

Japanese Riddles (1-5)



1. I have a thousand gates but you can't walk through me, I fold on paper and set spirits free. What am I?

Answer: _____



2. I bloom in spring and fall like snow, samurai watched me long ago. What am I?

Answer: _____



3. I'm wrapped in seaweed, stuffed with rice, with fish inside I taste so nice. What am I?

Answer: _____



4. I breathe no fire but I'm feared by all, with scales and claws I rise and fall. What am I?

Answer: _____



5. I have no feet but I can dance, I wave in wind in a paper trance. What am I?

Answer: _____

Japanese Riddles (6-10)



6. I'm tall and still with snow on top, the bravest climbers never stop. What am I?

Answer: _____



7. I fold and bend but never break, a crane or flower I can make. What am I?

Answer: _____



8. I hide my face behind bright paint, I tell a story without complaint. What am I?

Answer: _____



9. I'm sharp and curved with a single edge, a warrior's honor is my pledge. What am I?

Answer: _____



10. I steam and soothe in mountain air, people soak without a care. What am I?

Answer: _____

Japanese Riddles (11-15)



11. I sit in silence, made of clay, I bring good luck every day. What am I?

Answer: _____



12. I'm wooden shoes that clip and clomp, on cobblestone I never stop. What am I?

Answer: _____



13. I'm round and red on a field of white, a symbol seen from any height. What am I?

Answer: _____



14. I bubble and boil in a shared pot, with meat and veggies served piping hot. What am I?

Answer: _____



15. I'm a robe of silk tied with a bow, to festivals and temples I go. What am I?

Answer: _____

Japanese Riddles (16-20)



16. I'm small and round, I hold your tea, without a handle you hold me. What am I?

Answer: _____



17. I rumble and shake beneath your feet, where tectonic plates happen to meet. What am I?

Answer: _____



18. I'm black and white with careful strokes, I paint with ink what the artist evokes. What am I?

Answer: _____



19. I'm raw and fresh on a bed of rice, the chef slices me with a knife so precise. What am I?

Answer: _____



20. I light the night in paper and flame, at summer festivals I earn my name. What am I?

Answer: _____

Japanese Riddles - Answer Key

1. Torii Gate (Origami Crane)
2. Cherry Blossom (Sakura)
3. Sushi
4. Japanese Dragon
5. Koinobori (Carp Streamer)
6. Mount Fuji
7. Origami
8. Kabuki Mask
9. Katana (Samurai Sword)
10. Onsen (Hot Spring)
11. Maneki-neko (Lucky Cat)
12. Geta (Wooden Sandals)
13. Japanese Flag
14. Shabu-shabu (Hot Pot)
15. Kimono
16. Yunomi (Tea Cup)
17. Earthquake
18. Calligraphy (Shodo)
19. Sashimi / Sushi
20. Paper Lantern (Chochin)