

## Summary of Japanese old story, “Momotaro (桃太郎)”

Long, long ago, in some place there was an old man and an old woman.

When the old man went to the mountain to cut trees, the old woman went out to the river to wash clothes.

It happened one day, while the old woman was washing clothes at the river, a huge peach floated up. (The state is described “Donburako, Donburako” in Japanese.)

The old woman was happy, and took the peach home.

When the old man and old woman tried to cut this peach to eat it, a baby boy jumped out from the peach.

They thought that this must be a present from our god because they have no kids. Together they gave the name "Momotaro" to this child, and brought him up with so much care.

Momotaro quickly became large and came to be very powerful.

Then one day, Momotaro said, “I am going to Devil's Island to get rid of the devil.”

The old woman made millet dumplings for him.

In the course of his trip, Momotaro met a dog.

" Mr. Momotarou, where are you going?"

"To devil's island to get rid of the devil."

"So please give me one of the millet dumplings, and I will be your attendant."

A dog got it, so he joined his party.

Momorato continued to go with the dog, and he met a monkey.

“Mr. Momotarou, where are you going?”

"To devil's island to get rid of the devil."

"So please give me one of the millet dumplings, and I will be your attendant."

Momorato continued to go with the dog and the monkey, and he met a pheasant.

"Mr. Momotarou, where are you going?"

"To devil's island to get rid of the devil."

"So please give me one of the millet dumplings, and I will be your attendant."

Momotarou took the dog and monkey and pheasant along with him,  
finally they arrived at Devil's island.

The bad devils had a great banquet with treasures and big meals stolen.

"Everyone, let's beat the devils!"

The dog bit, the monkey scratched with his nails, and the pheasant pecked with  
his beak.

Momotaro continued cutting with his sword.

Thus, Momotaro and his party got rid of the bad devils. He went back to the old  
man and old woman house and lived happily ever after.