

# How Can Children Surviving Disasters Receive Support?

Experiences from the Great East Japan Earthquake

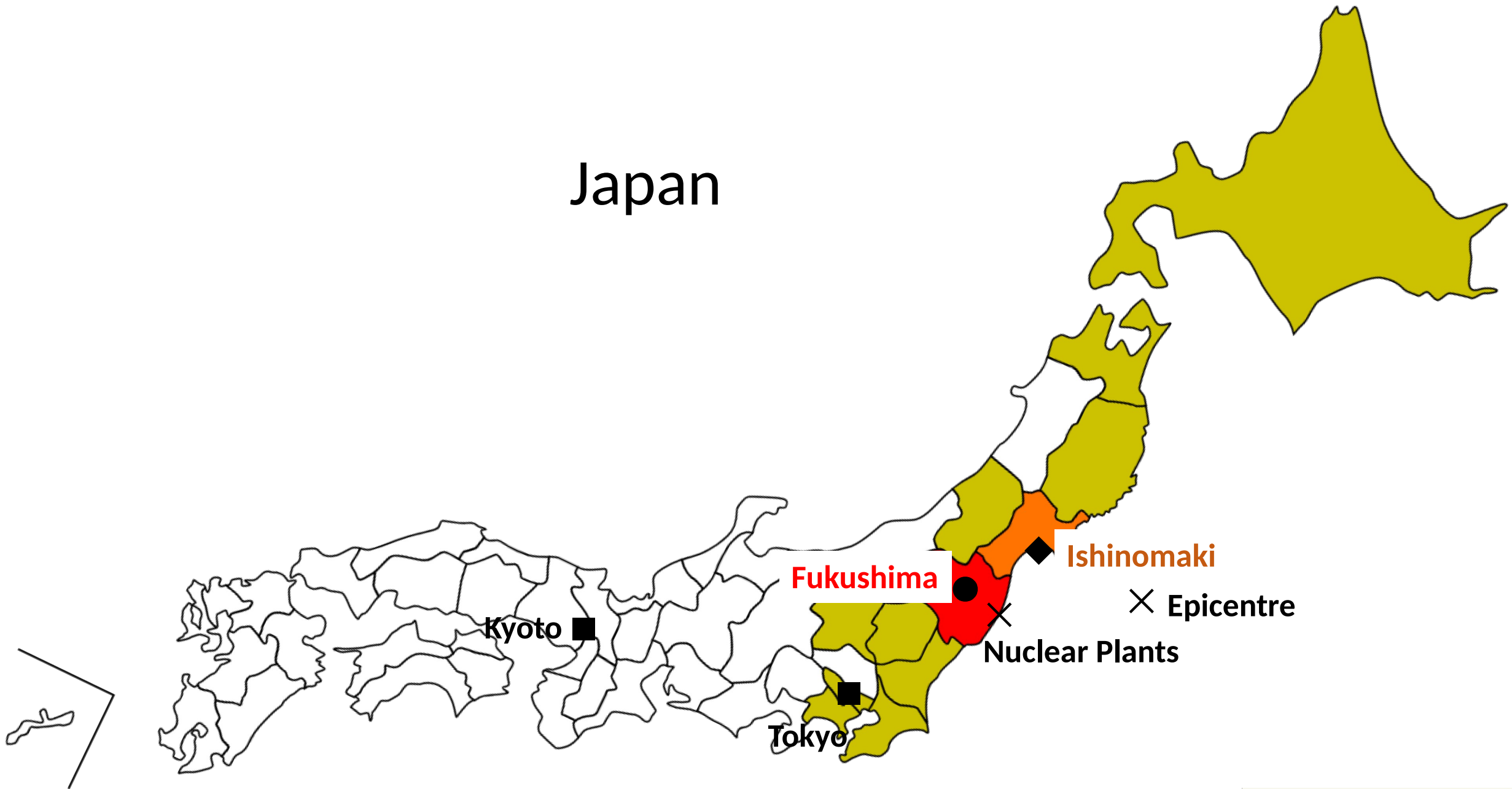
