

- 花火について
- イギリスのイベント

仙台校のTony先生はいつも穏やかでとても人気のある先生です。またTony先生は知識人でもあります。今日はTony先生も大好きな花火についてお話していただきます。

“0 *iginally from China, fireworks have become popular all over the world. In Japan, they are an important part of many summer festivals.*

Major firework events in Japan

Omagari: *Firework makers from around Japan hold an annual competition in August in this small Akita Prefecture city. Hundreds of thousands of people travel to see the latest in designs and colors fill the night sky.*

Nagaoka: *The world's largest single firework shell is launched each year in this Niigata Prefecture city. The shell, named "sanjakudama", is 90 cm in diameter and spreads 650 m across the sky when fired. You can see a model of the shell and its interior at Nagaoka Station.*

Tondabayashi: *This city of 120,000 people in Osaka Prefecture has the world's largest firework festival. At least 100,000 rounds are fired off in less than an hour.*

Major fireworks in other countries

The USA: *Fireworks have been a part of Independence Day celebrations since 1777, and continue to be one of the best times to see fireworks throughout the country.*

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The UK: *A big night for fireworks in Britain is Guy Fawkes Night (November 5).*

Canada: *The "Symphony of Fire" musical firework event is held in Ontario and Vancouver. Other countries are invited to participate in the competition, making it one of the best firework festivals in Canada.*

Australia: *The New Years fireworks in Sydney, Australia, are among the best firework displays in the world. In 2012, around 7 tonnes of fireworks were lit from 14 launch sites as well as Sydney Harbour Bridge.*

Personal fireworks

For those that want to put on their own firework shows, smaller fireworks are widely available at supermarkets, department stores, and home centers. If you are using fireworks at home, remember to follow the directions carefully. Even small fireworks can be dangerous if not used properly.

Rocket: *The rocket shoots high into the air leaving a trail of sparks. Most rockets today finish with an impressive burst.*

Fireworks in the world

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Roman Candle: *Often called just 'candles', these burn gently for a while, periodically shooting out stars, comets or similar effects. Candles will vary in size, giving bigger effects as the size increases.*

So whether you are going out to join thousands of others to watch a big display in a city in Japan or in another country, or gathering with a few friends to light up your backyard with personal fireworks, enjoy the beautiful lights of fireworks this year!

読み解きのヒント

- ◆ annual 年一度の
- ◆ in diameter 直径
- ◆ participate 参加する
- ◆ Guy Fawkes Night ガイ・フォークス祭(イギリス)
- ◆ trail (人や物の) 跡、光の尾
- ◆ periodically 定期的に
- ◆ competition 競技会、競争
- ◆ at least 最低でも、最少でも
- ◆ Independence Day 独立記念日
- ◆ gently 穏やかに、優しく
- ◆ effect 効果



～イギリスのイベント～ Major events in the UK

今回のお話しにあったGuy Fawkes Nightはイギリスのイベントの一つ。オリンピックでも盛り上がったイギリスの行事をまとめてみました。また違ったイギリスを見ることができますよ。



Hugglets Winter Teddy Bear Festival

ティディベア好きにはたまらない！毎年西ロンドンのケンジントンタワーホールで開かれるティディベアアーティストによるお祭り。アンティークや新作の販売なども



St Patrick's Festival

アイルランド及び北アイルランドで国民の休日となっているSt Patrick Day (3月17日)前後5日間のお祭り



Open Air Theatre

毎年、6月～9月初旬の間に、リージェンツパークで野外シアターが設置され、様々なシェークスピアの劇をみることができる



Royal Ascot

18世紀アン女王の時代から続く歴史あるレースで現在も英国王室が主催。London郊外Ascotで行われる



Edinburgh Pipe Fest

8月下旬に行われるイベント。バグパイプを吹く奏者がエディンバラの町を行進する