COMMUNICATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR THE JAPANESE CLASSROOM

This handbook, developed in connection with a California State University Project, provides 30 communication activities for the Japanese classroom to assist teachers of Japanese in implementing communication-based instruction. It is designed so that teachers can easily identify and use an activity that corresponds to the language area currently being studied. Some vocabulary and structural patterns are given for each activity, which provides opportunities for students to apply various forms they have already studied in different contexts and to help motivate students to learn. Also contained are some socio-cultural notes that teachers can introduce into the classroom through communicative activity. Each lesson lists objective, level of instruction, language, group size, time, preparation needed, a brief description of the activity, notes and possible variations followed by extensive charts, illustrations, or other visual aides. References are included, 7 in Japanese and 14 in English. (Author/AB)
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PREFACE

This handbook was produced and compiled as part of the "Teaching Japanese for Communication Project" - a California State University Project funded by the California Post-Secondary Education Commission and the California Department of Education under Title II of the Education for Economic Security Act. The main purpose for developing this handbook was to provide communicative activities for the Japanese classroom to assist teachers of Japanese in implementing communication-based instruction.

As most of the textbooks now available are grammar-based, this handbook was designed in such a way that teachers could easily identify and utilize an activity that corresponds to the area of the language their students are currently studying. Thus some vocabulary and structural patterns are given for each activity at the beginning level since it is more difficult to have students engage in any sustained communication at this level. However, it is not the intent of the compilers to limit the linguistic forms to those listed. On the contrary, we believe that every effort should be made to encourage students to use what they have previously studied during any activity. Communication by nature contains unpredictable elements. Language to be used in 'communicative' activities should not be limited to pre-selected materials. On the other hand, teachers can devise communicative activities that would enable students to practice certain structures or vocabulary while trying to use the language for a specific purpose, that is to say, concentrating not on the forms, but rather on the meaning. These activities will also provide opportunities for students to apply in different contexts various forms they have already studied. Furthermore, they will help motivate students to learn, in the process of communication, new words and structural patterns that may not be in the textbook. They thus enable students to be actively involved, setting the stage for a learner-centered syllabus design.

Another advantage of using communicative activities is that they make it easier for teachers to bring socio-cultural contexts into their classroom. This handbook contains some socio-cultural notes to illustrate this point. We have also tried to give sample materials for the activities in the hope that they will assist busy teachers in trying them out right away.

It is our wish that this handbook serve as a starting point for more ideas and efforts in order to have students engage in actual communication in the Japanese classroom at all levels of instruction.
1. **Whose Turn Is It? / ジャンケン**

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<tr>
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<td>2 or more, depending on the size of the team</td>
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<td>Time</td>
<td>1-2 minutes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Preparation</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Activity</td>
<td>Two or more players simultaneously show their hand, saying ジャンケンボン. A fist is a stone 石. An open hand is a sheet of paper 紙. A victory sign is a pair of scissors はさみ. Stone wins over scissors, because scissors can't cut stone. Stone loses to paper, because paper can wrap stone. Scissors win over paper, because scissors can cut paper. Scissors lose to stone, because scissors can't cut stone. Paper wins over stone, because paper can wrap stone. Paper loses to scissors, because scissors can cut paper. Say あいこではじょう! (They are the same, aren't they?) when the same hands are shown. Repeat the process until one of them wins.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notes</td>
<td>The activity ジャンケン is not only used to determine the turn, but also it can be a game of fun. Students can have a tournament, playing the game.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Variations</td>
<td>1. When the group size is more than 6, pair up students and let all winners of the paired students play ジャンケン. 2. See Chopstick lottery くじびき.</td>
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### Janken Reference Chart / ジャンケン勝ち負け例

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Communicative Activities for the Japanese Classroom 2
2. Whose Turn Is It? - Chopstick Lottery / くじびき

Objectives Deciding who is going to be spokesperson in a team or which team reports first.

Level Any level

Language 一本ずつ引いてください。
あたり！

Group Size 2 or more, depending on the size of the team

Time 1-2 minutes

Preparation Prepare a bundle of chopsticks, marking the end of one chopstick in color or あたり (bull's eye).

Activity Each student draws a chopstick from the bundle until one of them gets the marked one.

Notes Use other cultural activities and materials in deciding who takes a turn.

Variation 1. See ジャンケン.
### 3. Closing Hands, Opening Hands / すんんでひらいて

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<th>Objectives</th>
<th>Identifying parts of the body.</th>
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<td>Beginning / Intermediate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>Body parts and body movements.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Group size</td>
<td>All</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Time</td>
<td>10 minutes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preparation</td>
<td>The musical piece むすんでひらいて. Prepare a tape of the song and a cassette player, if possible.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Activity</td>
<td>The teacher sings the song and demonstrates movements accompanying the words.</td>
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</table>

The teacher leads the activity, rephrasing the words その後に to その後を頭（肩、胸、腰、足、ひざ、顔、口、目、耳、背中、おなか、...）に. Students will join in singing along with the movements.

When students are ready to sing the song by themselves, let them give the command by their choice of the body parts. Students can take the lead one by one, as the rest of the class follows the command.

Last step is to instruct students to close their eyes and do the movements, as they hear each body part called.

| Notes | The song serves to activate TPR (Total Physical Response). It can be used as a means to provide "Comprehensible Input" in teaching vocabulary of body parts. |

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Variations 1. The song 幸せなら手をたたこう is also effective for practicing vocabulary of body parts and body movements.

幸せなら手をたたこう
幸せなら手をたたこう
幸せなら態度で示そうよ
ソラ 皆で手をたたこう

Rephrase the underlined body parts with other body parts such as 肩, 胸, 腹, 腰 or the underlined movements as 手を上げよう, 腕回そう, 足ならそう, 握手しよう, おじきしよう, ジャンプしよう.

