

## 8 Culture • Theme parks in Japan

### Aim

Talk about theme parks and rides.

### Warm-up

With books closed, ask: *Do you like theme parks?* Check that students understand what a theme park is, then ask: *Do you sometimes go to theme parks? Which ones do you go to? What kinds of rides do you like going on?* Elicit a range of answers from individual students.

### Exercise 1

Students work in pairs to check the meanings of the words and decide what they can see in the photos. Check answers with the class and check that students understand all the words.

#### ANSWERS

- 1 cosplay 2 water ride  
3 rollercoaster 4 thrill ride

### Exercise 2

Read out the question and elicit a few possible answers, e.g. *restaurants, shops*. Students then read and check their answers. Check answers with the class.

#### ANSWERS

You can find rollercoasters, rides (thrill rides, family rides, water rides), shops, cafés, restaurants, shows and concerts.

### Exercise 3 2.39

Students read and listen to the text again and answer the questions. Check answers with the class.

#### ANSWERS

- 1 More than 100  
2 1983  
3 No, they are very safe.  
4 A thrill ride  
5 You can dress up in historical costumes and visit attractions.  
6 You can go shopping, have a drink or a meal.

### Exercise 4 YOUR CULTURE

Brainstorm some theme parks in the students' own country. Students then choose a theme park, find information about it online and complete the table. Students can do this in class if they have access to the internet, or for homework.

#### ANSWERS

Students' own answers.

### Exercise 5 USE IT!

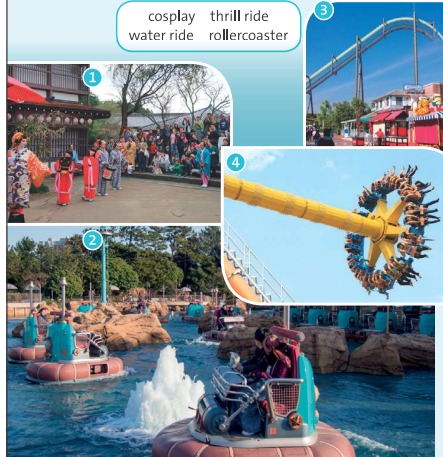
Students work in pairs to tell each other about their theme parks. Ask some pairs to tell the class about one of the theme parks they talked about. Discuss as a class

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I can talk about theme parks and rides.

- 1 Check the meanings of the words in the box. Then look at photos 1–4. What can you see in the photos?

cosplay water ride  
thrill ride rollercoaster



- 2 What places can you find in a theme park? Read the text and check your answers.

- 3 2.39 Read and listen to the text and answer the questions.

- How many theme parks are there in Japan?
- When did Tokyo Disneyland open?
- Are theme park rides dangerous?
- What kind of ride can be scary?
- What can you do at Edo Wonderland?
- What other things can you do at theme parks?

- 4 YOUR CULTURE Write about a theme park in your country. Use the internet to help you find the information you need.

Name of theme park	
Location	
Opening hours	
Best part	
Other things you can do	

- 5 USE IT! Work in pairs. Tell your partner about your theme park in exercise 4.

## Theme parks, Japan

Theme parks are very popular in Japan and there are more than 100 parks with lots of things to see and do. Tokyo Disneyland opened in 1983. It was the first Disney theme park outside the US.

The rides at modern Japanese theme parks are fast and exciting – but they are very safe. The bravest people can go on the 'thrill rides' – these are scary rides that use a lot of expensive technology.

Other theme parks in Japan are about the Japanese way of life. For example, at Edo Wonderland Nikko Edomura, you can dress up in historical clothes and visit attractions such as a Ninja Trick Maze.

Theme parks have more than just rides and rollercoasters. There are also shops, cafés, restaurants, shows and concerts.

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which theme parks look the most exciting and why.

#### ANSWERS

Students' own answers.

### Optional activity: Speaking

Put students into small groups and ask them to design a new ride for a theme park. Tell them to decide first what type of ride it will be (thrill ride, family ride, etc.) and then work out the details. They should draw a picture if possible and prepare a description to present to the class. Monitor and help while they are working. Ask groups in turn to present their rides to the class. Encourage other students to ask questions to get more details. The class can vote for their favourite new ride.