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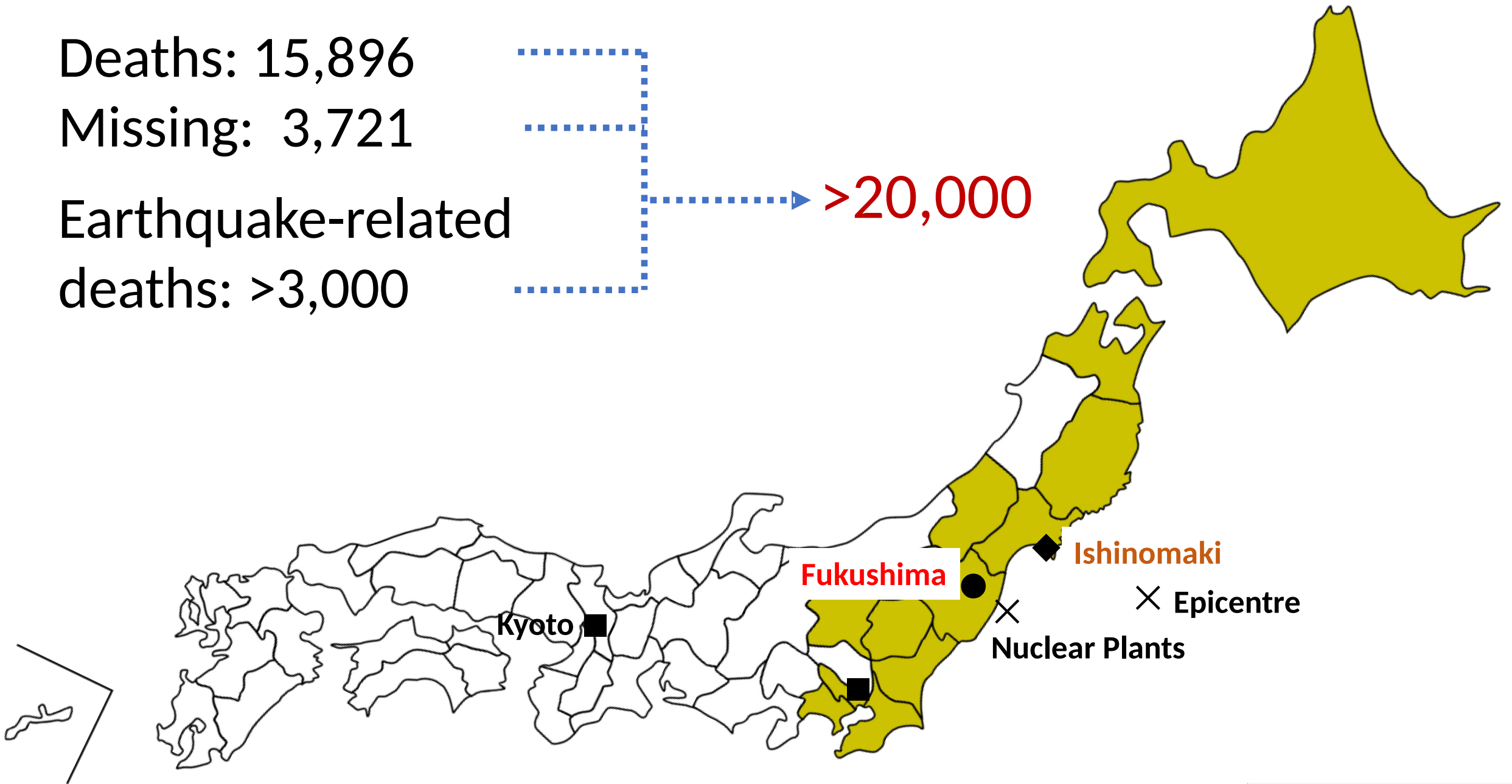
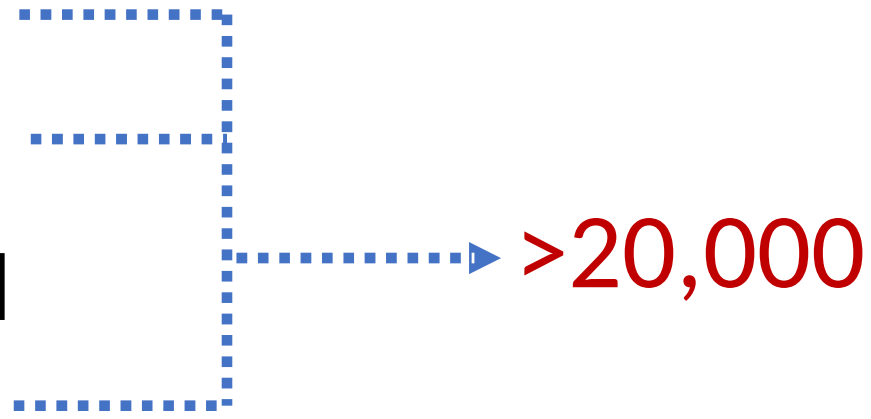
The devastation caused by the tsunami