2. "Radio Exercises" ラジオ体操 are another activity to practice vocabulary of body parts, movements, and numbers.
4. What Is Your Telephone Number? / 電話は何番ですか。

Objectives  Identifying and telling numbers from zero to nine.

Level       Beginning

Language    電話は何番ですか。
             電話番号を教えてください。
             213の985の4821です。
             Numbers 0 to 9.

Group Size  All students in class.

Time        5 minutes

Preparation Instruct students to prepare a pen and a sheet of paper.

Activity    Students ask for telephone numbers from other students. The following is a sample interaction.

A: ちょっとすみませんが、電話は何番ですか。
B:  714-123-4567 です。
A: ええと、714-123-4567 ですね。
B:  ええ、そうです。
A: はい、どうもすみませんでした。
B:  いいえ。

After confirming the correct numbers, students write down the other student's name and the telephone number on the sheet. They circulate and compete to collect the most telephone numbers in the assigned time. The inquirers of the number get a point, because inquirers are not allowed to ask the same question from the inquirers.

Notes      Telephone numbers are often mentioned without any counter, though the Japanese emergency number 110 番 (ひゃくとうばん) equivalent to 911 in the U.S. always requires the counter 番.
Variation

1. The activity is also good to work with topics such as the number of family members and siblings, which require counters for people.

e.g. 家族は何人ですか。 四人です。
     兄弟は何人いますか。 姉が二人と弟が一人います。
5. **When Is Your Birthday? / 誕生日はいつですか。**

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<tr>
<th>Objectives</th>
<th>Telling month, day, year, and birthday.</th>
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<td>Beginning / Intermediate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>誕生日はいつですか。 / 何年何月何日に生まれましたか。 / 何年何月何日に生まれですか。</td>
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years, months, days

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Group Size</th>
<th>All students in class</th>
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<tr>
<td>Time</td>
<td>8 minutes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Preparation</td>
<td>Instruct students to gather in open space in classroom.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Activity</td>
<td>(Line up) Students question one another regarding their birthday and line up chronologically according to their birth date. When they finish lining up, each student announces his/her birthday. For a comprehension check the instructor can ask such questions as十一月十六日は、青木さんの誕生日ですか。リーさんは長山さんより年上ですか 年下ですか。ウエルチさんはいつ生まれましたか。</td>
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<tr>
<td>Notes</td>
<td>If the class is larger than 20 students or if the classroom has little open space, divide them into small groups. Rotate their turns or let each group do different activities suggested below. The activity is quick and easy. It serves well as an ice breaker. Its variations and applications are numerous.</td>
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</table>
| Applications| 1. Line up according to the あいうえお order of their last names and/or first names.  
2. Line up according to the shortest distance from school to their residences, birthplaces, etc. |

Communicative Activities for the Japanese Classroom
6. **Introducing / 御紹介します.**

**Objectives**
Talking about one's self and family

**Level**
Beginning / Applicable for Intermediate

**Language**
--- は --- です (か。)
--- は --- じゃないです。

Words for family members, etc.
(e.g. 母、父、姉、妹、兄、弟、祖父、祖母、
お母さん、お父さん、お祖父さん、お祖母さん、
お兄さん、お姉さん、姉さん、弟さん、
これ、それ、子供、女の子、男の子)

Occupations (職業、医者、会社員、銀行員、教師、
先生、政治家、芸術家、映画俳優、etc.)

Age, Japanese family and first names, and question words
(e.g. ひとつ、はたち、十五才、一郎、美知子、
何才、いくつ、何ですか？)

**Group Size**
4 - 6 students in each group

**Time**
One class period

**Preparation**
Pictures of Japanese Families (cut-ups from magazines or photos)

**Activity**
(Role play)
Each group receives a Japanese family picture and decides on a family name and individual names as well as occupations and ages. Each student identifies himself or herself as one of the family members. Each group in turn stands up and each member introduces the family member next to him (e.g. これは私の母です。) Other students in class ask questions about his or her name, age, and occupation using polite forms. (e.g. 貴方のお父さん
はお医者さんですか？ いいえ、医者じゃありません。牧師です。)
Afterwards the group shares their picture with the rest of the class. Students write up family trees.

**Socio-Cultural Notes**

Use of different forms for family relationships according to in-group and out-group status. Use of Japanese family pictures introduces the students to Japanese customs and way of life. The sample picture, for example, gives a great deal of information about Japanese lifestyle, e.g. relaxing on 緑側, sitting on 座布団, the way tea is served, a hot water bottle which has replaced a traditional tea kettle over a hibachi, etc.

**Application**

This activity can be extended for more advanced students by having them talk about interests, hobbies, personal traits, etc.
From Japan Pictorial, published quarterly by Japan Graphic, Inc., Tokyo. Japan Pictorial is an excellent source of cultural information that can be used in the Japanese classroom.
7. **Who Am I? / 私は誰でしょう？**

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<th>Objectives</th>
<th>Talking about people's professions, nationalities, whether or not they are male / female, living or historical persons.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>は です。 じゃありません。</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terms for occupations</td>
<td>学者、政治家、芸術家、宗教家、俳優、作家、音楽家、料理人、スポーツ選手</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terms for nationalities</td>
<td>日本人、アメリカ人、etc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terms for other words</td>
<td>女の人、男の人、今の人、昔の人、etc.</td>
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<td>Group Size</td>
<td>3 - 6 students in each group</td>
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<td>Time</td>
<td>10 - 20 minutes</td>
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<td>Preparation</td>
<td>Prepare cards with the names in katakana of famous personalities, or use photos.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Activity</td>
<td>(Guessing game)</td>
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<td>Notes</td>
<td>If photos are used, names can still be written in katakana to provide reading practice.</td>
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<td>Application</td>
<td>See next activity for intermediate level.</td>
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Application: See next activity for intermediate level.
8. Who Is the Celebrity? / その有名人の名は？

Objectives
Comprehending descriptions of people, actions, and scenes, given contextual/pictorial support, and describing them.

