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1. The haiku reminded in May is "Me ni Aoba, Yama Hototogisu, Hatu Gatsuo", or "Fresh green leaves in the eyes, little cuckoos in the mountains, the first bonito". What does this mean?
2. The first bonito has been considered seasonal. Eating anything that is in season was a pleasure for Japanese people at the time. So, what did people believe would happen when you are the first to eat it?
3. In Japan, there are foods known as the first Shitenno, or the big four of the firsts. What are they?
4. In haiku, the mountains are expressed by verbs that are characteristic of each season. How is the mountain of each season being expressed in spring, summer, autumn and winter?

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5. Sei Shonagon, a woman essayist in the Heian era, wrote the time periods she thought was best in each of the spring, summer, autumn and winter seasons. please explain.

6. Which season do you like best? Why?

7. May is known for Mother's Day, when is it?

8. Do you know how Mother's Day began?

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9. Why are carnations given on Mother's Day?

10. Please tell us some good things about your mother.