

The Japan Foundation, Sydney Center Visit
Water boys Task sheet Senior 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. Read the descriptions of the boys and fill in the blanks by selecting the words from the box below.

鈴木くんです。水泳部の（ ）です。でもメンバーは一人（ ）です。すこし気が（ ）です。シンクロチームでも（ ）になりました。文化祭では、パンツがぬげてしまいましたが、恋人の静子さんがあたらしいパンツを（ ）くれました。

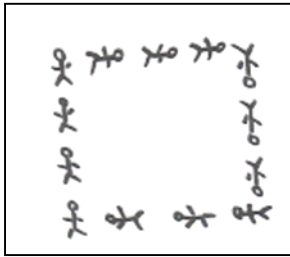
太田くんです。からだに筋肉をつけたくて、水泳部に入りました。家でも（ ）をしています。ダンスのビデオを見て（ ）をしていたので、ダンスが（ ）になりました。ゲームセンターでは、ヒーローです。

早乙女くんです。（ ）ですが、（ ）のようです。心のやさしい人です。（ ）人がいるので、水泳部に入りました。でも片思い(one sided)のようです。残念ですね。

男の子	女の子	だけ	トレーニング	キャプテン
好きな	上手	弱い	投げて	

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.

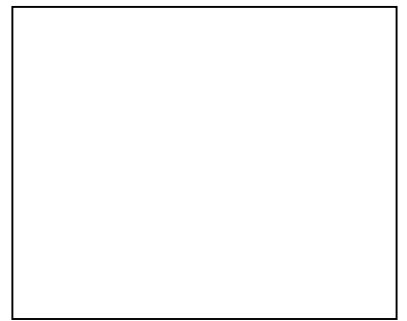
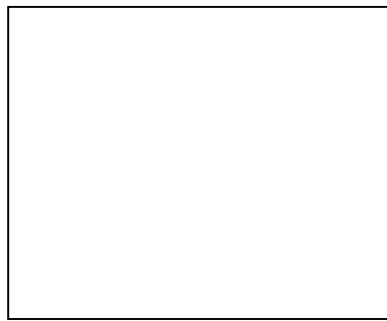
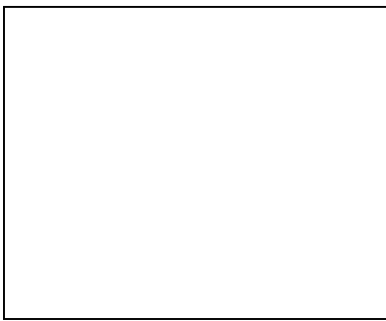
例 (れい) Example



しかくのフォーメーション



イルカのポーズ



3. If you can, please visit official web site 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.

Try to give your report in Japanese.



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