

The Way We Are

自然のなかでリラックス: Relaxing out of Doors

📷 Photographer



焼き肉は、オレに
まかせろ！

Cookout Party

A group of friends are gathered at a riverside park for a barbecue party. Ken, whose father runs a Korean-style grill restaurant, rolls up his sleeves to help.

"Here, I'm the expert at grilling meat!"

📷 Kakuchi Takahiro, Ishikawa

Skiing



今日は天気もいいし、
最高だね！

Takuma is a skilled skier, so he loves winter mountains. The view from the mountaintop is superb!

"It's a beautiful day today—this is the greatest!"

📷 Shida Takuma, Tokyo

Persimmons

これが甘そうだ。



Even in Wakayama, known for its delicious persimmons, Daisuke's town is especially famous. The tree behind his house, too, has luscious big fruit. "Here, this one looks like a good one."

📷 Nagai Tomohiro, Wakayama



ナナカマドって、
秋の色している。

Rowanberry Tree/Nanakamado

Ayako is photographing the rowanberries, *nanakamado* in Japanese, on the tree in the school grounds.

"Look! The rowanberries are the color of autumn."

📷 Furukawa Suzuko, Hokkaido

Fishing

そろそろ、魚が
よくなる時間だ。



Eyes fixed on his rod, Yōichi waits patiently for a fish to bite. Before he knew it, the sun had gone down.

"Now's about the time I usually catch a lot of fish."

📷 Hirono Ken'ichi, Saitama



手がくすぐったいよ。

Sachiko is feeding the goats. She looks a little frightened of the goat.

"He's tickling my hand!"

📷 Iida Masayo, Tokyo

Feeding the Goats

During a school summer camp in the Oze national park, Yoshiko (far left) and her classmates hike single-file along the boardwalk trail through the famous swamp.

"Make me look good! Okay?"

📷 Ogawa Yoshiko, Kanagawa

Hiking

キレイに撮ってね！





夏はやっぱり
スイカだぜ!

Junjirō (left) and his friends are at the beach in Shizuoka prefecture during their summer holiday. Here they are carrying a watermelon they cooled in the ocean to eat on the beach.
"There's nothing like watermelon in the summer!"

Shimaki Shūichi, Tokyo

Watermelon on the Beach

Once the cherry blossoms pass their peak, the petals begin to fall. Seiko leaps up, trying to catch a branch to bring down a shower of petals.
"Oops! Didn't quite get it!"

Jōshita Yoshiko, Aomori



あと、
もうちょっと!

Under the Cherry Tree



夕日って、
何回見てもいいよな。

Sunset

Shunsuke loves to come here to watch the sunset. What's amazing, he says, is the feeling of everything being drawn down into the horizon as the sun goes down.
"The sunset is always really something —no matter how many times you see it."

Nakamura Takaaki, Aichi



ちょっと
休憩しようよ。

Stretched Out on the Grass

Tired out from walking on a school trip in Hokkaido, Hiroko takes a moment to relax on the open lawn at Sapporo's Central Park.
"Hey! Let's give ourselves a break, you guys!"

Nasu Haruka, Tokyo

The school field was covered with snow, so today's athletics class was devoted to building a snowman. Everyone got into the act and had a lot of fun. We may seem a bit childish, but this is how we are!

"Okay, now pose!"

Yoshiara Mayu, Tochigi



ハイ、チーズ!

Snowman

At the End of the Cycling Road

はー、
やっと着いたー!



Megumi often goes long-distance cycling with her friends. Here they are at the river, after a three-hour bike ride through Chiba from Tokyo.

"At last! We're here!"

Fukuzawa Hiroko, Tokyo

Autumn Colors



試合、応援に
来いよな。

On his way home from soccer practice, Satoshi takes shelter from the rain under a tree bright with autumn colors. A big soccer game is coming up.
"Hey, be sure and come to cheer our game, okay!"

Abe Shinjirō, Hokkaido