

Lesson1 Read Beautiful Symbol of Friendship

Early in spring, cherry blossoms () [咲く] (①) the Potomac River in Washington. There are () () [何百もの] trees (①) the river. They () [見える] very beautiful, () () (②) the day () () (③) night [日中だけでなく夜も].

Where did all these cherry trees come (④)? Actually, they (ア) [come] (④) Japan! They were a () () [特別な贈り物] (④) Japan (⑤) America. Early in the () () [20世紀], the () [市長] of Tokyo (イ) [send] the American people this wonderful gift from the Arakawa River. "These trees will () [促進する] friendship (⑥) Japan and the United States," he said.

Fifty years () [～後], America () () () [恩返しをした]. The old trees (①) the Arakawa River were (ウ) [die], so America (イ) [send] Tokyo many young cherry trees from the Potomac River. "This gift from America [beautiful / will / the Arakawa River / make / again]," they thought.

() () in Tokyo () () in Washington [東京だけでなくワシントンでも], everyone () () () [楽しみにする] the cherry blossoms every year. この木々はいつも日本とアメリカの友好関係(Japanese-American friendship)の美しい象徴となるだろう。

1. 空所に適語を入れなさい。
2. ①～⑥に適切な前置詞を入れなさい。
3. ア～ウの動詞を適切な形にかえなさい。
4. 下線部を並びかえなさい。[このアメリカからの贈り物によって、荒川は再び美しくなるだろう]

This gift from America

5. 波線部を英文になおしなさい。
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6. 英文を読んで下の問いに答えなさい。

(1) Where did the cherry trees come from?

(2) Who sent the trees to America?

(3) Why did he send them?

(4) Why did America send Tokyo many young cherry trees?
