Episode4-07

フラの冒険 The Adventures of Ken

夏の旅行

物語本文

When summer came, Ken traveled to his grandparents' house.

They lived far away in a seaside town called Kamakura.

The train ride from Kyoto took six hours. Ten of his cousins came too!

Each morning, they swam together at the beach or hiked in the hills.

Sometimes they rode the Enoshima Electric Railway.

Ken liked to get off at Gokurakuji station. From there, he could walk to the beautiful temple.

The two-week visit went too quickly, and soon it was time to leave.

On the long, slow train ride home, Ken thought about something he read in the newspaper.

An amazing new train was going to open soon in Japan.

It was called the Shinkansen, and it could travel from Osaka to Tokyo in only three hours. Ken couldn't wait to ride it someday.

He closed his eyes, fell asleep, and dreamed of the future.

問題文と選択肢

What did Ken read about in the newspaper?

- A new kind of train.
- 2 A beautiful temple.
- 3 The Enoshima Electric Railway.

答え ① A new kind of train.

Thinking question 問題文と答えの例

Ken's train ride took six hours. What would you do during a six-hour train ride?

答えの例※あくまでも例のひとつです。

I would eat a bento from a local train station, read a book, and take a long nap.



ワンポイントアドバイス

ケンは夏休みに電車で6時間かけて、京都から祖父母の住む鎌倉へ旅をしました。10人のいとこたちと一緒にビーチで遊んだり極楽寺を訪れたり、楽しい時間はあっという間に過ぎました。帰りの電車の中でケンはある新聞記事を思い出しました。もうワクワクが止まりません。それは一体・・・。

ここでの重要表現は The train ride from Kyoto took six hours. (京都からの乗車時間は6時間かかりました。) です。前回の episode で take は「~を持って行く」という意味でしたが、今回は「~の時間がかかる」という意味です。また ride には乗るという動詞の他に「乗車、乗り物」という意味もあります。よく使われる表現なので覚えておきましょう。



エピソード4-07で覚えたいキーワード

- grandparents' 祖父母の (grandparents'sとならないことに注意)
- Each morning 毎朝
- Enoshima Electric Railway [現在の]江ノ島電鉄
- get off 降りる
- two-week visit 2週間の訪問
- it was time to leave 出発する時間になった
- On the long, slow train ride 長くゆっくり続く電車の道中で
- amazing 驚くべき
- only three hours たったの3時間
- someday いつか
- fell asleep 眠った

dreamed of ~の夢をみた