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Hello, everyone. I went to Okinawa this summer.

Today, I'm going to talk about my time there.

I have three cousins in Okinawa.

I stayed at their house.

We went to the beach together every day.

We enjoyed swimming and snorkeling.

I saw a lot of colorful fish and coral.

They were amazing.

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I heard some great music in Okinawa.

Do you know the sanshin?

It's a traditional Okinawan instrument.

My uncle played it and sang Okinawan folk songs for me.

I loved them, so I wanted to play the sanshin myself.

He taught me and now I can play my favorite song, "Shimauta."

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The sea was beautiful and the people of Okinawa were very kind.

I was having a great time. But one day, I had a shock.

It was about the war.

We went to the Peace Memorial Park.

Here's a picture of it.

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Can you see the black stone monuments?

They have the names of the victims of the war.

There are two hundred and forty thousand names there!

I was shocked to see so many.

War is a terrible thing.

We should never have another war.

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