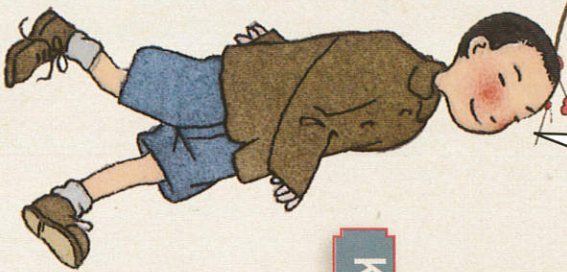
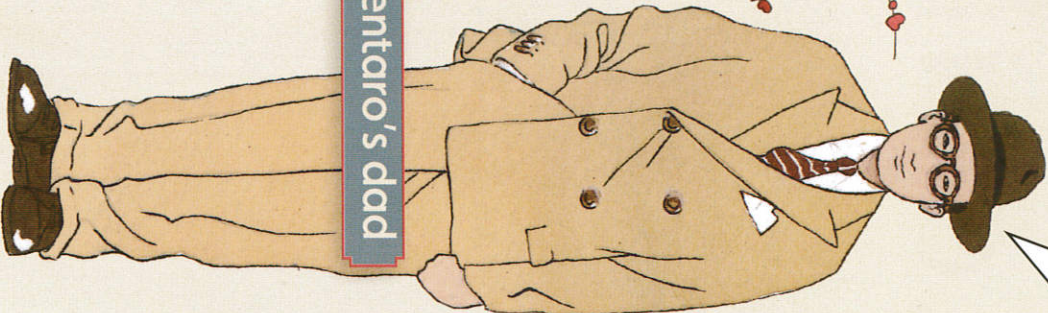


Meet ^{ooo} everyone from Hachiko



Kentaro

Hi, I'm Kentaro.



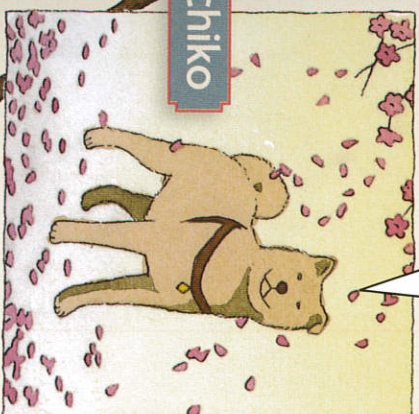
Kentaro's dad

Hello, I'm Kentaro's dad.



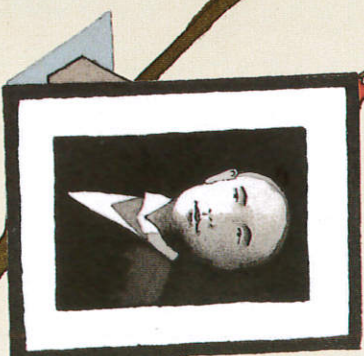
Kentaro's mum

And I'm his mum.



Hachiko

I'm Hachiko and I'm big and brown.



Dr Ueno

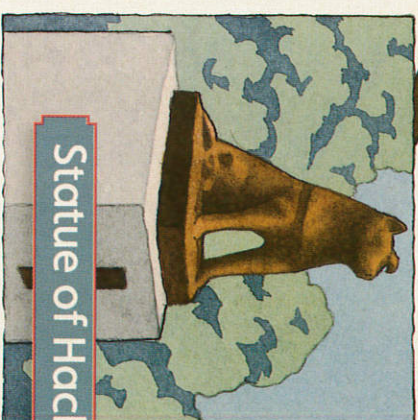
This is Dr Ueno.
Hachiko is his dog.



Japan

This is Japan.
Kentaro lives in Tokyo.

Tokyo



Statue of Hachiko

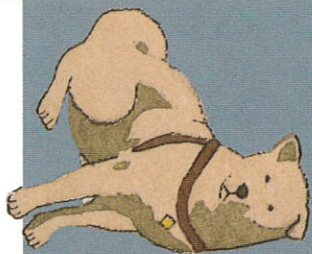
Before you read ...

What do you think?
Why is there a statue of Hachiko?

New Words

What do these new words mean?

