

HAVE A LOOK AT *RAKUGO* IN ENGLISH

JUGEMU by Katsura Sunshine



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In this tale, a couple cannot think of a suitable name for their newborn baby boy, so the father goes to a temple and asks the chief priest to think of an auspicious name. The priest suggests several names, beginning with Jugemu. But the father is indecisive, and decides to give his son a rather unique name...

Watch the clip above, and answer the following questions.

1. How many people appear in the story?

Four people (*Jugemu*, the mother, *Kin-chan*, the father) .

2. What two things happened as a result of Jugemu's name?

It took so long to say his name that school finished before he could go.

It took so long to say his name that the bump on *Kin-chan's* head went away.

3. What skills do you think a rakugo storyteller needs?

Memorisation skills, ability to speak fast, ability to modulate voice according to characters, ability to use gestures to create characters

4. Do you know of any storytelling styles like *rakugo* in Australia?

5. What are the similarities and differences between *rakugo* and Australian storytelling?