Levels
Intermediate

Language
映画俳優 歌手 音楽家 アナウンサー 政治家 スポーツの選手 芸術家 ...若い 中年 年寄 アメリカ人 日本人 日系（人） 背が高い／低い 髪の毛が長いか短い 目が青い／黒い 眼鏡をかけている ジーパンをはいている 片手に手袋をしている 踊りながら 歌を歌う 有名になる前トラックを運転していた 等

Professions, age, ethnicities, nationalities, physical characteristics, types of clothing, actions, behaviors, backgrounds, personalities, etc.

Group Size
4 students

Time
10 -15 minutes

Preparation
Collect pictures of famous figures cut out of magazines and paste them on construction paper. Choose celebrities across different fields but known to students. They should share some similarities in profession, age, ethnicity, nationality, physical characteristics, types of clothing, action, behavior, background, personality, etc.

Activity
A team of students receive one picture facing down. They describe the picture among themselves for 2 minutes. They should not show their picture to other students in class.

The instructor describes the celebrity, starting with general features to specifics such as アメリカ人です。男の人は。余り若くありません。髪の毛が長いです。歌を歌います。いつもギターを持って行きます。帽子を時々かぶります。テレビで見ることができます。余り映画には出ません。...

Looking at the pictures, students listen to the descriptions of the celebrities given by the instructor. Students raise their hands, when
their picture is described. The instructor checks the picture to make sure it matches the description.

If it is a correct match, ask the class to guess who it is. If the class can't guess who it is, then ask the team to give more descriptive cues until the class guesses the celebrity. Repeat the process until all pictures are described and guessed.

Notes  Students look at the pictures and describe them among themselves before the teacher gives the descriptions. Listening comprehension will be enhanced by such advanced brainstorming.

Variations  1. The whole class can participate in the activity, when pictures are numbered and placed against the blackboard. Students write down the numbers of pictures, when they are described. This can be used to evaluate listening comprehension.

2. Students can bring a picture of their choice and prepare descriptions of the picture. They leave it face down on the instructor's table without showing it to other students. The instructor shuffles them and distributes one picture to each student. Each picture will be described by the owner of the picture. Repeat the process described above to identify the celebrity.

Application  1. Pictures of foods and various situations can be used instead of celebrities.
9. Travel Abroad / 海外旅行

Objectives
Being able to suggest possible activities and invite others to join in. Being able to comprehend and respond.

Levels
Beginning / Applicable for Intermediate and Advanced

Language
Using the let's form (ましょう) and the invitation form (ませんか). Directional particle, "へ", Location particle, "で", Object particle "を".

行く、見る、する、食べる、買う、飲む、and words such as 鞄、ハンドバッグ、教会、美術館、塔、etc. as appropriate.

Group size
4 to 6 students in each group

Time
15 - 20 minutes

Preparation
Prepare in advance maps of the world highlighting different countries. On each map place pictures of famous landmarks and activities commonly associated with the highlighted country. (See attached samples.) Add more countries, such as Thailand, Korea, China, India, etc. Prepare a sufficient number of different maps so that each student in any given group receives a different map. The teacher or students can also bring post cards, posters, pictures, etc. for this activity.

Activity
(Role play)
Each student in the group has a chance to try and convince the other students to choose the country specified on his or her map explaining what one can do in that country. The winner is decided if one student has convinced all the others to join him or her. If there is a tie, try using Jan-ken to decide the winner.

Cultural Notes
"Jan-ken" is used in a variety of situations calling for a
designated winner. See "Whose Turn Is It? ジャンケン".

Applications

1. Instead of planning a trip, have the students give an account of their travels (i.e., what he or she did, ate, saw, etc.) using the same map with pictures.

2. Let the students talk about their own trips.

3. For a more advanced class, consider expenses and distance when deciding where to go. Use authentic travel brochures instead of pictures if possible.
10. **What Is My Name?** / 私の名前は何でしょう？

**Objectives**
Talking about the existence or non-existence of people and objects and their locations.

**Level**
Beginning

**Language**
--- が --- にいます/あります。
--- は --- にいません/ありません。

Items commonly found in a house:
車、コンピューター、椅子、机、テーブル、絵、鳥、猫、犬、車、男の子、子供、ソファ、etc.

Japanese family names (山本、森、林、佐藤、伊藤、etc.)

**Group size**
3 - 6 students in each group

**Time**
15 minutes

**Preparation**
Prepare a sheet with pictures of four to seven houses, each with several items. The items should vary slightly from house to house, and each picture should be labeled with a family name. (See attached sample) For each set (the number of picture sheets in a set equals the number of students in each group) circle a different family name on each sheet so that each student will have a different identity. There should be at least one extra house that does not belong to any student. You will need one such set for each group in your class.

**Activity**
(Guessing game)
Each member of the group receives a sheet with a different family name circled. The object of this game is for the students to ask questions about the existence of various animals, objects and people in each house until they can identify the name of the family. The group which correctly identifies each of its own members first is the
Cultural Notes

One can devise pictures of more traditional Japanese furnishings and other items, such as 筋, etc. Show some pictures of Japanese homes. Explain to students that Japanese houses display the name of the head of household at the entrance and that these signs are called 表札.