Ask your teacher or use your dictionary.



dead

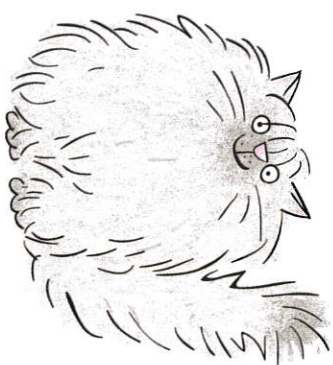


The animal is **dead**.

flowers

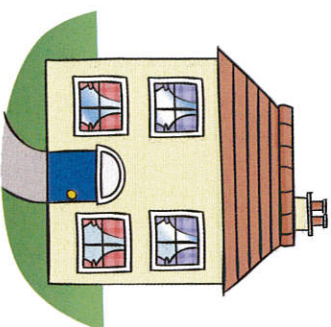


fur



The cat has got a lot of **fur**.

house



This is a **house**.

hug

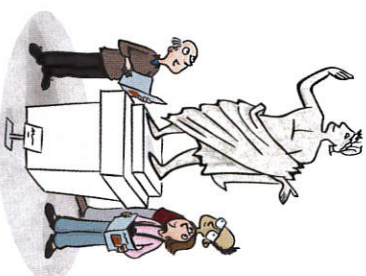


people



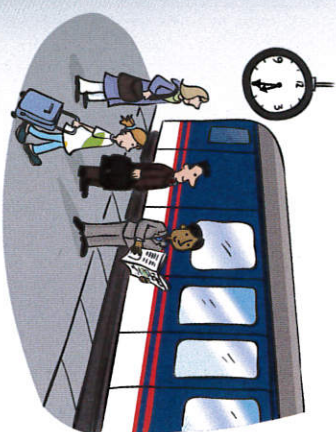
There are a lot of **people**.

statue

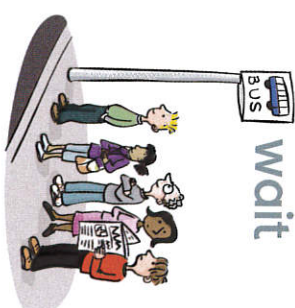


The **statue** is very old.

train station



wait



They are **waiting** for the bus.

wolf



The **wolf** is very big and very hungry.

'What's wrong?'

What's wrong?



What does the title Hachiko – A Loyal Dog mean? Ask your teacher.

Hachiko

A loyal dog

CHAPTER ONE 'It's a wolf!'

I am Kentaro. I live in a small house in Tokyo.
It's not far from Shibuya train station. I like the
station and the big, black trains.



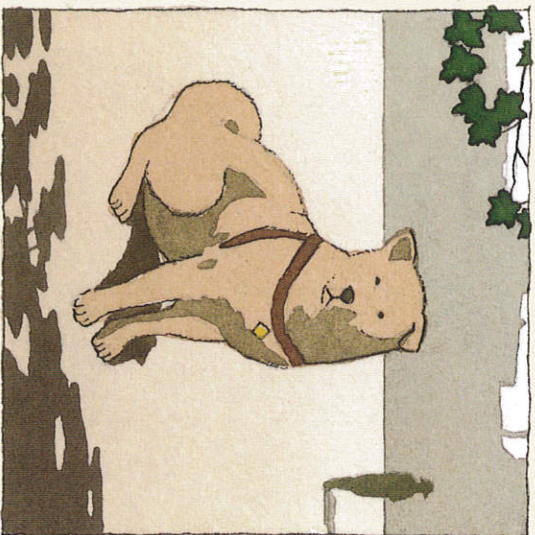
One sunny day, my mum and I go to
Shibuya train station. There are a lot of
people.

'What time does Dad's train come?' I
say.

'At half past five,' says Mum.



Behind the people I see a big, brown and white animal. It has big, brown eyes. Is it a wolf or is it a dog? Is it bad? Is it looking for someone?



