

Rainy Season

Read and answer the questions in English and Japanese. Write numbers in the boxes to match the questions.

In Japan the rainy season usually begins in the early Summer, around the middle of June. During this time, the weather is very hot and muggy. Sometimes it can rain non-stop for two weeks. The rainy season is called tsuyu, which means "plum rain" because this is when plums start to ripen. Beautiful hydrangeas bloom, too. You should always carry an umbrella during the month of June. The rainy season can also begin in May and finish in July.

1. What season and month does the rainy season usually start in Japan?

2. What is the rainy season called in Japanese?

3. What kind of fruit ripens and which flowers bloom?