Variation

Within the group, students find out five or so items which everyone has in their own home, and five or so items which only one of the members has. The group which has the final result first wins, and each group will report on their findings.
11. **How Many Are There? / いくつありますか。**

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<th>Indicating how many people or objects there are and using appropriate counters for various objects and people.</th>
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| Language   | の - にいます、あります。  
--- は - にいません、ありません。  
Appropriate forms of counters. (e.g. いっぱい、にぴき、にぴき、etc.)  
Names of common household objects.  
Counters for people, animals, cars, furniture, etc. (e.g. 一匹、一台、一人、一本、etc.), and numbers. |
| Group size | 4 - 6 students in each group  
--- す - にいます、あります。 |
| Time       | 15 minutes                                                                                                 |
| Preparation| Same as “What Is My Name?” For this activity, put more than one of the same items in the houses.          |
| Activity   | (Guessing game)  
Each member of the group receives a sheet with a different house circle. The object of this game is for the students to ask questions about the existence of various animals, objects and people in each house and their numbers until they can identify the name of the family. The group which correctly identifies each of its own members first is the winner. |
| Application| Students ask each other how many brothers and sisters they have, how many pets, how many coats, chairs, rooms, etc.  
Students then write the results of the interview in Japanese on the sheets with the empty outlines of a house. |
12. Where Is It Sold? / どこで売っていますか。

Objectives Asking locations and understanding simple directions in a department store, etc. Naming everyday household items.

Level Beginning

Language --- は --- でうっています。
--- は --- にあります。
--- はどこですか。  --- はどこでうっていますか。

Everyday household items and their generic terms (e.g. furniture, appliances etc.) Words such as 何階? --- 階、 南、 右側、 すみ、 奥、 近く、 そば、 etc.

Group size students in pairs

Time 15 minutes

Preparation A pair of pictures, e.g. one with a department store that has pictures of different objects on each floor, and the other with a department store without pictures of merchandise, but with a shopping list on top (see attached illustration).

Activity (Role Play)
The pairs of students are given one sheet each. A customer (客), the student with the picture of the empty department store and the shopping list, asks the clerk at the information desk (案内係り), the student with the picture of the full department store, for information as to the location of the items on his or her shopping list. The customer will write the names of the objects on the appropriate floor in his or her sheet.

Cultural Notes Design a store layout similar to a Japanese department store. Consider adding some other items found only in Japan, such as 座布団、 扇子、 掛軸、 のれん、 ふろしき、 etc.
Application

This same activity can be used with different settings such as neighborhood stores.
買物（デパート）
家具（かぐ）…… いす ソファ つくえ たんす テーブル
電気製品（でんきせいひん）…… テレビ ラジオ ステレオ ランプ
紳士服（しんしふく）…… 男物シャツ スーツ すぼん ネクタイ くつ コート
婦人服（ふじんふく）…… 女物ブラウス ドレス セーター スカート きずが くつした
貴金属（ききんぞく）…… とけい カメラ ほうせき（ネックレス ゆびわ）
アクセサリー・小物（こもの）…… くつ かばん めがね けしょうひん かさ ハンダバグ
食料品（しょくりょうひん）…… にく やさい くだもの おさけ チーズ
書籍（しょしゃき）…… 本 ぶんぽうづく（万年筆）
台所用品（だいどころようひん）…… ちゃわん さら コップ はし
買い物(デパート) ショッピングリスト

買い物リスト

売場

 Communicative Activities for the Japanese Classroom 29
What Is in the Refrigerator? / 食べ物さがし

Objectives
Identifying vocabulary of food items by listening and reading.

Level
Beginning

Language
食物, 飲料, 果物

Group Size
2

Time
5 minutes

Preparation
Prepare a vocabulary list of food items and a card containing hidden food items in a crossword puzzle format written in Hiragana.

Tell students that there was a note from their mother when they came home from school. The note said the following: "You can have anything in the refrigerator, but only if you can find the items in the puzzle. When you find the food items in the card, circle them and then you have to cross them out on the list. After doing this, you may have them, if you wish. This exercise may curb your appetite until I come home. I don't want you to empty the refrigerator..."

Activity (Game)
The instructor reads food items from the vocabulary list (See the sample). Students find the word on the card. The words are arranged vertically, horizontally, diagonally in all directions: from top to bottom, bottom to top, left to right, right to left, diagonally top to bottom or reverse.

When they find the word, they announce it by saying ありました and circle it. The instructor reads two more words. Then students continue the task on their own until they find as many words as possible in the puzzle and have crossed out all words on the list.
When they work as a pair, they can help each other find the words. One student can read the words in the vocabulary list and the other can find them. They can take turns in reading the words.

Notes This activity is good to review vocabulary items.

Variations 1. For beginners, choose vocabulary items written in Hiragana and/or Katakana.

2. For intermediate students, kanji compound words are also good.

Application 1. The vocabulary in the crossword puzzle format can be extended into different areas such as things connected with school, daily activities, etc.
What Is in the Refrigerator? - Sample / 食べ物さがし - 例

食べ物さがしカード

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
1 かしゅうのもだく
2 なますめごおり
3 ずめしはそりあ
4 みかんさばんす
5 ちむけとどとこき
6 かぎいかうまや
7 きちゃおいふたき

食べ物さがし語彙リスト

めし うどん そば おちゃ むぎちゃ みず すし
たまご すきやき りんご みかん さば かし かい
いか うめ なし とうふ ごはん くだもの まめ
14. Let's Go Shopping. / 買い物にいきましょう。

Objectives
Telling what and how many you need from a store. Being able to ask the price and handle Japanese currency.

Level
Beginning

Language
--- を（一つ、一本、etc）下さい。
--- はいくらですか。
全部で（値段）ですね。

Names of food items, flowers, stationery store items, and other everyday household items. Names of stores (fruit store, etc.)

