

11 years have passed since 2011 Tohoku Earthquake

- 1 11 years have passed since a massive earthquake and tsunami hit north-eastern Japan. 18,423 people were killed or got missing.
- 2 The earthquake also triggered ①a nuclear disaster in Fukushima. It destroyed the cooling functions of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, and there were meltdowns in three of its six reactors. ②About 33,000 () have evacuated still cannot return home.
- 3 Many events were held all over Japan on March 11th to pay tribute to the victims. At 14:46, people observed a moment of silence.
- 4 Prime Minister Fumio Kishida traveled to Fukushima and made a speech at a ceremony. He said the government would continue to provide support for the residents and to revitalize the local economy.
- 5 NHK made an online survey of people living in coastal areas of Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures. The question was: "How often have you talked about the disaster?" 45% said they talked about it less this year than last year, while only 7% said they talked about it more often.
- 6 Passing on lessons from the 2011 disaster is a major challenge for Japan, because Japan could face big earthquakes again in the close future.

massive 巨大な get missing 行方不明になる trigger -:-を引き起こす(引き金を引く) nuclear disaster 原子力事故 destroy 破壊する cooling function 冷却機能 () power plant 原子力発電所 reactor 原子炉 ()避難する pay tribute to ~:~に敬意を表する observe a moment of silence 黙祷を捧げる government 政府 provide 提供する support 支援 resident 住民 revitalize 再び活性化する local 地元の economy 経済 survey 調査 coastal 海岸沿いの pass on ~:~を伝える challenge 課題 could ~:~するかもしれない(仮定法過去的一种) face 直面する

Q1 When did Tohoku Earthquake happen?

Q2 下線①について、本文を参考に、詳しく説明しましょう。

Q3 下線②について、空欄に適切な関係代名詞を入れ、全文を日本語に直しましょう。

Q4 Did you observe a moment of silence at 14:46 on March 11th? (Did your school have any ceremony on the day?)

Q5 岸田首相は3/11の演説で、政府が東北地方のために何をすると表明しましたか。2つ抜き出しましょう。

Q6 What did NHK ask people in Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima on an online survey?

Q7 What was the result?

Q8 What is important to get ready for the coming earthquakes?

7 Last December, government released estimates of the (③) case scenario of the disasters that could hit Japan. It says a big earthquake and tsunami off Hokkaido could kill 100,000 people, while another earthquake and tsunami off Iwate could kill 199,000.

release 発する estimate 想定・見積もり off ~:~沖の

Q9 空欄③に「最悪の」という意味の言葉が入ります。英語で書きましょう。

Q10 昨年12月の政府の発表によると、最悪の場合(1)どこで地震が起こり、(2)どのくらいの被害が出ると想定されていますか。

Q11 It is said that “Passing on lessons from the 2011 disaster is a major challenge for Japan.” What are the lessons we should learn from the 2011 disaster?



Q12 On March 11th 2011, what were your parents or grandparents doing? Please interview your family and write down about their experiences.

★次の文を3回ずつ読んで、暗唱しましょう。

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- 2) Prime Minister Kishida said the government would continue to provide support for the residents.
- 3) Passing on lessons from the 2011 disaster is a major challenge for Japan.

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- 1) 大規模な地震と津波が日本の東北地方を襲ってから11年がたちました。
 - 2) 岸田首相は、政府は住民のために支援の提供を続けていくつもりだ、と言いました。
 - 3) 2011年の災害からの教訓を(次の世代に)伝えていくことが、日本にとって大きな課題です。

★ “Passing on lessons”・・・この部分は動名詞となっており、「～すること」を表します。

	10 years after Japan's devastating earthquake and tsunami, man still searches for wife https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rf4bIytxvv8 【2 mins/English/Global News】
	Fukushima Residents still unable to return home 11 years after 3/11 disaster https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSVVu2_PsXg 【1 min/English/Nippon TV New 24 Japan】

★今日の文法：「～が亡くなってから、～年の時間が経ちました」

次の4種類の表現方法があります。

- 1) It has been three years since my grandfather died. (祖父が死んでから3年になる)
- 2) Three years have passed since my grandfather died. (祖父が死んでから3年が過ぎた)
- 3) My grandfather has been dead for three years. (祖父は3年間死んでいる)
- 4) My grandfather died three years ago. (祖父は3年前に死んだ)

★次の文の意味を変えずに書き換えた場合、空欄に当てはまる語を書きましょう。

- 1) 11 years have passed since a massive earthquake hit north-eastern Japan.
= It () () 11 years () a massive earthquake () north-eastern Japan.
= A massive earthquake () north-eastern Japan 11 () ().

- 2) この2週間、雨が降っていません。
It () () () for two weeks.
= We () () no rain for two weeks.

- 3) ロシアがウクライナ侵攻を開始してから2週間経ちました。
It () () two weeks () Russia started invading Ukraine.
= Two weeks () () () the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

- 4) 最後に彼から連絡をもらってから2年経ちます。
Two years () () () he wrote to me last.
= It () () two years () I heard from him last.
= I () () from him for two years.

- 5) 志村けんさんが亡くなってから2年になります。
It () () two years () Ken Shimura passed away.
= Two years () () since Ken Shimura passed away.
= Ken Shimura () two years ().
= Ken Shimura has been () for two years.