

### **1- May**

Self-introduction and about the town where you grew up in as a child.

What does the town that you grew up in produce? Vegetables, rice, cars, pottery or its history.

How has that town changed over the years?

Have you recently been back to visit there?

Please tell us about your trip there.

### **2- June**

Which do you prefer soccer or baseball? Why?

If neither, what sport do you like or follow?

Have you ever been to a soccer or baseball match, or any big sports game?

What was the atmosphere like? Exciting?

Or

If you're not a sports person, like me. What are you interested in, art, music, going to watch any stage productions?

Please tell us about your interest.

### **3- July**

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

It could be in Japan or overseas. Why do you want to go there?

Or

If you have been to a country, city or town that you have been to before, would you want to go there again?

Tell us why you would want to go again.

## 4-September

Do you have a pet? What is their name? How old are they?

Do you think they are part of the family?

Has keeping a cat or dog changed in Japan over the years?

If you don't have a pet, you can choose a free topic.

## 5-October

How healthy are you?

Are you a member of a health spa or a gym?

How often do you go to the gym?

If you don't go to a gym, how do you exercise? How often do you exercise?

Do you smoke? How many cigarettes a day do you smoke? Have you ever tried to stop smoking?

If you did smoke before and have quit. What caused you to give up? Was there a health issue?

## 6-November

What was your favorite food as a child? Is it still your favorite food now?

Has the taste changed? Wives and mother's way of cooking and preparing dishes are different,

As we grow older our tastes in food change. Has it changed for you?

Do you prefer Japanese food or foreign food?

Please tell us about it.

## 7-December

Let's talk about experiences,

Have you ever climbed a high mountain over 3,000 meters high? scuba dived in the ocean in Okinawa? driven a car in a foreign country? ran a marathon either in Japan or overseas?

Please tell us of any experiences you have had. Please ask the other members in the class if they have ever experienced that experience.

### **8-January**

What don't you hear or see now in the Japanese community, that you did hear when you were children? Think of sounds, words, or gestures of kindness.

If you feel that most people in the class are going to say the same thing, you can choose a free topic.

### **9-February**

How forgetful have you become over the years? Is it due to old age?

What absent minded think do you do?

Or

You can choose a free topic.

### **10-March**

I listen to the radio most mornings and I hear many songs from my younger days and I think how nostalgic they are. Have you ever heard songs and felt the same?

What is one of your favorite songs?

When did you first hear it?

Do you like it because of its tune or lyrics?

I hear that some pensioners like to go to karaoke in the daytime.

Do you go to karaoke? What do you usually sing? Japanese or foreign songs?

If you're not too shy, how about we all sing together the chorus or a verse of your favorite song?