Group size
6 students in each group

Time
15 minutes

Preparation
Prepare cards with pictures of different merchandise on one side, and their Japanese names and prices on the other side. In addition make separate cards each indicating the names of different stores, such as 花屋、八百屋、文房具屋、果物屋、etc.

Activity
(Sorting, and Role play)
Half of the group plans a party, and makes a shopping list. The other half plays the role of store owners (two stores each). While the other group is making the shopping list, the store owners will sort out the merchandise that belongs to their own stores. (The cards are given to them with Japanese writing side up.) In the second part of the activity, the party givers try to buy everything they need, sometimes substituting other items as necessary.

Cultural Notes
Show the students pictures of neighborhood stores in Japan, and discuss how, for example, meat, vegetables, rice, etc. are sold in specialty stores.

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Show students Japanese currency and explain how change is counted in Japan.
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15. What Types of Food or Drink Do You Like?
どんな物が好きですか。

Objectives
Talking about one's likes and dislikes regarding the taste of food and drink.

Level
Beginning

Language
--- が好きです。 --- は好きじゃない。
--- が欲しいです。 --- は欲しくありません。
(食べ) たいです。 --- は嫌いです。
(adj.) くありません。 --- をください。けっこうです。

Adjectives, 柔らかい, 固い, 甘い, 酸っぱい, 苦い, etc.

Names of food items and other words such as これ、物。

Group Size
Students in pairs

Time
10 minutes

Preparation
One set of cards with pictures of food on one side and their taste on the other, and another set of cards with only the adjectives written.

Activity
(Role play)
One student, a mean 先輩, has the food cards and the other, a poor 後輩, has the adjective (taste) cards. The 先輩 offers 後輩 something to eat or drink and asks what types of food 後輩 likes. 後輩 gives his preference (e.g. 辛い物が欲しいです。なぜか辛いものを下さらないんですか?) 先輩 teases 後輩 by giving the wrong food or drink. 後輩 politely and patiently repeats his preference (e.g. すみませんが、これは辛くありません。私は辛い物が好きなんですね。) Take turns.

Variation
5 to 6 students in each group. Each student is given one 'taste' card and several food cards. Students trade cards with...
Socio-Cultural Notes

Japanese students use polite style of speech to their seniors.

Application

Students ask each other about their own preferences in the taste of food and drink.
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16. **Who Will Be Hired? / 雇いたい人は?**

**Objectives**
Describing personal characteristics and comprehending such descriptions.

**Level**
Beginning/Applicable for Intermediate and Advanced

**Language**
Adj.N (しずか、丁寧) です / じゃありません。
Adj. (やさし、大きい) です / --- くありません。

Adj.N(がんこ、正直、etc.) な人
Adj. (強い、おもしろい、etc.)人

大きな、小さい、おもしろい、やさしい、強い、
ずるい、しずか、真面目、不真面目、正直、
不正直、勤勉、親切、不親切、がんこ、生意気、
etc., and words for job titles.

**Group Size**
Students in groups of two or larger

**Time**
15 minutes

**Preparation**
Prepare cards with different job titles.

**Activity**
(Role Play )
Small company executives discuss desired qualities for prospective employees for different jobs in the company. Students fill in the job title cards with the traits which they feel are important for that specific job. They should also add some traits that are undesirable.

**Cultural Notes**
The type of characteristics sought by a Japanese company for a specific job may be different from the American counterpart.
17. **Which House Would You Like to Rent?**

住みたい家は？

**Objectives**
Discussing one's preferences regarding living spaces. Being able to comprehend and use familiar and formal style appropriately in different socio-cultural settings.

**Level**
Beginning /Applicable for Intermediate, and Advanced

**Language**
--- ています/いる。---たい/です。
Adj. (e.g. 広い) N (e.g. 所, の) を探しています。
Adj. N (e.g. 近代的) な N (e.g. 家) に住みたいです。

大きい, 小さい, 広い, 明るい, 暗い, 高い, 安い, 静か, 近代的, 伝統的, etc.

**Group Size**
3 students in each group

**Time**
10 minutes

**Preparation**
Prepare pictures of different houses, apartments and rooms. Photographs from magazines and newspapers may be used.

**Activity**
(Role Play)
One student is a real estate agent. The other two students are a husband and wife or friends seeking an apartment or a house. They express their preferences for a living space, and the agent tries to accommodate them by showing them different pictures.

**Socio-Cultural Notes**
Students will learn of the smaller scale apartments available in Japan. They also learn that apartments are usually unfurnished and do not have kitchen appliances (range, oven, etc.), nor cabinets. The closet space is normally used for storing bedding and not for hanging clothes, etc. They also learn that one pays not only a security deposit but also a non-refundable 'rei kin' (礼金), which is about one or more
month's rent.

Application  This activity can be used for different proficiency levels. For beginners, use simple pictures or drawings of houses illustrating, for example, big, small, spacious, clean modern, etc. Add on more topics as appropriate, for example, price, number of rooms, neighborhood, convenience to transportation and shopping, etc. Compare the houses and discuss which one is most desirable.
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にぎやか
うるさい

しずか

きんだいてき

でんとうてき

きたない

きれい
18. When Can We Get Together? / いつ会いましょうか。

Objectives
Being able to discuss scheduling (time, days of the week and common activities etc.), and to set up a meeting. To begin and end telephone conversations.

Level
Beginning / Applicable to Intermediate and Advanced

Language
--たい、--ましょう、--ましょうか。
--ませんか?
time/dateに; ---時から ---時まで

Time words ( e.g. 何時(いつ、なんじ), 月曜日、etc.; 一日、二日、etc.; 明日、あさって etc.)
Other words such as 暮、忙しい、どこ、一緒に、あう。

Group size
Students in pairs

Time
15 minutes

Preparation
Prepare two different one-week schedules making sure that there are some common free time slots or some activities that can be rescheduled. They should include class times, studying times, activities, etc. Students can also write their own real schedules to be used for this activity.

