

Listening Sample Questions

Listening Monologue - Cherry Blossoms

1. Eliza Scidmore was the first person to plant cherry trees in the US

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Not mentioned

2. Why did David Fairchild first decide to plant cherry trees in his garden?

- a) He thought the trees would have economic value for the US
- b) He was probably inspired by their beauty after seeing them in Japan
- c) He wanted to share Japan's culture with the US
- d) To encourage the government to plant the trees

3. Why were cherry trees considered a good addition to Washington, DC?

- a) They would make the city look better
- b) They would provide fruit for people in the city
- c) They would help to prevent flooding from the Potomac River
- d) They would boost tourist numbers to the city

4. Why did the Japanese government first send cherry trees to Washington, DC?

- a) To fulfil Fairchild's order of trees for his town
- b) To replace American trees that were dying
- c) To establish a friendly relationship with the US
- d) To promote Japanese culture abroad

5. Why did Japan send a second shipment of cherry trees?

- a) To send a larger quantity of trees
- b) To correct the quality issues of the first shipment
- c) To introduce a different variety of cherry trees
- d) To replace the first group of trees which were stolen

6. Who planted the first cherry tree in Washington, DC?

- a) David Fairchild
- b) A Japanese politician's wife
- c) The president of the US
- d) The US president's wife

7. Cherry trees often live for about 50 years

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Not mentioned

8. What is the talk about?

- a) How cherry blossom trees arrived in the US
- b) How to celebrate the Cherry Blossom Festival
- c) Why cherry trees are important to Japan
- d) The benefits of cherry trees for the US

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