

The Japan Foundation, Sydney Centre Visit
Water boys Task sheet Junior Secondary

I. 考えましょう！ Let's think : Before watching the film

1. The title of this film is 「ウォーターボーイズ Water Boys」. What story can you imagine from this title? Share your story with your classmates.
2. Here are some key words for this film. Match the Japanese words with the English.

高校生 (こうこうせい)	swimming pool
夏休み (なつやすみ)	ocean
部活 (ぶかつ)	high school student
水泳 (すいえい)	aquarium
予備校 (よびこう)	boys school
イルカ	summer holidays
水族館 (すいぞくかん)	girls school
銭湯 (せんとう)	game center
ゲームセンター	dolphin
海 (うみ)	swimming
プール	public bath
男子校 (だんしこう)	extracurricular club activity
女子校 (じょしこう)	school festival
文化祭 (ぶんかさい)	prep school / cram school

3. Have you changed your imagined story after seeing the keywords? Share your new story with your classmates.
4. What is your image of 部活 (ぶかつ) and 文化祭 (ぶんかさい) in Japanese high schools?
What kinds of 部(ぶ : Club) do they have and what kinds of activities do they do at a 文化祭 (ぶんかさい) .Discuss with your classmates.

II. 見てみましょう！ Look out for these! : Before watching the film

Here are some specific items to focus on while watching the film. You can discuss them with your classmates after viewing.

<Story>

1. What is Suzuki-kun's 部活 (ぶかつ) ?
2. How many people start off in his 部活 (ぶかつ) ? How many are there at the end?
3. Where and how do they practice for the 文化祭 (ぶんかさい) ?
4. What happens at the 文化祭 (ぶんかさい) ?
5. Can you catch the name of the 男子校 (だんしこう) and 女子校 (じょしこう) in this movie?

<Language>

6. What kinds of greeting words can you pick up in this film?
7. How do they count the rhythm in Japanese when they do physical exercise?
8. There are many katakana foreign origin words in this movie. How many can you catch? What are they?
9. In this movie there is a scene where a girl declares her love to a boy and proposes (although this is the boy's dream). How does she say 'I love you' and 'Will you marry me' in Japanese?
10. How do people address each other in this film? Focus on the words they put after their names, for example 「～さん」.
11. Can you pick up differences in the language of the boys when they talk each other and when they talk with teachers or girls? What are the differences?

<Culture>

12. What are the differences between Australian high school life and Japanese high school life?
13. What are the similarities in Australian high school life and Japanese high school life?

After watching the film

III. 調べましょう Let's investigate

This was a story of summer.

Research the Japanese school system and think about why this summer is special for them.

IV. 読みましょう、書きましょう、話しましょう Let's read, write and talk

1. Here are the original members of the water boys.

Read the sentences below and indicate whether they are true or false with ○ or ×.

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早乙女 (さおとめ)

太田 (おおた)

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佐藤 (さとう)

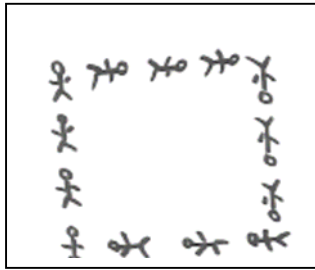
金沢 (かなざわ)

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- ① すずきくん は、 すいえいぶ の キャプテン です。 ()
- ② さおとめくん は おんな の ひと が すき です。 ()
- ③ おおたくん は ダンス が へた です。 ()
- ④ さとうくん は バスケットボール が じょうず です。 ()
- ⑤ かなざわくん は あたま が いいです。
- ⑥ すずきくん は かのじょ(girl friend) が います。 ()
- ⑦ さおとめくん は さとうくん が すきです。 ()
- ⑧ おおたくん は ふとっています。 ()
- ⑨ さとうくん は かみが ながかった です。 ()
- ⑩ かなざわくん は すいえい(swimming) が じょうず でした。 ()

2. Suppose you are a leader of a synchronized swimming team. What kinds of formations or movements would you create? Name them in Japanese and draw the movements.

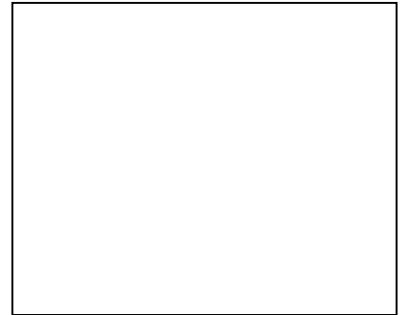
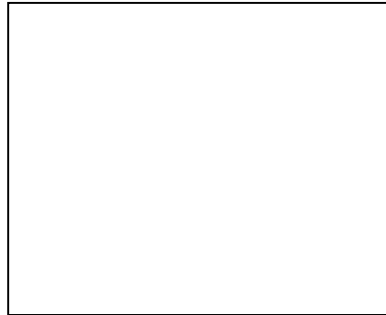
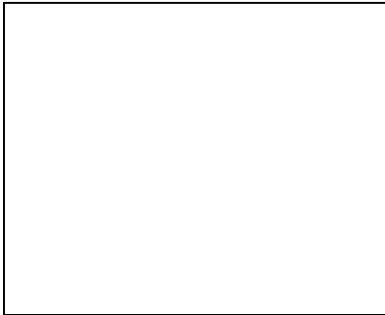
例 (れい) Example



しかく (square)



イルカ (dolphin)



3. If you can, please visit the official website of this movie and watch the trailer.

<http://www.altamira.jp/waterboys/pv2.html>

Suppose you are an Australian TV reporter reporting on the 文化祭 (ぶんかさい) of Tadano High School. Report this event to Australian people.



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Pictures are from official site of water boys <http://www.altamira.jp/waterboys/index.html>