Activity
This is a telephone conversation activity. The two students should not be able to see each other's schedules. The students want to set up a date, for example, for two hours of studying together or four hours for a movie. They should decide on the day, time and place to meet.

Application
For more advanced students this activity can include making an appointment with a teacher, etc. using polite forms. Use expressions such asつもり、--たい、都合、予定、etc., and more expanded vocabulary for activities.
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以上のスケジュールは、全ての曜日において適用されます。
19. To Whom Shall We Send Gifts?/

Gifting is a culturally significant activity in Japan. This activity provides an opportunity for students to explore the importance of social status and other factors involved in interpersonal relationships in Japan. Students learn about "oba-san" and "o-bon" customs.

Objectives
Talking about giving and receiving.

Level
Beginning / Applicable to Intermediate and Advanced

Language
--- に --- を上げる / 差し上げる。
--- に(から) --- をもらう / 頂く。
--- をくれる / 下さる。

Everyday household items appropriate as gifts such as sugar, seaweed, dried mushrooms, tea, boxed sweets, sake, towels, soap, gift certificates for books or department stores, etc.

Group size
Students in pairs

Time
15 minutes

Preparation
A gift catalogue

Activity
(Role play)
End of the year (or mid-summer) gift time is approaching. A husband and wife discuss to whom they should send gifts and make a list of gifts for various people from the catalogue.

Socio-Cultural Notes
This activity provides an opportunity for students to explore the important part that social status and other factors play in interpersonal relationships in Japan. Students learn about "oba-san" and "o-bon" customs.

Application
More advanced students can discuss the reasons for feeling obliged or wishing to send the gifts. They can also extend the role play to include visits to different people to present the gifts, or writing letters of thanks for the gifts.
20. Survey of Gift Giving / 贈り物調査

Objectives Conducting a survey to find out what products are most often given/received on birthdays, according to age, gender, family, personal relationship, etc.

Levels Beginning / Intermediate

Language 誰の誕生日に何をあげますか。／...あげましたか。
誰に何をあげるつもりですか。
誰が誰に何をあげましたか。
何をもらいたいですか。／...もらいましたか。
誰が何をくれましたか。

family, friends, personal gift items

Group size 8 students as a team and later all students in class

Time 10 minutes

Preparation A tic-tac-toe grid (See the sample grid.)

Activity Teamed students interview one another regarding birthday gifts. They must find out who gives or receives the gifts, and what kinds of gifts items are most frequently exchanged. A team recorder records their findings. A reporter reports the results in the class. The teacher can tally the survey results on the blackboard.

Following the survey, each student fills out a tic-tac-toe grid with his/her own personal information. Then he/she asks other students, who were not on the team, and finds a student with the identical responses.

Have the person sign his/her name in the square. They continue the process until three contiguous squares are signed. When a tic-tac-toe is completed, he/she should announce it by saying 三目並べできました or 三つ並んだ！The activity ends when three students complete the tic-tac-toe.
Notes
Choice of giving and receiving expressions depends on the uchi/soto うち/外 and superior/subordinate relationships 上下関係 among the givers, receivers, and describers of the event.

Variations
1. Each team reviews and corrects the recorder’s report. After the cooperative reviewing of the report, it can be submitted to the instructor for evaluation.

2. As homework each student surveys and writes what his/her family members said about their birthday gift giving.

Application
1. The activity can be extended to survey Christmas gifts.

2. The activity and the tic-tac-toe grid will be used in the same manner when students conduct a survey of information such as who does things for whom, who receives such care or favor, and what sort of care or favor is done frequently. Fill out the grid with ...て あげる／...て やる／...て もらう／...て くれる.
Survey of Gift Giving / 贈り物調査

Tic-tac-toe / 三目並べ

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21. Could You Give Me Directions?
道を教えてください。

Objectives
Asking for and understanding directions to various places.

Level
Beginning/Applicable for Intermediate

Language
--- 下さい。(右)に曲がる。(角)をで曲がる。(電車)で行く。(バス)に乗る。(電車)を降りる。(乗れ)ば、(近)ければ、etc.
まっすぐ、右、左、近く、一つ目、二つ目、etc.
手前、向い側、突き当たり、駅、果物屋、本屋(書店)、etc.

Group size
Students in pairs

Time
10 minutes

Preparation
Two maps, one with locations marked for shops and residences, the other showing streets only.

Activity
(Role play)
One student with a complete map plays the role of a police officer at a police box in front of a station (駅前の交番のお巡りさん). The other student wants to visit X family. He or she also wants to buy a gift, perhaps fruit or whiskey. He or she has to get some cash at X bank. (Devise an appropriate situation according to the map being used.) The policeman gives directions. The other student marks locations of the places on the blank map following the directions.

Cultural Notes
By using real maps, students learn that most small streets in Japan have no names, and that they are often very irregular. Policemen in policeboxes in front of stations help people find their way. When making formal visits in Japan, it is customary to take a gift such as fruit, boxed sweets, liquor, etc.
22. **What Is Common? / 共通点は何ですか。**

**Objectives**
Asking and making statements about the likes and dislikes of self and others. Exchanging detailed personal information such as name, age, address, family, and friends. Talking about regularly occurring activities.