Deaths: 15,896

Missing: 3,721

Earthquake-related  
deaths: >3,000



# Thirteen interviews

	Ishinomaki									Fukushima			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Family Structure													
Finances					 poor		 poor	 poor				 Public Assistance	 Public Assistance
House Damage*										 Radio-Activity			
Family death	Grand Mother 	One Girl 		One Girl 				Grand Parents 					
Radio-activity													

# Method of Analysis

Analysis software:  
KH Coder

Transcribe conversation  
into text data

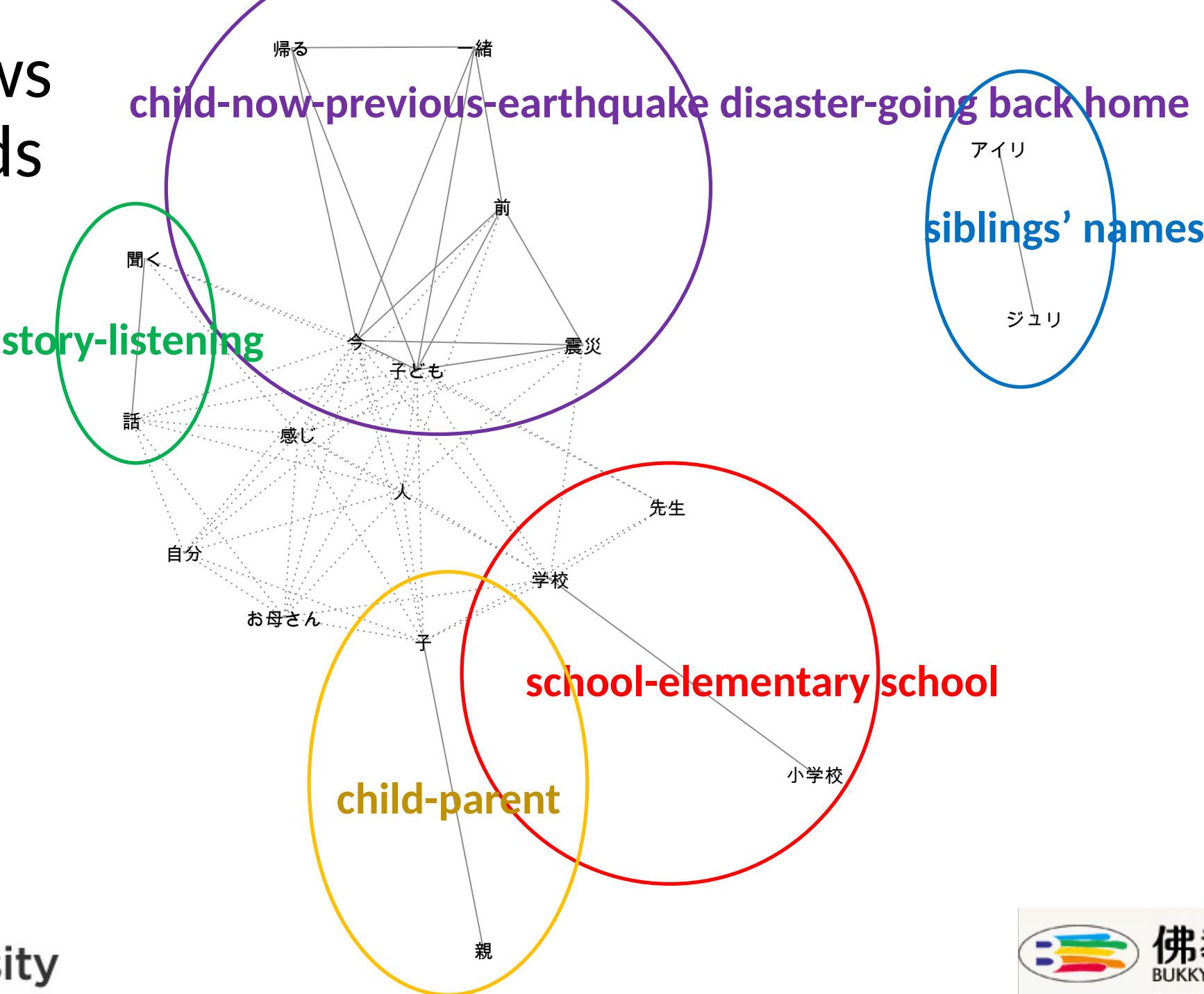
Grammatical  
morphological analysis

Divide into meaningful units

