

## - Moon-Viewing -



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A good moon-viewing party / must have a good view of the moon. // It will also feature **lanterns**, / and be **decorated** with **silvergrass**. // Tsukimi-dango, / or white rice **dumplings**, / are offered to the moon. // They are stacked on a stand / in the shape of a pyramid. // Naturally, everybody **prays** / that the moon will **protect** / and **multiply** the **harvest**. //

お月見、あるいは moon viewing は / 日本の祭りである // それは影響を受け  
た / 中国の中秋節から / 平安時代に // 日本の王子や王女は / お供え物をしたり /  
月に / 船に乗ったり / 水面に映る月を見るために / 歌を作ったりした //

当初 / 月見は年に1日しか行われなかったが / 今ではとても一般的になった  
ので / 人々は月見の宴を開いている / 数日連続して // 人はお月見をするだろう /  
月が出ていない日でも! // これを無月(うげつ) / あるいは、雨月(うげつ)という //

良いお月見会は / 月がよく見えなければならない //  
また、提灯が使われ / ススキで装飾されるだろう // 月見団子 / あるいは white rice  
dumplings (餅やまんじゅうの総称) は / 月に供えられる // それらは台の上に積み上げ  
られる / ピラミッド型に // もちろん、誰もが祈る / 月が(収穫)を守り / 収穫量を増  
やしてくれることを //

### Vocabulary and Phrases

view	見る	several	いくつかの
festival	お祭り	lantern	提灯
inspire	奮起する	decorate	飾る
prince	王子	silvergrass	ススキ
princess	お姫様	dumpling	団子
offering	捧げもの	pray	祈る
reflection	反射	protect	守る
compose	作曲する	multiply	殖やす
popular	人気のある	harvest	収穫

### Total Number of words used

: 152 words

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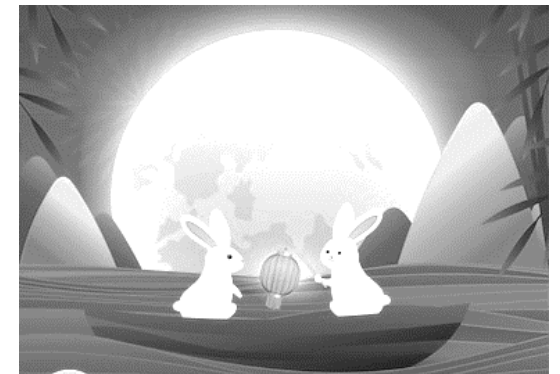
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**【Listen & Fill Blank】**

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**【Q&A / A&Q】**

**Question 1:** What do people do to celebrate Tsukimi?

**Question 2:** What is the name for moon-viewing when the moon is hidden?

**Question 3:** If you could make a festival, what would it celebrate?

**Ask 1:** 答えが「pyramid」である質問を英語で書いてください

**Ask 2:** Harvest についての質問を英語で書いてください

**Ask 3:** 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

**Sample Answer 1:** Look at the moon, compose poems, offer cakes, decorate, and pray for the harvest.

**Sample Answer 2:** Mugetsu (no moon) or Ugetsu (rain moon)

**Sample Answer 3:** Cheese / Backflips / Sunflowers / The end of the world / etc...

**Sample Question 1:** In what shape are tsukimi dango stacked?

**Sample Question 2:** What does the harvest have to do with the moon?  
Why is harvesting a season?  
What would happen if we didn't have harvest?  
etc...

**Sample Question 3:** Why decorate with silvergrass for Tsukimi?  
When did the Chinese begin to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival?  
How many dumplings are needed to make a pyramid?  
Etc...