**Levels**
Beginning / Intermediate / Advanced

**Language**
いくつですか。／何歳ですか。
専攻は何ですか。
何年生ですか。
何に興味がありますか。／何に興味を持っていますか。／
趣味は何ですか。／好きなことは？
御家族は、何人ですか。
家はどこですか。／どこに住んでいますか。／お住まいはど
ちらでしょうか。
旅行が好きですか。／どこへ旅行したことがありますか。／
日本へ行ったことがありますか。

Age, major, school standing, favorite subjects, hobbies, interests, family, residences, future plans, travel experiences, lifestyles

**Group Size**
4 students

**Time**
8 minutes

**Preparation**
None

**Activity**
Students gather personal information from one another in a team. They are to find three aspects common to all members in the team. Also each member in the team must find something unique to himself/herself, which no other members in the team have. Encourage teamed students to find common features uniquely different from the rest of the class. Avoid statements such as 皆目が二つあります, みんな学生です, etc.
When they finish the task, a spokesperson from each team reports their findings. The instructor does a comprehension check regarding what was reported.

Notes

The activity is effective as an ice breaker to get to know classmates.

Variation

1. The topics can be extended to characteristics of nations, professions, schools, etc.
23. What Is the Difference? / どこが違いますか。

Objective: Describing location of objects/people, and what people are doing, how things/people look, etc. Comprehending such descriptions.

Level: Beginning /Applicable for Intermediate and Advanced

Language: --- に --- がある。 --- が --- で --- (を) --- ている。

Sample I
上、下、右、左側、前、後ろ、床の間、ちがい棚、生け花、掛軸、人形、時計、九時、三時、男の子、女の子、猫、座布団、盆、etc.

Sample II
自転車がありますか。机の上にりんごがあります。どこに電話がありますか。とてもきたない部屋です。男の人の部屋だと思いません。

Group size: Students in pairs

Time: 10 minutes

Preparation: Prepare two similar pictures with a number of differences.

Activity: (Matching game)
Have the students describe their own picture and ask questions about their partners' in order to discover what the differences are. The students do not show the pictures to each other. The pair which discovers the most differences wins.

Variation: Use one simple picture and have one student describe it while the other draws the picture without looking at it.
Cultural Notes  Use pictures with cultural significance, whenever possible.

Application  This activity can easily be used for any level by varying the content of the pictures.
24. Scramble / パッチワーク

| Objectives | Reading words and sentences to create a coherent and cohesive passage. |
| Levels | Beginning/Intermediate / Advanced |
| Language | どれがはじめですか。 どれがおわりですか。 つぎはどれですか。 それをとってください。 ここにいれましょうか。 |
| Group Size | 4 students |
| Time | 8 minutes |
| Preparation | Prepare a short passage and cut it apart into strips of sentences. Place the pieces into an envelope. The number of envelopes should match the number of teams. |
| Activity | Each team receives one envelope containing the cut up sentences of a passage. After reading each piece, students unscramble them and place in meaningful order. When they finish the task, they should raise their hands. The instructor will check the task by asking the students to read the passage. Or he/she can debrief the entire class, asking them to share their passages. |
| Notes | This activity requires receptive and productive skills, listening, reading, and speaking. Students have to create a cohesive and meaningful passage. Cooperative work makes the task fun. |
| Variations | 1. For beginners, use Hiragana and/or Katakana symbols to make words. |
2. For beginning and intermediate students, use cut up words to create sentences.

3. For advanced students, use cut up paragraphs to create a longer passage.
Scramble - Samples / パッチワーク - 例

Photocopy the following, cut them into pieces, and place them in an envelope. Make one envelope for each team.

1. Word Scramble (9 pieces)

来年 日本へ 行きたいです。
だから 学校で 日本語を
勉強しています。 とても おもしろいです。

2. Sentence Scramble (6 pieces)

アメリカには大きい州がたくさんあります。
テキサスやアラスカは、とくに広いです。
でも小さい州もあります。
ロードアイランドという州は、一番小さいです。
人口は、ずいぶんちがいますけど、
日本とカリフォルニアは、形も大きさもよく似ています。

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25. **Secrets / 内緒話し**

**Objectives**
Understanding the gist and cohesive features of a passage and telling it without changing the content.

**Levels**
Beginning / Intermediate

**Language**
内緒話しをしよう

Vocabulary varies depending on selected passage.

**Group size**
5 students

**Time**
15 minutes

**Preparation**
Prepare a short passage describing a situation, which can be told in a few minutes. The passage should be cohesive and meaningful in content. Instruct the five students in each team to sit in a row.

**Activity**
(Game)
Teamed students compete to pass on the gist of a passage to their teammates accurately and speedily.

A student from each team gathers around the teacher, who tells a prepared short passage without letting the rest of the class hear. Students cannot take notes but they can ask questions to clarify and to confirm the passage. They go back to their own team and whisper to one of the teammates what they heard without letting the rest of the team hear. They continue the procedure until the passage is passed on to the last person in the team, who records a summary of what he/she heard.

The instructor debriefs the class by having the last person in each team read their passage. And the teacher tells the class the passage. The class compares each team's passage with the teacher's. If they are different, trace back how and when the passage was passed on differently.
Notes  The activity requires the ability to grasp the gist of a passage and rephrase it, focusing on key words and key messages. A visual of some type can be shown to students in advance to assist their understanding of the passage.

Variation  1. Each team reviews and corrects the report written by the last person in the row. The report can be submitted to the instructor for evaluation.
26. Confirming Messages / 伝言の確認

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<td>After reading a message, paired students act out by role playing. They use role playing cards and talk to each other on the telephone, confirming the message, making requests, offering suggestions for future events.</td>
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<td>The activity requires the receptive and productive skills, listening, reading, and speaking. Since it requires three skills, it is more challenging for communication. The role playing cards can provide specific information for beginning level and more situational and sociocultural context for intermediate and advanced levels.</td>
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<td>1. Prepare written messages and role playing cards with the appropriate register (待遇表現) for advanced students. For instance, a junior member of a Japanese company has taken telephone messages from clients for his manager. In turn, the manager will call back the clients to confirm the messages, make requests and offers on business deals.</td>
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Messages - Samples of a memorandum and role playing cards

伝言確認 - メモとロールプレイカード

メモ

よし子ちゃん
けさあきらくんから電話がありましたよ。
金曜日の七時半ごろむかえに来るそうです。
金曜日までにもう一度話したいから、
電話してと言っていました。

母より

Role Playing Cards

Student A - Yoshiko

Call Akira to confirm the time and day to go to a concert. Give him the directions to your house. You want to have a light dinner before the concert. Suggest the idea. If he agrees with you, then ask him to come earlier so that you have enough time to have the dinner. Discuss the appropriate time for him to come to the house.