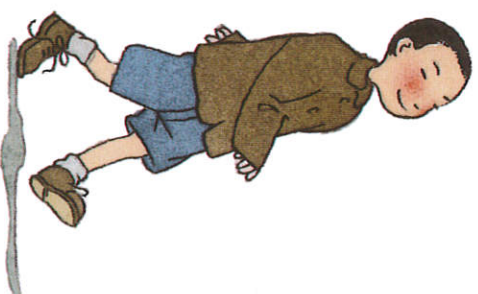
'Here's the train!' says my mum.
My dad comes with his friend, Dr. Ueno.
Suddenly, the big animal is next to

Dr Ueno.

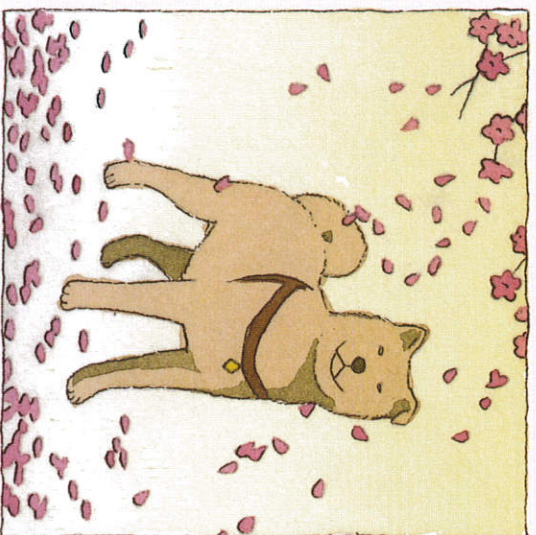
'It's a wolf!' I say, and I stand behind my
mum.

CHAPTER TWO

A sad day



Day after day, I walk to the train station.
The train comes at half past five. Hachiko is
always there too. We wait for my dad and
Dr Ueno.



Dr Ueno laughs. 'No, this is my dog. He's
a good friend,' he says.
'What's his name?' I say.
'His name's Hachiko.'
Hachiko is a happy dog. I love his
long fur.

Sometimes it is very hot, sometimes it is very cold. I give him something to eat and drink and I always hug him.



One day my dad comes from the train, but Dr Ueno is not with him.

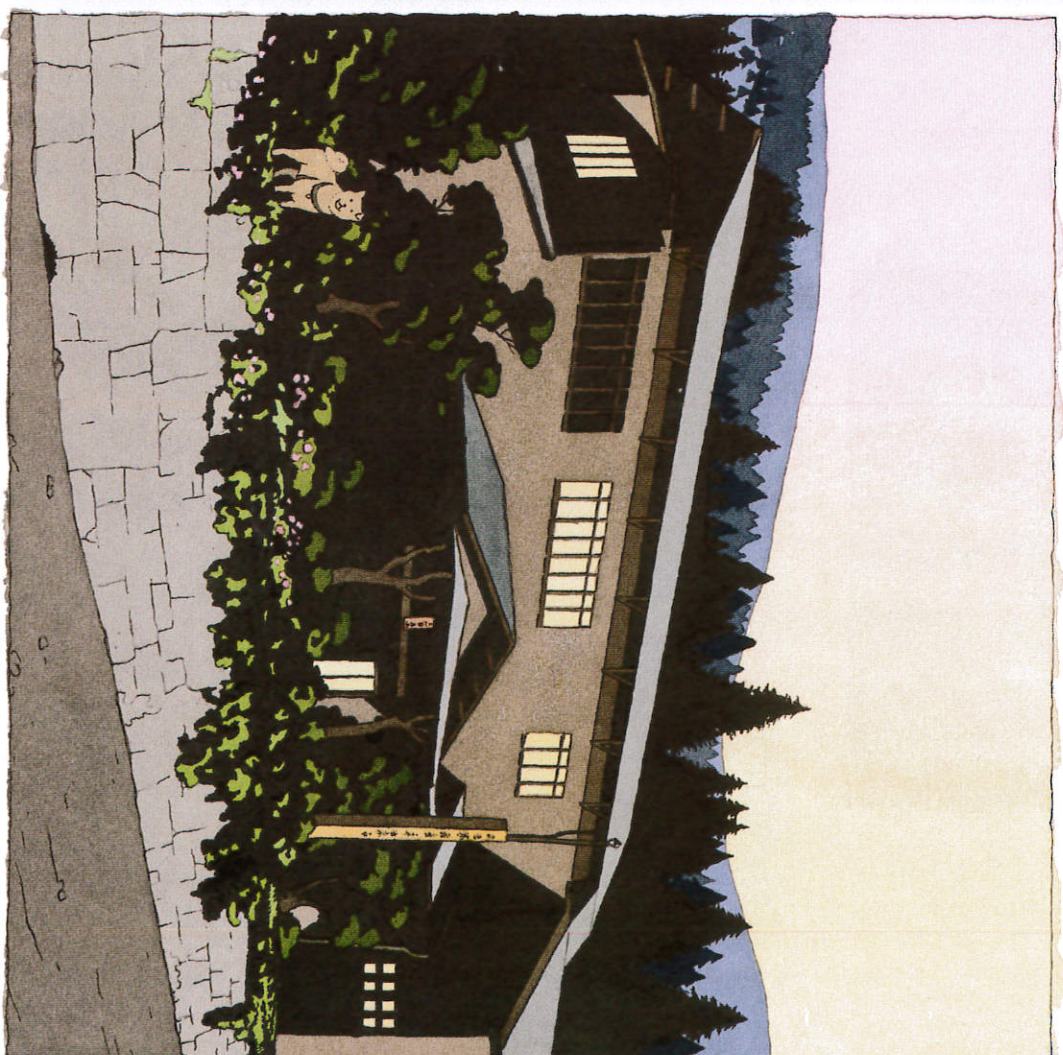
My dad is very quiet and sad. 'Dr Ueno is dead, Kentaro,' he says.

