

Anpanman and his Creator, Takashi Yanase

- 1 The NHK morning drama *Anpan* began on March 31, 2025, at 8:00 AM. It tells the story of Nobu Komatsu, the wife of Anpanman's creator, Takashi Yanase.
- 2 Do you know Anpanman? He is a famous Japanese cartoon hero, and many children love him. He was created by Takashi Yanase, a writer and poet.
- 3 Yanase was born in 1919 and died in 2013 at the age of 94. During World War II, he went to China as a soldier. He was very hungry there because he had almost nothing to eat. One night, he dreamed of eating many sweet Anpan buns. This dream gave him the idea for Anpanman.
- 4 Yanase created Anpanman at the age of 50. At first, it was not popular. But in the 1990s, the picture books of Anpanman became a big hit. By then, Yanase was over 70 years old.
- 5 Anpanman's head is made of Anpan. It is baked by a kind baker named Uncle Jam. Anpanman has special moves like the An-punch and An-kick, but he is weak when he gets wet or dirty. When someone is hungry, he says, "You can eat my head!" He is not strong, but very kind.
- 6 Yanase once said, "A true hero doesn't just fight. A true hero gives love and care. Giving bread to someone who is starving is the most important act of a hero."
- 7 In the drama, Takashi's uncle Hiroshi asks him, "Why were you born, and what do you live for?" Uncle Takashi says, "Life is for making others happy." Everyone, what is your answer?

creator 作り主・創作者	cartoon アニメ・漫画	poet 詩人	soldier 兵士	bun 丸いパン
baker パン・ケーキ職人	once かつて	starve 飢える	others 他人	()

Q1 NHK ドラマ「あんぱん」の主人公について、説明しましょう。

Q2 What was Takashi Yanase's job?

Q3 Where did Yanase go during World War II? And why?

Q4 Why did Yanase dream of eating Anpans during the war?

Q5 How old was Yanase when he created Anpanman?

Q6 Was Anpanman popular right after it was created?

Q7 How old was Yanase when the picture books of Anpanman became popular?

Q8 Who makes Anpanman's head?

Q9 アンパンマンの弱点を説明しましょう。

Q10 What does Anpanman do when he sees someone hungry?

Q11 やなせたかしさんは、真の英雄について、何ができる人だと言いましたか。

Q12 ドラマで、たかしの叔父の寛(ひろし)は、何と問いかけますか。※「アンパンマンのマーチ」歌詞

Q13 その問いについて、叔父の寛は何と答えますか。

Q14 What do you think: Why were you born, and what do you live for?

Q15 [E-mail Writing] アメリカ人の友人 Sam からの E メールに返信して下さい。

Subject: Do you know Anpanman?

How are you? I learned about a new Japanese drama called Anpan.

It's about the wife of Takashi Yanase, a creator of Anpanman!

I think Anpanman is a very kind hero. I want to ask you two questions:

1. Do you or your family watch the drama Anpan?
2. Who is your favorite character in the Anpanman anime? What kind of character is he or she?

I'm excited to hear your answers!

Your friend, Sam

Hi, Sam! Thank you for your e-mail.

Best wishes,

♪ 英語で歌おう！



Anpanman English/英語版★アンパンマンのマーチ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IzMLfAh2xM>

★次の文を暗唱しましょう！

1. Takashi Yanase was good at drawing.
2. Life is for making others happy.
3. Giving bread to someone who is starving is the most important act of a hero.

今日の文法：動名詞 “～ing”＝「～すること」

よく出てくる文・表現の型

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| ① enjoy ～ing. | ～することを楽しむ |
| ② stop ～ing / finish ～ing | ～することをやめる／終わらせる |
| ③ be good at ～ing | ～することが得意な |
| ④ Thank you for ～ing. | ～してくれて、ありがとう。 |
| ⑤ How about ～ing? | ～するのは、どうですか？ |
| ⑥ be interested in ～ing | ～することに興味がある |

1 Fill in the blanks.

- 1) やなせさんは詩や物語を書くことが得意でした。
Yanase was ()()() poems and stories.
- 2) 彼は空腹の人たちのことを考えるのを決してやめませんでした。
He never stopped () about hungry people.
- 3) 多くの子どもたちはテレビでアンパンマンを見るのを楽しんでいます。
Many children ()() Anpanman on TV.
- 4) 今日、アンパンマンの本を読んでみるのはどう？
()()() an Anpanman book today?
- 5) 彼は、甘いあんパンをたくさん食べる夢を見ました。
He dreamed of () many sweet Anpans.
- 6) ジャムおじさんの仕事は、アンパンマンの顔を焼くことです。
Uncle Jam's job is () Anpanman's head.
- 7) アンパンマンは人を助けるのが好きです。
Anpanman ()() others.
- 8) 僕の顔を食べるのはどう？
()()() my head?
- 9) 人生は、他者を喜ばせるためのものです。
Life is ()() others happy.

