

FESTIVALS

Here's the list of major autumn festivals in Japan which are held in September through November. As is said in [in the All About article](#), most of them are related to the harvest and colorful foliages.

Festivals of Kakudate (Kakudate Town, Akita)
Kishiwada Danjiri Festival (Kishiwada-city, Osaka)
Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Grand Festival (Kamakura-city, Kanagawa)
Aizu Matsuri (Aizuwakamatsu-city, Fukushima)
Nihonmatsu Lantern Festival (Nihonmatsu-city, Fukushima)
Nagasaki Kunchi (Nagasaki-city, Nagasaki)
Takayama Fall Festival (Takayama-city, Gifu)
Nagoya Festival (Nagoya-city, Aichi)
Nikko Toshogu Fall Festival in Nikko-city, Tochigi
Kawagoe Festival (Kawagoe-city, Saitama)
Jidai Matsuri (Kyoto-city)
Shuri Castle Festival in Naha-city, Okinawa
Karatsu Kunchi (Karatsu-city, Saga)
Meiji Jingu Shrine Fall Grand Festival (Tokyo)
Hakone Daimyo Procession (Hakone, Kanagawa)

★ Ask your partner if he/she knows about (and if he/she is interested in) some of the listed festivals. You can use the phrases:

- Do you know any of these festivals ?
- Have you ever heard of ... ?
- Have you ever joined in ... ?
- How many of these festivals do you ?
- How many of these festivals have you ... ?
- Are you interested in ... ?

SCHOOL FESTIVALS

1. Are you going to join in Mizuho-sai? Why or why not?

Your answer: _____

Partner's answer: _____

2. Did you have a school festival when you were in high school or junior high school? Did you like it? What did you do? When was it held? How long did it last?

Your answer: _____

Partner's answer: _____

Vocabulary: homeroom class, club members, parents, friends from other schools, prepare (+ for X), activity or event for the festival, perform a play, hold a music performance (concert), put on a display, turn the classroom into a haunted house, turn the classroom into a cafe, sell items (crafts, food, drinks, donated items), hold a bazaar, earn money, a "job well done" party