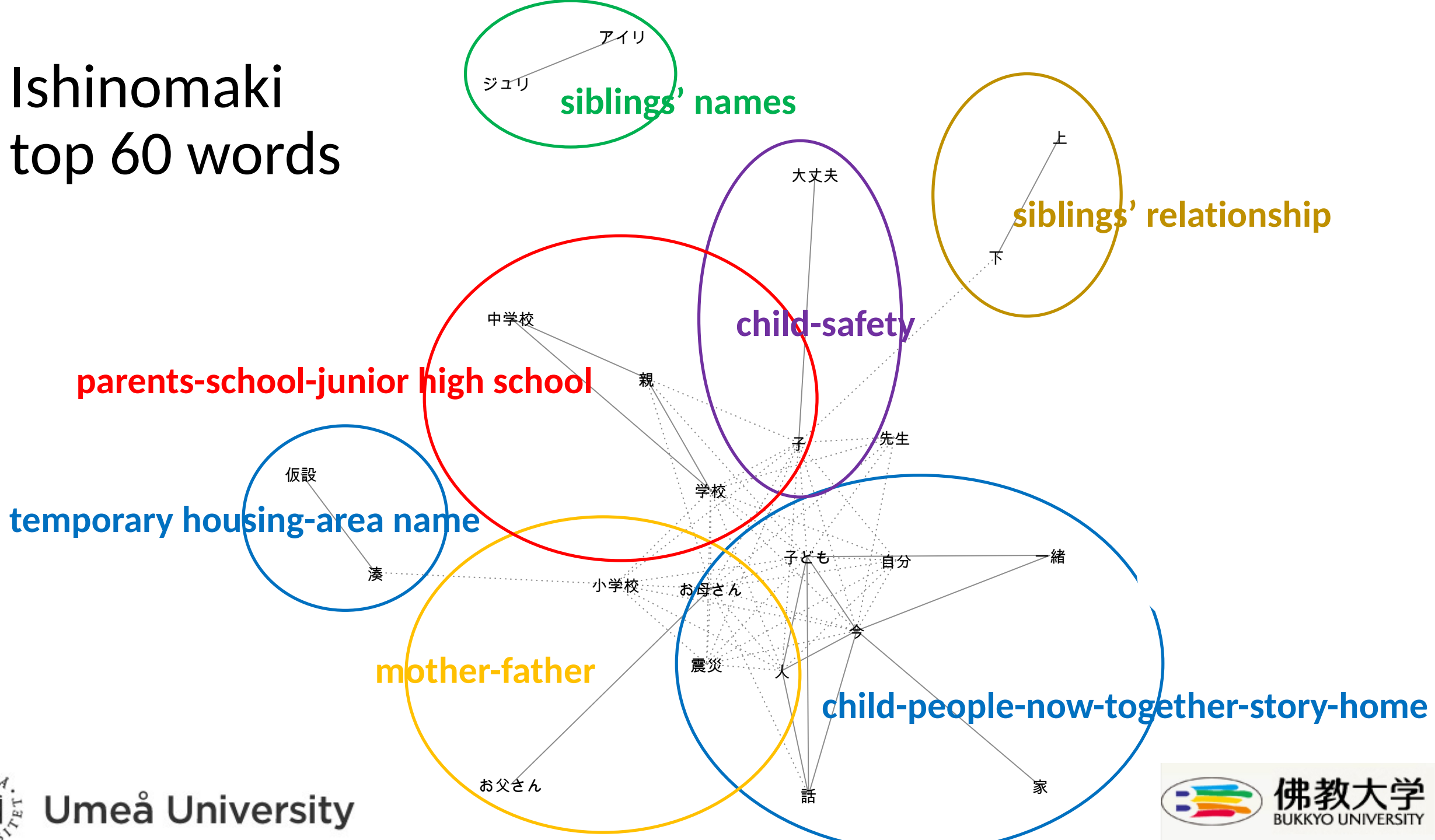
Co-occurrence network

Visualisation of word-to-word  
connections

# All interviews top 60 words



# Ishinomaki top 60 words





# Conclusions

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- Mothers and their children who survived this major natural and nuclear disasters were severely affected, even many years later.
- These children's experiences likely have similarities to those exposed to armed conflicts and those being on the move.
- Most important for recovery was human relationships that were stable and long-term, both in private life and from supporters.

*Cherry blossoms in Kyoto*



*Thank you!*