

1. May Self Introduction and your hometown.

(Please choose one to answer.)

Give your name, and where you live in Sakura.

Where is the town that you grew up in?

What is it like there?

Please tell us of one thing there is to do or see.

OR

What does the town that you grew up in produce?

It can be vegetables, rice, cars, pottery, etc.

Have you been back there recently?

2. June Olympics or Sports Person

(Please choose one to answer.)

This year the Paris Olympics are being held!

What can you remember about the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?

Did any of you volunteer to help at them? Tell us of your experience.

Have any of you been to any Olympics, or any big sporting event, e.g., World Cup Soccer, World Cup Rugby, Wimbledon Tennis Championships or a Sumo Tournament?

OR

What sports do you really like? Are you a supporter of any teams, e.g. baseball, football, rugby, etc?

Who is your favorite athlete? Tell us why you like him or her.

3. July Traveling

(Please choose one to answer.)

Where is a place you have always wanted to visit but haven't made it there yet?

OR

Do you prefer summer vacations or winter vacations?

Now that you have retired do you prefer to go on vacation in the autumn when it's not so crowded?

What is one of your most memorable vacations?

Please share that vacation with us.

4. September Eating Out

(Please choose one to answer.)

How often do you eat out? Where do you usually go out to eat? Do you eat Japanese food? What foreign food do you order? Is it authentic?

OR

Did you enjoy eating out in other countries you visited?

Which foods did you enjoy the most?

What strange food did you try? Did you like it?

Can you recommend a local place (in Sakura) to eat at?

5. October Pets

(Please choose one question to answer.)

Do you keep any pets? What do you have: dogs, cats, birds? What are their names?

How did you choose their names? What is the benefit of keeping a pet? How costly has it become? Do you think of your pet as a family member?

OR

Did you keep a dog or a cat when you were a child?

What did you have to do for your pet? Did you have to take your dog for walks?

How has keeping a dog or a cat changed in Japan?

6. November Traditions

(Please choose one to answer.)

What traditions are common in Japan?

Do many Japanese people still do these traditions?

When visiting someone's house in Japan, what should you do or say?

OR

When you were living overseas what traditions did you observe that seemed unusual to you?

Are there any traditions in Japan that might seem unusual to foreigners?

7. December Airports

(Please choose one to answer.)

How many times have you been to an airport to go somewhere?

Do you think airports are overpriced? For example, restaurants, shops, drink vendors, car parks. Have you ever missed a flight or was your flight cancelled due to bad weather or trouble? What happened, and what did you do?

Have you ever been in a first-class lounge? What was it like inside?

OR

Can you tell us any funny stories of your experience at an airport?

8. January News Stories

(Please choose one to answer.)

What recent news stories either in Japan or from overseas have interested you?

As it is the beginning of a new year, what news do you think could interest us?

OR

Which is the most reliable source of news or information can we get? Do you read stories on TikTok or Instagram, etc.?

How has technology changed the way we get news?

How has the reporting of news in Japan changed?

9. February Wonders of the World/Modern Technology

(Please choose one to answer.)

Have you ever been to see any of the Seven Wonders of the World?

Which ones would you like to visit? Do you think there are monuments that should be on the list that are not on it?

OR

What do you think are the technical wonders of the modern world?

For example: household appliances, transportation, medicine, etc.

10. March Souvenirs

Usually when we go somewhere on vacation either overseas or in Japan, we buy souvenirs for friends and family. I think each country has its idea for souvenirs. Japanese usually buy some kind of food or sweets, like manju! In Britain it is the same sweets or 'rock' (please find out what 'rock' is!). We also send postcards!

What was the strangest or the most funny souvenir that you have ever received?