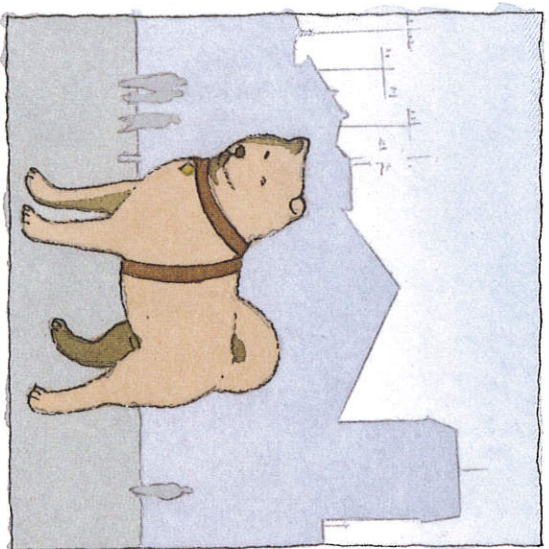


That night I go with my dad to the station. It is cold and dark. Hachiko is there. He is looking for Dr Ueno. He is sad. I hug him.

'Here's something to eat,' I say.

'Dad, where is Hachiko living now?' I ask.
'He is with Dr Ueno's brother,' Dad says.
'Please Dad, I want Hachiko here with us!'
'No, Kentaro. Dr Ueno's brother has a garden and Hachiko can play there.'





Day after day, Hachiko walks for many kilometres to the train station. He waits all day but Dr Ueno never comes.

CHAPTER THREE

A good friend

Now I am nine. Hachiko sits and waits for Dr Ueno. People like him very much.





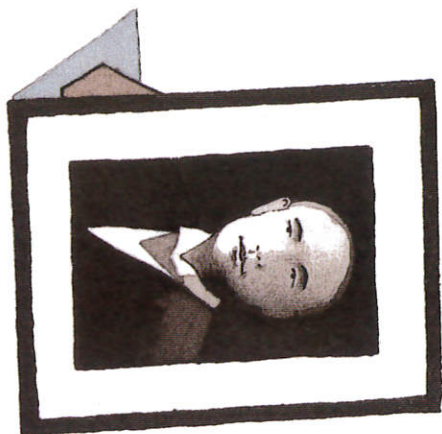
I go to see Hachiko a lot. We are good friends now. I always hug him. I love his long fur and brown eyes.



After six years, I see Dr Ueno's brother.
'Hachiko is always at the train station,'
I say.

'Yes, he always goes there,' he says.





'Why does he wait after six years?' I ask. 'Dr Ueno is dead. Does he understand?'

