

〈Elixir 3〉 UNIT 1 Reading 授業用プリント

- 1 ① World Heritage Sites are places /
that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) /
wants to protect / for future generations. //
- ② UNESCO selects a place to be a World Heritage Site /
if it is a unique cultural or natural treasure. //
- ③ At present, / there are 1,052 such sites around the world, / and 20 of these are in Japan.
- 2 ① One well-known Japanese UNESCO site / is Mt. Fuji, /
which is the highest mountain in Japan. //
- ② Its attractive shape has been the subject / of many famous paintings and poems. //
- ③ On a clear day, / it can be seen from Tokyo. //
- ④ Even though Mt. Fuji is an active volcano, / about 200,000 people hike up / its steep slopes /
each year. //
- 3 ① Although UNESCO chooses the World Heritage Sites, / it is not responsible /
for maintaining them. //
- ② Generally speaking, / local governments in Japan / have protected their sites well. //
- ③ Because of this, / no places in Japan are in danger / of losing their World Heritage status. //
- ④ This effort benefits / both the local area and the entire world. //
- 4 ① However, / it is not always easy / to protect World Heritage Sites. //
- ② When a place becomes a Site, / it often becomes more famous. //
- ③ As a result, / more people want to visit it, / which can cause serious problems. //
- ④ For example, / when Yakushima Island became Japan's first natural Site, /
the number of hikers / who visited the famous Jomon Sugi cedar tree / increased dramatically. //
- ⑤ This was beginning / to damage the tree's roots. //
- ⑥ To solve the problem, / the local government built a viewing deck /
to prevent people from stepping on the roots. //