



# HASHIMOTO MONSTERS: CREATIVE TEAM WRITING

**Aim:** This is an interactive writing and reading game that encourages students to use their imagination and experiment in creating their own *yōkai* monster. Try it in English (page 2) or Japanese (ひらがな)(page 3)

**Based on:** The *Takeshita Demons* trilogy by Cristy Burne. An award-winning fantasy series for ages 8 to 12 inspired by Japanese mythology: <https://cristyburne.com/books/takeshita-demons-series/>

**Equipment:** Each student needs a worksheet (below) and a pen.

**Instructions: These instructions are for in-class use. For on-line use, students compete the entire worksheet and send it in or read it out.**

- 1) Students should be in groups of four or five. Each student is given one worksheet. Each sheet is divided into sections.
- 2) In silence, each student completes the first section of their worksheet, then folds that section backwards along the line so it cannot be read. Students then pass their sheet to the left, receiving a new sheet from the right.
- 3) Students now complete the next section of the worksheet, then fold this section backwards along the line, so it cannot be read. They again pass their sheets to the left, receiving a new sheet from the right.
- 4) This continues until each section has been completed. At this point, the worksheets are passed once more and then opened and read.
- 5) Students are encouraged to read their stories to their group or to the class.

**See below for sample worksheets in English and ひらがな.**



# 妖怪の自己紹介

## ようかいのじこしょうかい

こんにちは。

わたしのなまえは \_\_\_\_\_ です

e.g. かっぱ たぬき きつね  
くちさけおんな あかなめ

わたしは \_\_\_\_\_ にすんでいます

e.g. うみそらかわ  
日本 シドニー  
じんじゃ いえ

わたしは \_\_\_\_\_ さいです

e.g. にせん さんびゃく  
じゅうご ひゃくさん

わたしは \_\_\_\_\_ をたべます

e.g. ち きゅうり ひと  
こいぬ うどん スライム

わたしは \_\_\_\_\_ がきらいです

e.g. ソープ こども かじ  
ひる みず かがみ

よろしく おねがい します

# HASHIMOTO MONSTERS: INTRODUCE YOUR OWN MONSTER



Hi!

My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

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I live in \_\_\_\_\_.

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I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

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I eat \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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I hate \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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My secret power is \_\_\_\_\_.

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My secret weakness is \_\_\_\_\_.

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It's lovely to meet you.