

## The Mystery at Hakata Station

Kentaro and Yuta arrived at JR Hakata Station on a cold afternoon. They were excited because their teacher, Kadokawa-sensei, had asked them to research the history of the station. The boys walked around, looking at different shops and people.

Suddenly, they saw a mysterious old man sitting on a bench. He wore a long coat and a big hat. His eyes were sharp, and he seemed to be watching the crowd.

"Excuse me, sir. Can we ask you something?" Kentaro said politely.

The old man smiled. "Of course. What do you want to know?"

"We are studying Hakata Station. Can you tell us anything interesting?" Yuta asked.

The old man nodded. "Hakata Station is very old. Many people travel through here every day. Long ago, this place was different. There was a famous ramen shop here. It had the best ramen in Fukuoka."

"Really? I love ramen!" Kentaro said.

"Me too! Where was the shop?" Yuta asked.

The old man pointed to a small corner near the ticket gates. "It was right there. People came from far away to eat it."

Kadokawa-sensei joined them and smiled. "I have heard that story before. Some say the old owner left a secret recipe in the station."

"A secret recipe?" Kentaro and Yuta said together.

"Yes," the old man said. "But nobody knows if it is true."

Yuta looked at the old man's hat. "That hat... It looks like the one from the old photos of the ramen shop owner!"

The old man laughed. "Maybe I know more than I say. But that is another mystery!"

Kadokawa-sensei laughed, and they all went to eat ramen at a shop nearby.

### True/False Questions

- (1) Kentaro and Yuta went to Hakata Station to buy ramen. ( )
- (2) They met a mysterious old man wearing a big hat. ( )
- (3) The old man told them about a famous ramen shop. ( )
- (4) Kadokawa-sensei did not know anything about the ramen shop. ( )
- (5) The old man gave them the secret recipe. ( )



### Answers

- (1) False (2) True (3) True (4) False (5) False