

“ A Bridge Between Japan and America ”

In 1850, Hikoza's ship was wrecked in *Harimanada*.

Some days later, a black ship came near Hikoza and his companions. They shouted for help. The crew on the black ship picked them up. It was an American ship.

English was quite strange to Hikoza. An officer wrote something in a notebook. Hikoza looked at him and thought, “ He is copying the waves patterns. ”

In 1851, the ship arrived in America. Hikoza and his companions landed. One day an American talked to Hikoza. “ How are you ? ” sounded like “ *kawaiya* ” to him. So he answered in Japanese.

One day at a party he saw another Japanese in front of him. Hikoza was very happy. But in fact it was himself in a big mirror.

In 1862 Hikoza went to the White House. President Lincoln said, “ Welcome to the United States. ” He had a great time with the President. Then Hikoza came back to Japan and talked to Kido Takayoshi and Ito Hirobumi about American Democracy :

*Government of the people, by the people, for the people.*

Hikoza did much for the two countries. He spent his life as a bridge between Japan and America.

**S G E R C 台本 No , 2 ( 1人用 B ) 「アンのノートから」**

“ Ann’s Monolog ”

Billy doesn’t study English. I help him with his homework. We have tests every week. But he doesn’t study. He says, “ Don’t worry.”

Our English teacher is Ms. Jones. Billy likes her. But he doesn’t like English.

Billy is good at sports. He plays soccer very well. He’s very popular in his class. All the girls like him.

He likes Kumi. He doesn’t say so, but it’s true. I’m just a friend of him.

Kumi is cute. She has a cute smile.

Where is Billy ? He doesn’t live here now. He’s back in England. School isn’t the same without him.

I remember his blue eyes. Ms. Jones remembers his bad spelling.

She misses him. I miss him, too.

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**S G E R C 台本 No , 3 ( 1人用 C ) 「ウミガメの悲しみ」**

“ Sea Turtles “

Turtles usually live for many, many years. But the number of sea turtles is falling.

Every year, many people take sea turtle eggs. Some people eat the eggs. Other people buy and sell turtles for food.

Sometimes sea turtles also eat trash and die. Balloons and plastic bags fall into the sea, and their color comes off in the seawater. Sea turtles mistake the balloons and bags for jellyfish. Sea turtles love jellyfish, so they eat the trash !

Every year, hundreds of sea turtles die from plastic bags and balloons.

Can you believe it ? It’s true. Help the world’s sea turtles. Don’t throw away plastic bags. And please hold on to your balloons.

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“ New Year’s Food in Japan ”

Mika: I have an idea. Let’s cook something today.

Jane: Great ! But I can’t cook very well.

Mika: I can show you, Jane. Let’s make some New Year’s food.

Jane: Do you eat special food at New Year’s ?

Mika: Yes, we do. How about in your country ?

Jane: No, we don’t. But we do at Christmas. We often eat turkey.

Mika: New Year’s foods in Japan have special meanings.

For example, *kobumaki* means “ joy. ”

Jane: That’s interesting. Can you make *kobumaki* ?

Mika: No, I can’t.

Jane: Can you make *kurikinton* ?

Mika: Yes, I can ! It’s easy. We need some sweet potatoes.

Jane: Let’s go to the store.

Mika: Can I use that bowl, Jane ?

Jane: Which one do you need ? I see two bowls.

Mika: The big one by the sweet potatoes.

Jane: Here you go.

Mika: Good. Okay, now mash these sweet potatoes.

“ Mika Volunteers ”

Jane : Whose pictures are these ?

Mika : They're mine.

Jane : Who are all these people ?

Mika : They're my friends at the nursing home.

Jane : Nursing home ?

Mika : Yes. I volunteer at the nursing home.

Jane : When do you go to the nursing home, Mika ?

Mika : I usually go on Wednesdays.

Jane : What do you do there ?

Mika : I read stories. And talk and laugh together.  
Sometimes I just listen to the people there.

Jane : Do you enjoy your time there ?

Mika : Oh, yes. I always learn so much.

Mika : This is Ms. Yamamoto. I visit her every week.

Jane : How old is she ?

Mika : She's 90 years old. Her legs aren't very strong.  
So she uses a wheelchair. I take a walk with her around the  
garden.