






Supplementary activity: Gap-fill for 'Typically Japanese Bingo'



To help you prepare to play 'Typically Japanese Bingo', fill the gaps in the definitions

- () is something that Japanese shout when they're really happy or celebrating.
It means 'ten thousand years'. * 以下()省略
- is a celebration of someone's 88th birthday.
- is a kind of folding screen, used to separate indoor areas.
- is a low table used without chairs when serving traditional food and drink in Japanese style rooms. It's also called '*zotaku*'.
- is a bamboo whisk, used for mixing green tea in a tea ceremony.
- is a small group of musicians. They wear brightly-colored clothes and walk in the street, playing music, to advertise local businesses and events.
- is the area outside the shrine where we wash our hands (and mouths) in a symbolic purification ritual.
- is a Buddhist '*Bhodidharma*' doll. We paint one eye when we make a wish, and the other eye when the wish comes true. It has a round, heavy bottom, so it wobbles but doesn't fall over.
- is a delivery service for food such as *ramen* and *o-bento*.
- is a brush used for calligraphy (writing Chinese characters).
- are traditional style men's loincloths. They are usually worn in festivals with a *happi* coat.
- is a wind chime, often heard in summer.
- is a brightly colored formal kimono worn by younger single women. It has longer, more flowing sleeves than the *tomesode*, which is worn by married women.
- is a traditional wrapping or carrying cloth.
- are traditional Japanese sandals, like wooden flip-flops or clogs. They have a wooden base and may have a cloth strap.
- is a decorative arrow, a symbol of the new year. It's supposed to keep evil away and attract good luck.
- is ceremonial clothing for men. The jacket usually has the family crest on it.
- is a kind of light jacket or coat, usually worn at festivals.
- is a chopstick rest. They're often made of pottery or wood.
- is an old style charcoal burning brazier, sometimes also used for cooking or for boiling water.
- is a family's name plate outside their house.
- is a personal seal, used for 'signing' documents.
- is a stone lantern, typically found in shrines, temples and Japanese gardens.
- are the special split-toed shoes worn by builders, carpenters and laborers.
- is an informal light-weight summer jacket, sometimes worn in the house.



26. are the bells that ring on New Year's Eve.
27. is a carefully arranged 12-layered *kimono*. These days, they're only worn by members of the Imperial family, and only on very special occasions. They're very heavy and incredibly expensive!
28. is a new year decoration for the doorway of a house. It's made of pine and bamboo.
29. is a small packet that warms up when we hold it. They keep our hands warm on cold days.
30. are paper lanterns. They're often floated on rivers on the final night of the O-bon festival (*toro nagashi*). They represent the souls of the ancestors, returning to the sea.
31. is a family crest. 
32. is a mythical animal, like a sprite. They live in rivers and play tricks on people. They have an area on the top of their heads that must be kept wet at all times.
33. is a special Japanese style apron that covers the upper half of the body when cooking. It's usually worn by middle-aged women.
34. is a game where we try to catch a ball in a cup.
35. is an oval-shaped gold coin, mostly used in the Edo era. It's often seen being held by a beckoning cat (*manekineko*). The expression '*neko ni koban*' is similar to the English 'pearls before swine'.
36. is the custom of flying carp streamers on 'Children's Day' (*tango no sekku*). They show a wish for the children (particularly sons) to grow up healthy and strong, like carp.
37. are bamboo strips, tied together to make a mat. They are used for shaping (rolling) *makizushi* and sometimes Japanese-Style omelettes.
38. is a cat statue that beckons to invite customers or friends.
39. is a small wooden box. It used to be used for measuring sake.
40. is a name card, or a business card. 
41. is a kind of scraper used for cleaning out earwax. Japanese usually have dry earwax, which may be scraped. Western people usually have soft earwax.
42. is making *o-mochi* rice cakes by pounding *mochi* rice in a big stone bowl with a large wooden mallet. *O-mochi* are most often made at New Year.
43. are New Year cards sent to friends and family, usually those who we don't often meet in our daily lives. We use them to keep in touch and to wish them well for the New Year.
44. is a short cloth curtain that hangs over the entrance or door of a shop or restaurant.
45. is a Japanese style boxed lunch.
46. is the decorative sash worn around the waist of a kimono. 
47. is a tea cup, usually made of china or pottery.
48. are devils, ogres or evil monsters. They often appear in traditional myths and folk stories.
49. is a public bath house. These days almost all homes have baths, so public bath houses are not used so much.
50. is a small wet towel given to customers in restaurants so that they can wipe their hands before eating.