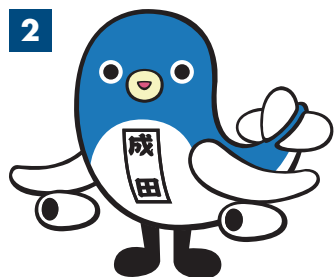


▶ Mascot Characters for Towns

● Introduction and Retelling



- ① many Japanese towns
- ② mascot characters



- ① Unarikun
- ② eel dishes, airport



- ① Hikonyan
- ② red helmet, Hikone Castle

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- ① see a mascot character
- ② become interested in its hometown

Words

mascot [ˈmæskə(:)t]

especially [ɪspɛˈʃəli]

eel [i:l]

helmet [ˈhɛlmət]

● Comprehension Questions

Q1 : Where is Unarikun from?

He is from Narita [Airport, City, dishes].

Q2 : What does Hikonyan have on his head?

He has a [bell, castle, helmet] on it.

Q3 : What can people learn about a mascot character?

They can learn a lot about the mascot's [hometown, interests, life].



Many Japanese towns have their own mascot characters. Two of them are here today in our class. They'll talk about their hometowns.

“Hello! I'm Unarikun. I come from Narita City. Narita is especially famous for two things: its eel dishes and its airport. The eel dishes are delicious. From the airport, you can travel to many different countries. I hope many of you will visit Narita.”

“Hi, everyone! I'm Hikonyan. If you like traditional culture and history, you should visit Hikone City. Look at my red helmet. A long time ago, this kind of helmet was worn by samurai. People of Hikone are proud of the helmets. They are proud of Hikone Castle, too. I hope many of you will visit our city.”

When you see a mascot character, you may become interested in its hometown. In fact, you can learn a lot about a town through its mascot character. Does your hometown have a mascot character? What is it like?

● Final Task

1 Draw the mascot character of your choice.

2 Describe it in English. (With two sentences or more.)

sample He is from Kumamoto Prefecture. He is a very active boy. He has big eyes and red cheeks.

3 Choose some good points of your town.

My town has ...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> delicious local foods. | <input type="checkbox"/> an interesting festival. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a famous shrine or temple. | <input type="checkbox"/> a beautiful mountain or sea. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> an interesting building. | <input type="checkbox"/> a famous person. |

4 What good points of your town do you want to show people?

5 Draw a new mascot character for your town.

