

But I am excited to travel more this summer, especially around Tohoku! I want to do many road trips. Driving in Japan is amazing because the scenery is so beautiful. There are so many mountains and trees. I've started going on some day trips on weekends. Recently, I went to Ginzan *Onsen*. It was a beautiful little area, and there weren't too many people! The waterfall, river, and caves were so interesting. I heard that Ginzan is beautiful in winter too. I can't wait to see more of Japan. If you have any recommendations, let me know! =]

Carlos カルロス



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Hello everyone:) What have you been up to lately? I went to Hokkaido with my family few weeks ago. It has been 3 years since I last saw my grandma and aunties. I was so happy to see them. We went to three *onsen ryokan* in Toya and Shikotsuko. This is my first time having a traditional multi-course Japanese dinner (*kaiseki-ryōri*). I am amazed at the meticulous preparation and beautiful presentation of *kaiseki*. One of my favorite dishes is this *wagyu* beef. It was very tender and juicy.

The king crab hot pot was a sumptuous treat! The seasonal cherry blossom themed dessert was delicious!

This is definitely one of the best and most relaxing trips I have ever had!! Hope to see you again, Hokkaido!

Clarice クラリス





■ヒント■ クラリスの話は、旅先でとても美味 しいもの(いつもとは違う)を食し たようですね。どこへ誰と行ったの かな。

•Words & Phrases•

- aunties: 伯母/叔母ちゃんたち
- ・ meticulous: 細かいことに気を配る
- sumptuous:豪華な
- treat:とてもいいもの、
 (思わぬ)喜び
- cherry blossom themed dessert :



Do you know what: <u>"He's got urchins in his pockets"</u>(1) means? It's a French idiom for *"kechina*".

In French, there are lots of idioms that only French people understand. Depending on the age, status or style, they show their personality, want to be funny, or give a strong impact to what they say.

Some idioms are especially funny, like: <u>"Doing something with the fingers in the nose"</u>(2) = to do it very easily. Old style: <u>"He has a spider on the ceiling"</u> (3) = he's crazy. Classic: <u>"He put me a rabbit"</u> (4) = he didn't come to the appointment. "*Obasan*" style: <u>"He/She has a heart of artichoke"</u> (5) for someone who falls in love easily: the heart of an artichoke having many leaves, there is one for everyone.

Words & Phrases

若いつぼみを食用とします

How about you? Can you say some Japanese idioms?

Florence 70-L>ス

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・urchin(s): いたずらっ子、ハリネズミ(参考に、sea urchin

でウニ)・idiom: 慣用句、熟語 ・ceiling: 天井

• artichoke: アーティチョーク、チョウセンアザミ、

- $\ensuremath{\left(1\right) }$ Avoir des oursins dans les poches.
- (2) Les doigts dans le nez.
- (3) Avoir une araignée au plafond.
- (4) Poser un lapin.
- (5) Coeur d'artichaut.

■ヒント■

フローレンスのお話はフランス語での慣用句の話です。フランスにはフランス人しか理解できないものがた くさんあり、その人の年齢、地位・立場、生き方のスタイル、性格によって、表現の仕方がちがうようです。 いくつか紹介してあるので、日本のものと比べてみては? あと、フランス語でも紹介しているので、興味 のある方は読んでみてね~(^^♪



この日は、会場に白石のブースを設け、鬼小十郎まつりの PR、書道や折り紙などの日本文化を紹介、陣羽織の試着体験・記念 撮影等を通してたくさんの外国の方と交流できました。また留学生による各国の屋台料理も満喫しましたよ~!(^^)!



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