

# Matsuri

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## Suggested Teaching and Learning

**Text Type:** Non-Fiction

**Genre:** Recount

**Suggested Reading Recovery Level:** 5

**Word Count:** 84

### ACARA F-1 References

**Learning Areas:** English; Humanities and Social Sciences

**General Capabilities:** Literacy; Intercultural Understanding

**Cross Curriculum Priorities:** Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia

### Understanding Texts

- Build background knowledge with a rich book introduction. Ensure students understand what floats and lanterns are. Locate both words and have them say each. Locate and repeat the language structures Matsuri parade and '...bigger and bigger and bigger'. \*UnT4, UnT5
- After reading, discuss why the men have to be strong to pull the floats along. \*UnT4, UnT5
- Discuss the traditional clothing the women wear. Discuss other times the women would wear traditional clothing such as weddings and other religious ceremonies. \*UnT4, UnT5
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**Vocabulary:** beautiful, bright, clothes, floats, lanterns, strong, woman

**High Frequency Words:** are, going, in, look, men, on, people, play, see, the, they, very, we, will

### Phonic Knowledge and Word Recognition + Phonological Awareness

- Locate the word floats. Notice the initial fl blend, make a list of other words that start with fl.
- Locate the words going and making. Notice the ing ending. Find other words in the text that ing can be added to, such as see, pull and wear. \*PKW5

\*National Literacy Learning Progressions

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A photograph of two young girls participating in a Shinto festival. They are dressed in traditional green kimonos with pink accents and large, light green, wide-brimmed hats decorated with colorful flowers. The girl on the left is looking upwards and to the right, while the girl on the right is looking down. Both are holding wooden drumsticks and playing large, round, red-rimmed drums. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and a yellow barrier.

Shinto Festival

We are going to see  
the Matsuri parade.





We will see people making the floats.





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The floats will get bigger  
and bigger and bigger.







We will see lanterns  
on the floats.

The lanterns are bright.



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**Matsuri** is an informational text that describes one of the most popular/famous events in the Japanese festival - the Gion Matsuri parade. Matsuri illustrates the floats being made in the streets, the colourful lanterns and women in traditional costumes.

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