

対象：2年生（199語）

リンゴ農家の1年

A life of apple farmers

みくさんが自分の祖父母の紹介をしています。どんなおじいさん、おばあさんなのでしょうか。また、みくさんの夢は何でしょうか。

Hello, everyone.

Today, I will introduce my grandparents.

Do you like apples? I like apples very much. My grandmother likes apples, too. She eats an apple every day. She says, “Apples make me healthy. Thank you, apples.” She will be ninety next month and she is so active. She is good at singing and dancing. I think that the proverb, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away,” is for her.

My grandparents are apple farmers. My grandfather always says to me, “Apples are our life.” They work throughout the year. In winter, they prune away extra branches to make big apples. This is the most important work. In spring, apple flowers are pollinated by honey bee. In summer, they bag every fruit. In fall, they pray that typhoons will not come. Typhoons take their treasure by force in an instant. Finally, they harvest delicious apples. Please understand that they have to work hard all the year for apples. I understand what my grandfather says very well.

Next spring, I am going to enter an agricultural high school to study how to grow apples. I would like to make delicious apples as my grandparents do.

Thank you for listening.

【words & expressions】

proverb:ことわざ prune away:剪定する、無駄な枝を切ること branch:枝
pollinate:授粉する honey bee:みつばち bag:袋がけをする pray:祈る
take ~ by force:力づくで～を奪う in an instant:一瞬で harvest:収穫する
agricultural high school:農業高校

1 次の質問に英語で答えましょう。

(1) Is Miku's grandmother fine?

(2) What is Miku going to be in the future?

(3) What do you think about work of apple farmers? Why?

(4) What fruit do you like? Why?

2 本文中に出てきた次のことわざの意味を日本語で書いてみましょう。

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