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June - In name of a Goddess



June marks the beginning of summer. It is a colorful month, since nature is in **full bloom**. People also spend much more time outdoors, because of the nice weather and longer daylight. How did this wonderful month get its name though?

June is named after the Roman Goddess Juno Lucina from Roman Mythology. She was **associated with** light and childbirth. The name "Lucina" comes from the Latin word "lux" meaning light. Therefore, when a child was born, it was said to have been "brought into light." Women who worshipped Juno, had to untie knots and unbraided their hair to have a safe **delivery**, because they believed that any **tangles** in their hair might have blocked the delivery.

Juno also symbolized the **matronly** qualities desired for Roman women. She was a wise counsellor and loyal wife of Jupiter.

She was so brave and strong, that sometimes Jupiter himself feared her. Juno was known for **preparing** women for marriage, and it is said that she was present at, and watched over, all marriage ceremonies. To this day, that is why so many people consider June to be a very favorable month to get married.

Finally, Juno, was also responsible for protecting the city of Rome. Before being attacked, some **sacred** geese in the temple of Juno, which the Romans had built for her, warned them of the coming danger. The warning gave the Romans the opportunity to defeat their enemies, and, **hence** save their city. The church Santa Maggiore was constructed in Rome, near the site of the temple of Juno, **in her honor**.

Does the Japanese word for June - Rokugatsu - have a special meaning as well?

Story by Grace



Glossary

(These words are in **color** in the story)

full bloom	満開	associated with	比護する	delivery	出産
tangles	もつれ	matronly	既婚婦人の	preparing	(心の)準備を整える
sacred	神聖な	hence	それ故	in her honor	榮譽を表して

A Word From Us



Joshua Says: We're almost there! A few more boxes to unpack, some touching up here and there, store this or that and we will be ready! For what? For the big opening party, of course! Get ready to have a great time helping us celebrate the opening of our new school. We will be notifying you very soon of the date and time. Invite all your friends and prepare to have some FUN!!

Junko Says: Have you noticed the view from our front windows overlooking Okaido? It is so interesting watching people walking this way and that along the busy street below; doing their shopping, rushing, strolling, laughing, frowning, stressed, relaxed – every day, different! And in summer, we will be able to watch the Summer Festival go by along Okaido from the “best seats in the house”!!



Grace Says: My trip to Kobe during Golden Week was absolutely fabulous!! Being back in a big city was very pleasing. I really appreciated the cosmopolitan and friendly atmosphere, as well as the culture. The bird's eye view of the city from Mt. Rokko was also spectacular, and the Italian and Mexican food I ate, so delicious!!

Rachael Says: During the ‘Golden Week’ Holiday I spent three days in a fragrant and friendly town called “Tanohama”. I think it's the friendliest town I've encountered in Japan. The local people welcomed us gladly to celebrate the ‘Golden Week’ festivities with them, including watching a Noh drama, as well as drinking and eating plenty of fresh local fish.... Mmmmmmm.....



Greg is back in Australia this month to attend to his very ill father who is in hospital. We hope things work out for him and his Dad, and we wish them both the best of luck. We look forward to Greg returning to Matsuyama in a few weeks. All the best Greg, and see you soon.

Richard Says: Oh, what a month of May it was! I am now, finally, a member of the “I love Natto” fan club, found my supplier of fresh basil and organic chick peas and even found a German brewery and sausage factory just over the hill. Please share your thoughts with me about “Natto” and tell me where I can find a pair of Wellingtons!! (the English name for an item of clothing for the ‘rainy season’).



Natasha Says: May 9th is Victory Day. 20 million people devoted their lives to defending our lands from the Nazi Germany invasion. It is customary in our country for couples to visit unknown-soldiers monuments and dedicate flowers before their wedding ceremonies. Japan lost in the last war... so maybe war is now taboo...but for me it seems very strange that Japanese people do not now show respect for soldiers.

Yuka Says: When you are so tired and stressed out, what do you do? Go for a drive, go shopping, clean up your room, or do nothing? I always eat something sweet – ice-cream, cake, cream caramel and pie. All of these make me happy, and these are the things that cause me regrets later, too!



A Word From You

Eiichi says: I went to Union City near San Francisco in California. There was a good shopping mall near my hotel. I was able to eat many dishes, for example, Mexican, Chinese, and so on. I like Mexican dishes. However, I can't eat Mexican food in Matsuyama!!

Kaori says: On 23 May, I participated in a Kendo competition at Ehime Budoukan. It was the last time for me to compete while still a university student because I am in 4th year now, so I devoted all my spirit to the competition. My parents came along to watch me too. I lost in the second round, but I think it was the best competition of my life. Great participants and the best conditions, everything was so good! I think if you continue to make an effort, it will bare fruit.



Net News

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NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

If you are planning to travel abroad this summer, you can find out about the weather at your destination at this web site: www.worldweather.org

Don't forget to take a look at the **NET NOTEBOOK** in our Open-house lounge. You'll find games, news and English study sites.

Easy English Lesson

Summer, seems to be a very busy time for people, as they either do or make things. But, how do we decide which verb to use to describe the action?

We use **do** to talk about work or jobs.

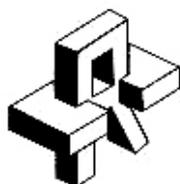
Edward, **did** his homework in the den.

Lucy, usually **does** her housework on Saturdays.

We use **make** when we speak about building, constructing, producing or creating.

Daniel **made** a huge mess while painting his office.

Before visiting her sister in Argentina, Janet will **make** a list of things to take with her.



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