# Lesson 95: The dead return What happens to the lanterns at the end of the festival?

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A Festival for the Dead is held once a year in Japan.

This festival is a cheerful occasion, for on this day, the dead are said to return to their homes, and they are welcomed by the living.

As they are expected to be hungry after their long journey, food is laid out for them.

Specially made lanterns are hung outside each house to help the deao find their way.

All night long, people dance and sing.

In the early morning, the food that had been laid out for the dead is thrown into a river or into the sea, as it is considered unlucky for any living person to eat it on a cheerful occasion.

In towns that are near the sea, the tiny lanterns that had been hung in the streets the night before are placed into the water when the festival is over.

Thousands of lanterns slowly drift out to sea, guiding the dead on their return journey to the other world.

This is a moving spectacle, for crowds of people stand on the shore watching the lanterns drifting away until they can be seen no more.

The Japanese annual Festival for the Dead is a cheerful occasion.

As the dead are said to return home, food is laid out for them, and lanterns are lit to guide them on their way.

People dance and sing all night, and the uneaten food is thrown into the sea or into a river the next morning.

In some places, the lanterns are placed on the sea, and people watch from the shore until the lanterns drift out of sight.

The Festival for the Dead was a traditional Japanese festival held once a year.

In the early morning, people made some small lanterns and prepared special food in order to welcome the dead to their homes.

When the night fell, food was laid out for them, and lanterns were hung outside each house to help them find their way.

Throughout the night, people danced and sang in the brightly lit streets.

The following morning, the food was thrown away into the sea, as people considered it would be unlucky for the living to eat it.

And thousands of lanterns were placed on the sea to guide the dead back to the other world.

All the people stood on the shore watching the lanterns drifting slowly away until they finally disappeared, and the sun rose up high in the sky.

It was really a cheerful and moving spectacle.

He came to see me yesterday as usual.

There was no one I knew among those present.

The manager of this store is kept very busy.

Children's clothes are difficult to choose.

He never greets anyone in the morning.

Your hands are not very clean, are they?

Mary's in the kitchen.

She's washing up the plates.

If you lose your temper, you will regret it.

This problem is too difficult for me.

He is fairly good at his work.

He is trying hard, but his work is still not good enough.

Young people should remain single for a few years before they marry.

There was a long queue at the bus stop.

His lies would not take in anybody but a fool.

The explorers returned because they had run out of food.

He is very good at making up stories for children.

It took him a long time to get over his illness.

Mrs.Jones told her daughter to keep away from the stove.

During the storm, the ship made for the nearest harbor.

Has this car been run in yet?

The bird accidentally flew into the room and couldn't get out.

He spoke so quickly, I didn't have time to take down what he said.

Though we all ran after the thief, we could not catch him.

I hadn't seen him for years, and I accidentally ran into him in the street this morning.

Ronald will take over the family business now that his father has died.

Can you make out the address on this envelope?

I've taken up painting in my spare time.

The festival is a cheerful occasion because the dead are welcomed home by the living.

What is the purpose of the lanterns?

They are supposed to help the dead find their way.

How many times a year is the festival held?

Only once a year.

The dead are said to return.

People say they return to their homes.

All night long, people dance and sing.

They do this during the whole night.

If anyone eats the food, they will be unlucky.

Lanterns that had been hung in the streets the previous night are placed into the water.

It's a cheerful occasion.

It's a cheerful event.

The food is thrown into the river.

It is thrown away.

The lanterns are placed into the water when the festival is over.

This happens after the festival.

The lanterns guide the dead to the other world.

They show them the way.

It's a moving spectacle.

It's a wonderful sight.

As they are expected to be hungry after their long journey, food is laid out for them.