

The Maldives: A Dream Destination?



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Part 1 Misaki reads a magazine article about a honeymoon trip to the Maldives.

From the airport, my husband and I transferred to a seaplane to go to a small island. We stayed at a gorgeous overwater cottage hotel. We were able to slip into the sea directly from our cottage. We enjoyed swimming and snorkeling. We also took an afternoon nap and looked up at the stars at night in our hammocks.

We enjoyed the beauty of the nature and wildlife. The highlight of our trip was a whale shark watching tour. We saw a huge whale shark pass slowly in front of us. I will never forget this amazing experience. The Maldives is definitely the most beautiful place that I have ever visited. It is an ideal destination for a honeymoon trip.

Step 1 Goal

We can talk about a memory from a trip and think about the environmental issues in a tourist spot.

Step 2 Small Talk

Your teacher has already written down a question for today's talk: "Where is a good place in Japan for a trip?" on the blackboard. Make a pair and play jyanken-pon. Winners start talking.

Use conversation strategies:

<That's great! / That sounds great / Oh, I see. / Sounds interesting!>

A: Hi (partner's name). How are you doing?

B: I'm good. How about you?

A: I'm pretty good. Where is a good place in Japan for a trip?

B: Well, how about _____?

It's a (romantic/beautiful/historic/fun) place.

A: That's great! (Conversation strategy)

B: People can enjoy _____ there.

A: That sounds good! (Conversation strategy)

B: How about you? Where is a good place in Japan for a trip?

A: Well, how about _____?

It's a (romantic/beautiful/historic/fun) place.

B: Oh, I see. (Conversation strategy)

A: People can enjoy _____ there.

B: Sounds interesting! (Conversation strategy) Nice talking with you.

A: You too.

Step 3 Brainstorming

Look at the 5 pictures on page 1. Can you guess the story of this lesson in Japanese?



Step 4 Quiz

Answer the following questions.

Q1 What is the capital of the Maldives?

A. Malé B. Hulhumalé C. Ari

Q2 Which type of geography is the Maldives famous for?

A. Volcanic islands B. Desert landscapes C. Coral island and atolls (ring-shaped island)

Q3 What is the main industry of the Maldives?

A. Tourism B. Manufacturing C. Mining (obtaining coal or other minerals)

Step 5 Skimming

Look at the title, description, and read only the first and last sentence in each paragraph of the three parts on the textbook, then answer the following true or false questions.

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| 1. Misaki went to the Maldives with her boyfriend. | T / F |
| 2. They went there for a honeymoon. | T / F |
| 3. They enjoyed looking up at the stars at night and the beauty of nature and wildlife. | T / F |
| 4. People live on about 1200 islands. | T / F |
| 5. There are many reasonable resort hotels on islands where the residents do not live. | T / F |
| 6. It may be difficult for tourists to interact with local people. | T / F |
| 7. This country is a paradise. | T / F |
| 8. Tourists leave the garbage on this island. | T / F |
| 9. There are more residents than tourists on this island. | T / F |
| 10. It is important for tourists to understand the environmental problems they may cause. | T / F |

Play janken-pon, winners are A. Check your answer with your friend as follows:

A: Let's talk about No.1. Is this true or false?

B: I think it is true / false. How about you?

A: I think so, too. / I don't think so. I think it is true / false.

B: Then how about No.2? Is this true or false?

A: I think it is...

Part 1

Step 1 True or False question

First of all, guess true or false before reading part one. Circle T or F.

1. They stayed at a cottage hotel and slipped into the sea directly to enjoy swimming and snorkeling. T / F
2. The highlight of their trip was a dolphin watching tour. T / F
3. The Maldives is an ideal destination for a honeymoon trip. T / F

Now look at page 2 and read part one silently. After that, check your answers. You may want to change them.

Play janken-pon, winners are A. Check your answer with your friend as follows:

A: Let's talk about No.1. Is this true or false?

B: I think it is true / false. How about you?

A: I think so, too. / I don't think so. I think it is true / false.

B: Then how about No.2? Is this true or false?

A: I think it is...

Step 2 Vocabulary Input

Match the underlined English words and Japanese ones.

1. We need to transfer to another bus here.
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2. An overwater restaurant opened near the beach.
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3. He slipped into the water quietly.
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4. She took a nap after lunch.
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5. This was the highlight of my day.
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6. She is looking for the ideal job.
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7. Paris is our next destination.
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8. Many couples choose tropical islands for their honeymoon.

*tropical island 熱帯の島 ()

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浮かぶ キ 〜に飛び込む ク 見どころ

Play jyanken-pon. Winners say Japanese and losers translate into English. When you have finished, change the role. I would like you to memorize all words or phrases.

Step 3 Quick Reading 1

Read part 1 silently and time your speed by yourself. (seconds)

Step 4 Detailed question

Now answer the following questions in English. You may want to scan the text.

Q1. Where did they go for a honeymoon trip?

Q2. What kind of hotel did they stay?

Q3. What was the highlight of their trip?

Check your answer with your friend like the following.

A: Let's talk about question No.1. Where did they go for a honeymoon trip?

B: I think ... How about you?

A: I think so too. / I don't think so. I think...

B: Okay, let's talk about question No.2. What kind of hotel did they stay?

A: I think... How about you?...

Step 5 Reading practice

Let's practice reading! 1st time read the story with your teacher, check your pronunciation of the words you find difficult. 2nd time-read it again in a soft voice by yourself, 3rd time-shadowing; play jyanken-pon, losers shadow your partner without the textbook. Please change the role in each paragraph.

Step 6 Quick Reading 2

Read part one silently and time your speed by yourself. (seconds)

Step 7 Retelling

I want you to retell part one with several sentences. You may use key keywords below for each paragraph if necessary. Play jyanken-pon, first of all, winners first tell one sentence about the first information of paragraph 1. Then, losers will continue to tell the story with one sentence. Take turns retelling the story. Second, winners retell one paragraph and losers retell next paragraph.

Keywords

Paragraph 1: seaplane / overwater /
slip into / took an afternoon nap /
stars at night

Paragraph 2: beauty / highlight /
amazing experience / ideal destination

Step 8 Timed-Conversation

“Talk about a memory from a trip and think about the environmental issues there.” is your fun essay and speaking test. This activity is useful for you to complete your fun essay and speaking test. First, answer two questions 1 and 2 below in 5 minutes. Then, start a timed conversation with your partner next to you. Play Jyanken-pon, losers start talking. You have 90 seconds. Talk with three partners.

Use conversation strategies:

<That’s great! / That sounds great / Oh, I see. / Sounds interesting!>

Topic <Your memorable trip>

1. Where have you been for the trip?

2. What environmental problems did you find there?

<Model Dialog> Winner: A Loser: B

A: Hi, (name). How are you?

B: Hi, (name). I'm pretty good. How about you?

A: I'm great! Let's talk about our memorable trip!

B: Sure! Where have you been for a trip?

A: I have been to Taiwan. (Your answer)

B: Sounds interesting! (Conversation strategy) What environmental problems did you find there?

A: I found the climate change problem. It makes the Earth warmer and creates extreme weather. (Your answer)

B: Oh, that's not good.

A: How about you? Where have you been for a trip?

B: I have been to the United States. (Your answer)

A: That sounds great! (Conversation strategy) What environmental problems did you find there?

B: I found the air pollution problem. It makes the air dirty and causes health problems. (Your answer)

A: That's serious problem.

B: Nice talking with you.

A: You too.