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Fuji-san
A Living Legend

Hidden beauty and the Five Lakes



富士山と五つの湖

Japanese for adult beginners / English guidance

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The first shore

Yamanakako



1 Ren

ここは山中湖です。

Koko wa Yamanakako desu.

This is Lake Yamanaka.

2 Rahul

広い湖ですね。

Hiroi mizuumi desu ne.

It's a broad lake.

3 Ananya

向こうに富士山があります。

Mukō ni Fujisan ga arimasu.

Mount Fuji is over there.

4 Aiko

岸から見てみましょう。

Kishi kara mite mimashō.

Let's look from the shore.

Read 1 > 2 > 3 > 4. Japanese, romaji, then English.

The first shore

Read the Japanese. Write the romaji. Check the preceding comic.



READ AND RECALL

Who speaks?
What changes?
What would you ask?

LANGUAGE LENS

向こう means over there or beyond.

YOUR TURN

Point out a mountain in the distance.

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Language approach and creation notes

LANGUAGE APPROACH

Ask a useful question, read an answer, then try it yourself. The comic supplies Japanese, romaji and English. Practice removes romaji so you can recall the reading. Longer cultural vocabulary is recognition material; this reader is not a complete grammar course.

CREATION NOTES

The four friends investigate together. Their conversations are fictional; source codes support the cultural notes. The scenes use invented dialogue and visits. Illustrations are original AI-generated interpretations.



Sanjay Bagaria is a technocrat, author, and Japanese language mentor with over three decades of corporate leadership experience at leading Japanese multinational companies.

Through Rahul and Aiko’s illustrated journeys, he brings language and culture together, helping readers discover Japanese life while learning the words and expressions to describe, discuss, and share their experiences.

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