

All about kamishibai



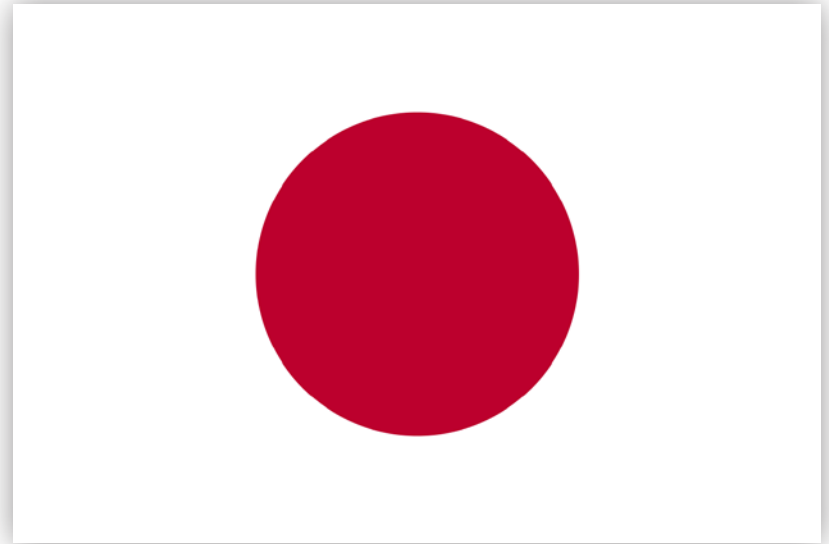
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kah-mee-she-bye

Kamishibai is a way of telling stories using pictures.

It started in Japan many years ago.

Japan is a land far away from our country. It is a long, thin island and sits at the edge of the Pacific Ocean. It is sometimes called the Land of the Rising Sun.





Kamishibai storytellers used to ride round from village to village on their bicycles. When they arrived they would bang two wooden clappers together and all the children of the village would come running.

The wooden clappers were called...

Hyòshigi
yo-she-gee

This is a kamishibai man



Once the children had gathered
the storytelling would begin.

The storyteller would show the cards
one at a time.

When he had finished the storyteller
would sometimes sell sweets or fruit.