

## Religion in Japan

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### Make an Omikuji Fortune

Omikuji are fortunes which can be bought at shrines and temples. They include a general fortune about what kind of luck the visitor will have in the future.



Example omikuji

**大吉**

very lucky

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You will not have many difficulties this year. Expect good things to happen.

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**Travel** - You will get to go on an exciting trip.

**School** - You will do really well in all your tests. It is a good time to join a new club.

**Wish** - Your wish will come true before your birthday.

A short general description of the fortune

Type of luck

Short predictions about different areas of life

### Design an omikuji and swap with your classmates!

#### I. What type of luck will your omikuji have?

There are a range of options in Japan. Choose one from the options below and circle your choice.

very lucky  
dai-kichi

大吉

lucky  
kichi

吉

a little lucky  
sho-kichi

小吉

good luck in future  
sue-kichi

末吉

#### II. Write a general fortune that matches your choice. Keep it simple and not too long.

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### III. Pick up to 3 options to write a prediction for.

As well as a general fortune, there are usually predictions about other areas of life, such as whether it's a good idea to go on a trip or if a lost object will be found! Choose from the options below.

Lost Items	Travel	School	Wish	Other
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1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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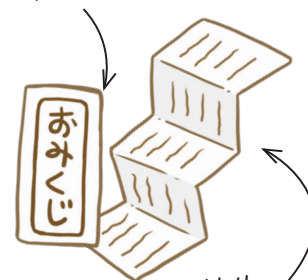
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### IV. Write the fortune and fold it up!

Ask your teacher to check the fortune you have written, then you can write it out on a strip of paper. After writing your omijuki, you should fold it up like an accordion. Finally, you can write omikuji in Japanese on the front.

Write おみくじ on the front after folding it up.



Fold the omikuji up like this.

Try to practice writing omikuji in Japanese characters in the space below!

o お	mi み	ku く	ji じ
お	み	く	じ