

# October Newsletter No. 7

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." – L. M. Montgomery

## Are you ready for EIKEN?

### Preparing for the EIKEN Speaking Test

- Review past test questions to **understand the format**. This is important!
- Practice **reading aloud** to improve pronunciation and rhythm.
- **Record yourself** speaking and listen for mistakes.
- Study **common topics** (school, family, daily life, news).
- Practice **giving reasons** and examples after your answers.
- Study **EIKEN word lists** and use **simple sentence patterns** for opinions.
- **Rehearse** with an LC teacher, classmate, or online partner.
- Time your practice so answers are **not too short or too long**.



### When you are taking the Speaking Test

- **Listen carefully** to the examiner's question before answering.
- **Use full sentences**, not single words.
- If you don't understand, politely ask, *"Could you repeat that, please?"*
- **Expand** your answers with **reasons** or **examples**.
- Use **simple grammar correctly** rather than difficult forms with mistakes.
- Stay calm and **smile**; confidence makes a **good impression**.

**DON'T BE AFRAID**  
(to speak English)

## October 2025 festivals in Nagoya

October is quite a busy time for interesting festivals in Nagoya. Here are 3 that are worth visiting!

1. Arimatsu Festival is held on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2025. It displays traditional floats with mechanical puppets.
2. The Nagoya Festival takes place in various Nagoya locations from October 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>. It is a grand parade honoring three local samurai heroes. There will be costumes and re-enactments.
3. The Osu Street Performers Festival takes place in the Osu neighborhood from 18-20<sup>th</sup> October.



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# QUICK HALLOWEEN WORDSEARCH

Find the Halloween words as quickly as you can! There are 10 words to find, but we won't tell you what they are! Good Luck...

## Halloween Riddles and Jokes

•**Riddle:** What is a ghost's favorite dessert?

**Answer:** Ice scream!

👉 「ice cream」 と 「scream (叫ぶ)」 をかけています。

•**Riddle:** Why don't mummies go on vacation?

**Answer:** Because they are afraid to unwind.

👉 「unwind (リラックスする)」 と 「包帯をほどく」 という意味をかけています。

•**Riddle:** What room does a ghost not need?

**Answer:** A living room.

👉 「living (生きている)」 という言葉で、ゴーストには必要ない部屋。

•**Riddle:** Why are vampires so easy to fool?

**Answer:** Because they are a bit batty.

👉 「batty」 は 「コウモリっぽい」 と 「ちょっとおかしい」 のダブルミーニング。

•**Riddle:** What do you call a skeleton that won't work?

**Answer:** Lazy bones.

👉 「bones (骨)」 と 「lazy bones (怠け者)」 をかけています。

Oh dear! Here are some horrible Halloween jokes.

They aren't scary – but they are very bad!

They might even improve your English...

“Me? Batty”?



## An October Diary Challenge

Why don't you write a short diary in English every day in October?

Writing a simple diary can help you to understand what you can say, and most importantly, what you **don't know how to say in English**. If you realize that you can't explain something, that's good, because you can study the vocabulary and phrases that you need to know! Slowly, this new knowledge will build until you can say anything you need to in English.

To start, even 2–3 sentences every day are OK. You can begin by using some using autumn words: *leaves, breeze, festival, pumpkin, harvest*.



## But, what is Halloween?

An October newsletter wouldn't be complete without talking about Halloween! Are you wearing a costume or having a Halloween party? What is this event, anyway?



Halloween is originally a festival from countries with a **Celtic** culture, such as **Ireland** and **Scotland**. It was called “*Samhain*” in these countries (pronounced SAH-wen). *Samhain* is the word used there for the 11th month, November, and it was once a festival on October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, to celebrate the **harvest** and remember **ancestors**. It was not really a **spooky** festival in the past, but it has changed.

Halloween was **imported** to the USA by Irish and Scottish **settlers** wishing to make a new life in America. Over time, it grew and has been brought to many countries, including Japan. It is now more of a fun celebration of horror and all things **supernatural**.



**Celtic**ケルト / **Ireland**アイルランド / **Scotland**スコットランド / **harvest**収穫 / **ancestors**祖先 / **spooky**不気味な / **imported**輸入された / **settlers**入植者 / **supernatural**超自然的な

