **bijin** (beautiful women) is in the quiz, so look for the answer. "Golden Week" is another name for **ōgata renkyū** (a series of holidays) that run from the end of April until the beginning of May. The following public holidays are included in the period: "**Shōwa no Hi** (**Shōwa** Day)" on April 29, "**Kenpō Kinenbi** (Constitution Day)" on May 3, "**Midori no Hi** (Greenery Day)" on May 4 and "**Kodomo no Hi** (Children's Day)" on May 5.

Use the following characters below to complete the crosswords at right. After that, match the prefectures to the letters in the map.



### 1) ACROSS

① The prefecture that is known as "the Roof of Japan." It is famous for **soba**, **onsen**, apples and skiing.

### DOWN

① The prefecture where **Dejima** was located. Dejima was once used as a trading post and was the only window to the West during Japan's self-imposed isolation (**sakoku**) in the **Edo** period (1603-1867). This prefecture has 971 islands. It is also famous for its Huis Ten Bosch theme park.

② The prefecture in the Tohoku region of **Honshū** that is famous for its cherries, **shōgi** pieces and **benibana** (safflower), which was used to tint women's lips in the past.

### 2) ACROSS

① The prefecture famous for its **mikan**, **ume** (plum) and onsen.

### DOWN

② The prefecture where **Yokohama** and **Kamakura** are located. Yokohama is famous for its Chinatown and shaomai, while Kamakura is known for its Great Buddha.

③ The prefecture with the largest limestone cave in Japan. It is also famous for a very expensive toxic delicacy—**fugu** (blowfish). The **kanji** for fugu is written as "pig of the river," because fugu makes a noise like a pig in the water.

### 3) ACROSS

① The prefecture that is home to **Genbaku Dome** (A-Bomb Dome) and **Itsukushima Shrine**. **Okonomiyaki** (Japanese-style savory pancakes) are delicious!

### DOWN

② The prefecture where **Kawagoe** is located. Kawagoe is known by the nickname of "**Ko-Edo** (Little Old Tokyo)" and is one of Tokyo's bedroom communities.

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①		の no
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き ki		

### 4) ACROSS

① The prefecture that is the northernmost island in Japan. The island is the second largest in the country after Honshu and is noted for skiing, potatoes, corn and seafood.

### DOWN

② The prefecture where **Kōbe**, which suffered a terrible earthquake in 1995, **Himeji Castle**, a World Heritage Site, and **Kōshien Stadium**, which hosts annual National High School Baseball Tournaments, are located.

③ The prefecture that is home to the **Chichū** Art Museum on **Naoshima** island in the **Seto** Inland Sea. It is said that there is an **udon** restaurant every 100 meters there.

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		ご go
		わ wa

### 5) ACROSS

① The prefecture that produces **Akita Komachi**, a delicious rice. Since "**Akita bijin**" (Beauties of Akita) are fair-skinned, it also is used to refer to beautiful women.

② The prefecture where **Narita Airport** and Tokyo Disneyland are located. Its production of peanuts is the largest in Japan.

### DOWN

① The prefecture that is home to **Nagoya Castle**, which was built by **Tokugawa Ieyasu**, and **Toyota**, known for its automobile industry.

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Answers

When you put the word "**-ken**" after these names, they become prefectures. e.g., **Chiba** → **Chiba-ken** (Chiba Prefecture)

(1) ACROSS ①ながの <b>Nagano, G</b> DOWN ①ながさき <b>Nagasaki, N</b> DOWN ②やまがた <b>Yamagata, C</b>	(2) ACROSS ①わかやま <b>Wakayama, I</b> DOWN ②かながわ <b>Kanagawa, F</b> DOWN ③やまぐち <b>Yamaguchi, M</b>	(3) ACROSS ①ひろしま <b>Hiroshima, L</b> DOWN ②さいたま <b>Saitama, E</b>
(4) ACROSS ①ほっかいどう <b>Hokkaidō, A</b> DOWN ②ひょうご <b>Hyōgo, J</b> DOWN ③かがわ <b>Kagawa, K</b>	(5) ACROSS ①あきた <b>Akita, B</b> ACROSS ②ちば <b>Chiba, D</b> DOWN ①あいち <b>Aichi, H</b>	