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Family Times

Summary

Suki's Kimono

Suki is so enchanted with the kimono and wooden shoes that her grandmother gave her that she insists on wearing them to her first day of first grade. Her older sisters are embarrassed. At first it looks like it might be a disaster! There are quite a few snickers. But Suki is so sure of how wonderful she looks that she soon wins over her new friend, new teacher, and new class.

Activity

Who We Are Discuss the food, music, and clothes that are special or traditional in your family. What are some traditions that your families share? How do you celebrate holidays or special occasions?

Comprehension Skill

Compare and Contrast

When you **compare and contrast** you find out how things are alike and how they are different. Sometimes you can see when things are compared or contrasted by looking for clue words such as *like, both, also, but, however, and instead of*.

Activity

Alike and Different Choose two friends or relatives. How are they alike and how are they different? Do they have the same color hair? Do they like the same games? Do they speak the same language? Write down sentences that compare the two people. Write about two ways they are alike. Write about two ways they are different.

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Suki's Kimono*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

paces single steps

rhythm a regular or orderly repeating of sounds or movements

festival a celebration or holiday

cotton plant fiber used to make thread

handkerchief a square, soft piece of cloth used to wipe the nose or face

pale not bright in color

graceful beautiful or pleasing in movement

snug giving warmth and comfort

Conventions

Adjectives and Articles

A, *an*, and *the* are words called **articles**. Use *a* before singular nouns beginning with a consonant. Use *an* before singular nouns beginning with a vowel. *The* can be used before a singular or plural noun. An **adjective** is a word that can describe a person, place, or thing. Adjectives can tell more about nouns. An adjective can tell how a person, place, or thing looks or sounds. Often an adjective comes just before the noun.

Activity

Five Words for You Write each player's name on a slip of paper and place them in a bag. Shake the bag and have each player take out a slip of paper. Each player then reads the name on the paper silently and writes five words that describe that person on a piece of paper. Finally, each player reads his or her adjectives. Other players use the adjective clues to identify the person.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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