CHAPTER FOUR

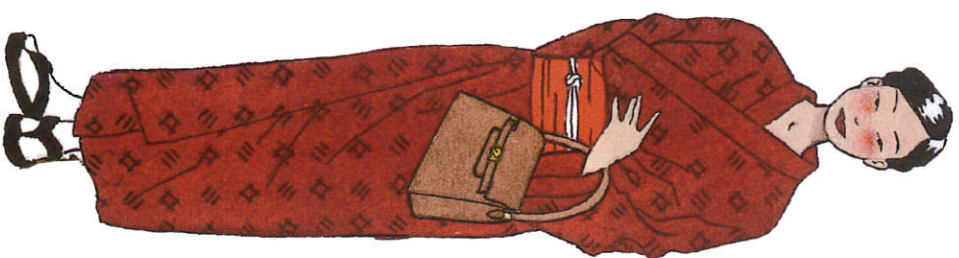
The statue

Now I am sixteen. Hachiko is very old. But day after day, he waits for Dr Ueno.

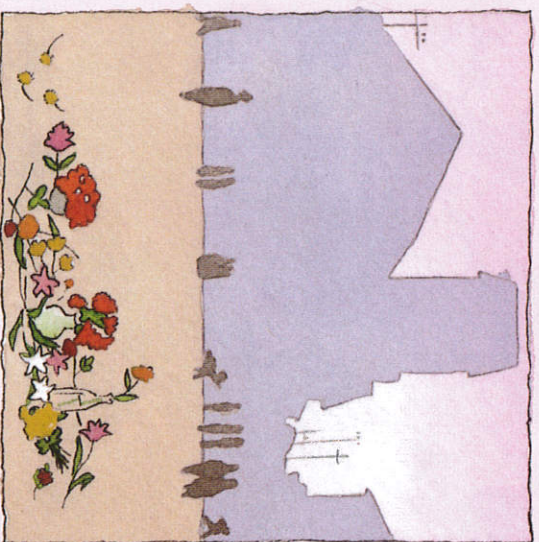


One morning my mum is
very sad.

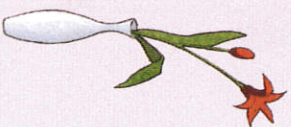
'What's wrong?' I ask.
'Hachiko is dead,' she says.



I go to my bedroom and think about
Hachiko. I am very, very sad. I want my
friend Hachiko, but he is not here now.



I go to the station. There are a lot of flowers for Hachiko. Everyone puts flowers there because everyone in Tokyo loves him.



Now I am an old man. Shibuya station is very big. There is a statue of Hachiko there. People wait there for their friends. They wait next to Hachiko.

There is a special day for Hachiko in April. There are many flowers next to his statue then.

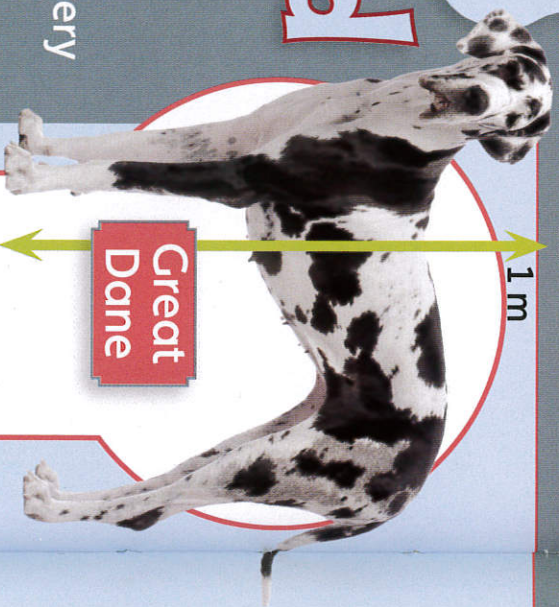


Real World

Dogs and people

Dogs and people can be very good friends.

Dogs love people.
They play with you.
Do you have a dog?



Great Dane



Akita



Terrier

13 cm

65 cm

1m

Dogs help people!



..... guide dog



rescue dog

Dogs look for people and rescue them.



Dogs look for sheep and other animals.

sheep dog

Which dog do you like? Why?

What do these words mean? Find out.

rescue guide sheep help