2 Answer the following questions.

- 1) Do you enjoy helping your friends like Anpanman?
- 2) Do you think playing tricks like Baikinman is fun sometimes?
- 3) Are you good at making people smile?

アンパンマンのマーチ (作詞 やなせ たかし／英語訳 椿 由紀)



Yes we are always happy, be alive in this world No matter how much pain they give to your heart	そうだ!嬉しいんだ生きる喜び たとえ胸の傷が痛んでも
Why were you born in this world? How are you going to live your life? If you have no answers until the end, You're still happy? - No, we aren't!!	何の為に生まれて 何をして生きるのか 答えられないなんて そんなのは嫌だ!
We have to cherish this moment Give your passion to face the day Yes you will get over anything with a beaming smile	今を生きること 熱いところ燃える だから君は行くんだ微笑んで。
Yes we are always happy, be alive in this world No matter how much pain they bring to your heart Ah, ah, Anpanman, You are a kind hero Let's go! You can make our dreams come true	そうだ!嬉しいんだ生きる喜び たとえ胸の傷が痛んでも。 嗚呼アンパンマン優しい君は 行け!皆の夢守る為
What is your true happiness? What can make you smile and laugh? If you have no answers until the end, You're still happy? - No, we aren't!!	何が君の幸せ 何をして喜ぶ 解らないまま終わる そんなのは嫌だ!
Remember beautiful memories Cry the tears of happiness You can fly anywhere freely to the never-ending sky	忘れないで夢を 零さないで涙 だから君は飛ぶんだ何処までも
Yes you can!! Don't be afraid, you are a kind hero Brave heart, love will make you everybody's friend Ah, ah, Anpanman, You are a kind hero Let's go! You can make our dreams come true	そうだ!恐れなくてみんなの為に 愛と勇気だけが友達さ 嗚呼アンパンマン優しい君は 行け!皆の夢守る為
Time flies like a shooting star Bright stars lose its shiny light You can fly anywhere freely with a beaming smile	時は早く過ぎる 光る星は消える だから君は行くんだ微笑んで
Yes we are always happy, be alive in this world No matter who will hurt you, keep your smiling face Ah, ah, Anpanman, You are a kind hero Let's go! You can make our dreams come true	そうだ!嬉しいんだ生きる喜び たとえどんな敵が相手でも 嗚呼アンパンマン優しい君は 行け!皆の夢守る為

To 不定詞の名詞的用法

to 動詞の原形	～すること
like to 動詞の原形	～することが好きだ
want to 動詞の原形	～したい
try to 動詞の原形	～しようとする・～しようと努力する
decide to 動詞の原形	～することを決意する・決める

1 Fill in the blanks.

- 1) お腹をすかせた人にパンをあげることは、大切なことです。
()() bread to a starving person is important for a true hero.
- 2) やなせたかしさんは、絵を描くのが好きでした。
Takashi Yanase ()() draw pictures.
- 3) アンパンマンはお腹をすかせた人を助けたいと思っています。
Anpanman ()()() hungry people.
- 4) たかしさんは、人を幸せにするために生きると決めました。
Takashi ()()() for making others happy.
- 5) あなたはアンパンマンのアニメを見るのが好きですか？
Do you ()()() the animation of Anpanman?
- 6) やなせさんは 50 歳の時、アンパンマンを絵本を描くことに決めました。
Yanase ()()() Anpanman after his dream.
- 7) 多くの子供たちは、アンパンマンの絵本を読むのが好きです。
Many children ()()() Anpanman picture books.
- 8) 戦うことは難しいことです。
()() is difficult.
- 9) ドラマの中で、のぶさんは夫を助けたいと思っています。
Nobu ()()() her husband in the drama.

2 Please answer the following questions.

- 1) What do you want to do in the future?
- 2) What do you like to do this summer?
- 3) “To ~ is easy.” (～することは簡単です) の例文を作りましょう。
- 4) “To ~ is impossible.” (～することは不可能です) の例文を作りましょう。