

Lesson 1 Mt. Fuji—A Symbol of Japan

Part 1

Task 1 Questions

1. Is Mt. Fuji a World Heritage Site now? Yes, it is.
2. Does Mt. Fuji often appear in stories and poems? Yes, it does.
3. Do we often see Mt. Fuji from the windows of public baths? No, we don't.

Task 2 Summary

Mt. Fuji is a (① symbol) of Japan. It often appears in pictures, (② paintings), stories, and poems. We see it on 1,000-yen (③ bills) and on the walls of public baths.

Practice

1. Mt. Fuji and Mt. Everest (are) sister mountains now.
2. My father (visits) Mt. Fuji every year.
3. I (took) many pictures of Mt. Fuji last week.

Part 2

Task 1 Questions

1. Do about 300,000 people climb Mt. Fuji every year? Yes, they do.
2. Is the post office on the mountaintop open in winter? No, it isn't.
3. Do many couples have their weddings at the shrine on the mountaintop? No, they don't.

Task 2 Comprehension

• enjoy a wonderful (① sunrise) and a sea of clouds
• send (② letters) from the (③ post office)
• take a walk around the (④ crater)
• visit the (⑤ shrine)

Practice

1. A: Let's talk about our trip to Mt. Fuji.
B: I'm sorry, I don't have time now. I (will call you) later.
2. A: Look at those black clouds over Mt. Fuji!
B: Wow! Let's hurry! It (will rain) soon.
3. A: What are you going to do during the summer vacation?
B: I (am going to climb) Mt. Fuji with my friends.

Part 3

Task 1 Questions

1. Do we often pray to Mt. Fuji now? No, we don't.
2. Is Mt. Fuji special even in our dreams? Yes, it is.
3. Is the nickname of Mt. Kaimon "Mt. Fuji"? No, it isn't.

Task 2 Summary

Japanese people get a great feeling of happiness when they see Mt. Fuji. The old saying *Ichī-fuji, ni-taka, san-nasubi* means, "A (① dream) of Mt. Fuji on the (② first) night of a new year brings us good luck." About 300 mountains in Japan include the word *fūji* in their (③ nicknames).

Practice

1. They (are studying) Japan food culture right now.
2. My father (is drawing) a picture of cherry blossoms now.
3. I (was watching) a TV program about Mt. Fuji when you called me.

Summary

1.

Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">・富士山は日本の象徴です。2013 年には <u>世界遺産</u> に、2014 年にはエベレスト山の <u>姉妹山</u> になりました。・日本の象徴として、富士山は写真や絵画、物語や <u>詩</u> の題材にしばしば取り上げられています。
Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">・毎年 30 万人もの人々が富士山に登ります。・登山者は山頂で、日の出や <u>雲海</u> を見ます。また、<u>噴火口(クレーター)</u> の周りを歩く人もいます。
Part 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">・「一富士二鷹三茄子」ということわざは、「新年の最初の夜の富士山の <u>夢</u> は、私たちに幸運をもたらす」という意味です。・「富士」という言葉を <u>ニックネーム</u> に含む山が日本には 300 ほどあります。

2.

Mt. Fuji is a (① symbol) of Japan. It often appears in pictures, paintings, stories, and poems.

Every year, many people climb Mt. Fuji. On the (② mountaintop), people enjoy a wonderful (③ sunrise) and a sea of clouds, send letters from the post office, take a walk around the crater, or visit the (④ shrine).

Today, not many of us (⑤ pray) to Mt. Fuji. However, we get a great feeling of happiness when we see Mt. Fuji. About 300 (⑥ mountains) in Japan include the word *fūji* in their nicknames.

Exercises

Grammar

1. 昨日、母は私に結婚式の写真を見せてくれました。

My mother (showed me) pictures of her wedding yesterday.

2. 「明日は晴れるでしょう。富士山に登りましょう!」

“It (will be fine) tomorrow. Let’s climb Mt. Fuji!”

3. 私は今、富士山についての本を読んでいます。

I (am reading a book) about Mt. Fuji now.

Key Expressions

1. 富士山は、もちろん、日本でとても有名です。

Mt. Fuji is, (of) (course), very famous in Japan.

2. 「向こうの山を見て！ 富士山だよ！」

“(Look) (at) the mountain over there! It’s Mt. Fuji!”

3. 私は散歩をしている間に、その橋から富士山を見ました。

While I was (taking) a (walk), I saw Mt. Fuji from that bridge.

4. 利尻山^{りしりさん}は富士山に似ています。

Mt. Rishiri (looks) (like) Mt. Fuji.