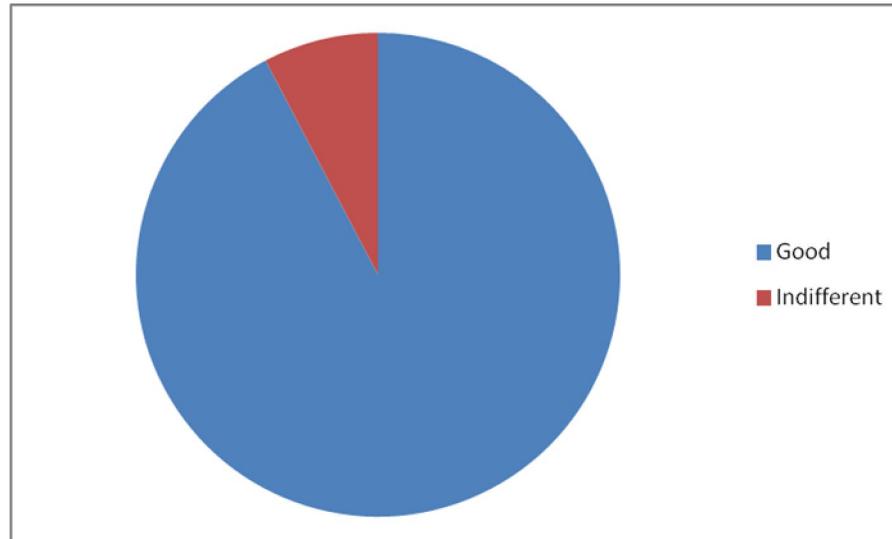


## Review – I Wish



<b>Good – 48</b>	<b>Indifferent – 4</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A curious but pleasing film of an unfamiliar part of the world and way of life. Somewhat fragmented and difficult to follow when the sub-titles were against a light background. However, it was encouraging to see that some children can behave so well and helpfully at home while having and being allowed a spirit of adventure. A good choice.</li><li>• Needed a bit of editing; too many long shots of kids running but overall good.</li><li>• Simple, unaffected piece of story-telling with a moving climax.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I started by enjoying it but in the end it was too long. The plot was confusing – the lighting didn't always let one know who was speaking. However the children were a delight and their excitement at the end having obtained their wishes was well done.</li></ul>

- Intriguing and although difficult to follow at first, ultimately rewarding.
- Fabuloous – really enjoyed it.
- A sweet film with some great landscape photography. Gentle portrayal of everyday life with its ups and downs ...
- A lovely gentle 'rites of passage' film. Beautifully filmed with great humour and understanding. 10/10
- A very tender film with delightful acting from the children.
- Tremendous! Moving, funny, deep yet delicate like Japanese art. Can still see scenes from it in my mind's eye .... Thank you!
- We both thoroughly enjoyed this rite of passage story, especially the final realisation that some things can't be changed.
- Interesting to view from a child's perspective but still with a universal message that change can be a positive experience and that we are all entitled to have dreams no matter how old or young we are ...
- We found the film disjointed at the beginning; it was unclear at times which brother was being featured. The subtitles could have been better. The children outshone some of the adult actors.
- I thought the film was a bit too long; some items of Japanese life I didn't understand (Grandpa's cake); I loved the children, what energy!
- We were a party of five and we all thought it was a beautiful film....
- Wonderful acting from the children and an interesting insight into Japanese living. It took a while to grasp all that was going on but worth it in the end.
- It was poignant but entertaining; and fascinating scenery of Japan plus Japanese family life ...
- We loved the children, they were all such characters ... We liked the music too and were surprised how colourful the place was.
- A slow start.

- I wish you had a category between Good and Indifferent because indifferent is a bit too negative and good is a bit too positive. It was really sweet but far too long.
- The story lost its way a couple of times and took too long to reach its point. It was implausible how much the adults colluded with the children to stay out overnight. The brothers were very good though. The main thing we enjoyed was seeing a film set in such a different culture, and we talked about Japan all the way home -10 miles- and have since looked things up. I'd be happy to be to see a film like that again.

- Quirky, different. A real insight into the Japanese way of life. Very well done from a child's perspective.
- Quite a sweet film. We found the insight into Japanese culture fascinating....
- Not a film I would add to my collection but the children and the snapshots of Japanese life were fascinating.
- A charming little film.
- But rather confusing at times. My husband enjoyed it for its innocence and lack of violence ...
- Took a while to get going.
- We thought the film was good. It was a fascinating insight into contemporary Japanese life that most in the West know little about. I'm pleased that I had some idea of the plot before seeing film as it was such an unusual storyline.
- Two out of three of us really enjoyed it, the third member of our group thought it was slow to start, but enjoyed the film once the boy's journeys had begun. For me, an interesting insight into another culture, which showed what we all wish to obtain from our family and friends.