Student B - Akira

Tell Yoshiko the time and day of getting together for the concert. Since you have not been to her house before, ask her the directions. Accept her suggestion about the dinner and suggest stopping at a restaurant before the concert. Discuss the appropriate time to pick her up.
27. Let's Put Them In Order / 順番はどう？

Objectives Describing actions and events that are presently taking place, or have already happened.

Level Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced

Language ている、てしまう、ようとする、つもり ---らしい、etc.

Any expressions that describe the scenes

Group size 4 - 5 students in each group

Time 10 minutes

Preparation Any serial pictures such as cartoons, scene sequencing cards for children, etc.

Activity (Sequencing game)
Each student receives one scene of the series. Through each member's description of his or her scene, the group tries to figure out the correct sequence.

Variation Keep some portions of the series or dialogues left out for students to create their own.

Socio-Cultural Notes Cartoons are rich sources for exposing students to the customs, lifestyles and humor of the people. "ささえさん", for example, offers a wealth of material depicting Japanese people's lifestyles, perceptions of nature, subtle humor, annual events and customs. For example, in one cartoon every member of the family participates in 餅 (rice cake) making in preparation for the New Year, and in another, 蜜柑 (mandarin oranges) hint at the winter season. The children in the first cartoon are wearing rabbit-ear costumes and pretending to be rabbits making rice cakes, after an old folk belief.

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Application Afterwards, have students describe the whole cartoon orally or in writing. This is good practice in the use of connectives.

For advanced students, use materials that would give them good discussion topics.
28. **Tell Me the Story You Read /何を読みましたか。**

**Objectives**  
Reading texts and describing/narrating a linked sequence of events read in the texts. Exchanging detailed information, and clarifying information, gathering missing information. Writing a short summary of the information.

**Levels**  
Beginning / Intermediate / Advanced

**Language**  
この言葉を忘れました。  
教えてください。  
説明してくれませんか。  
どんな意味ですか。

See sample readers.

**Group Size**  
4 students

**Time**  
15 minutes

**Preparation**  
Prepare one set of two related reading materials: Reader #1 and Reader #2. Before distributing them to students, prepare materials such as pictures relevant to the content and a vocabulary list. The advanced organizing materials will help students comprehend the reading materials.

**Activity**  
Introduce the 'advanced organizer.' Encourage students to guess and anticipate the content of the readers.

Divide the class in half. Distribute Reader #1 to one half of the class and Reader #2 to the other. Pair up students within the divided half and instruct them to read the given materials cooperatively with their partners. They may take notes. After three minutes, the instructor collects the reading materials. Paired students discuss and review what they read.

Form a four person team with one pair of students from each divided half. Each student is assigned a role as spokesperson, recorder, timer, or moderator. They exchange as much information...
and descriptions as possible about the materials they read.

The spokesperson from each team reports their statements in class. The instructor debriefs the entire class by asking True or False questions regarding the contents of the readers.

Notes

This activity is different from a traditional reading exercise, because students are reading the readers cooperatively. Not only do they comprehend the materials but they also assist one another through cooperative work.

Variations

1. As homework, each student writes a summary of what his/her team talked about during the activity in class.

2. Following the above activity, each team can create and develop a story based on the passage.
Tell Me the Story You Read - Sample Reader #1 / 何を読みましたか - 練習文 #1

国はさっぽろですが、井上さんは、京都大学へ行きました。学校を出てからも、京都にすんでいます。今大阪にあるかいしゃにつとめています。まいしゅう月曜日から金曜日まで、大阪へしごとに出かけます。京都から大阪まで三十マイルぐらいありますから、車で五十分かかります。でんしゃでは、一時間くらいです。井上さんは、でんしゃで行くことができるけど、車のにのるのが好きですから、いつも車で行きます。

きょう京都の人とけっこんしました。おくさんは、今はたらいでいません。だからときどきいっしょに大阪へ行きます。京都にも大阪にもゆっくりなデパートや店があるけど、おくさんは大阪でかいものをするのが好きなんです。大阪には、やすい店がおおいです。

おくさんが大阪へ行った日には、六時半ごろレストランでごしゅじんにあいます。よく行くレストランには、きれいな花やおんがくがいつもあります。そこでおいしいりょうりをたべることができます。きれいなおんがくを聞くこともできます。ゆっくりたべてから、うちへかえります。九時半ごろうちにつけます。
井上恵子さんは今東京の大学の三年生です。まいしゃう月曜日から金曜日まで、クラスをとっています。べんきょうするのが大好きですから、学校をぜんぜん休みません。

今年の四月からともだちといっしょに小さいアパートにすんでいます。学校からちょっととおいですから、バスでかよっています。車がほしいんですが、いい車をかうお金はありません。

けい子さんはおにいさんが一人だけ京都においます。ときどきおにいさんや国のかぞくにでんわをかけます。いつも十分つづくらいはなします。でんわではなすのが好きですけど、ちょっとたかいです。おかあさんはたちはよくてがみをくれますが、けい子さんはあまりてがみをかくのは好きじゃありません。

来月の休みには、しんかんせんでおにいさんにあいに出かけます。京都はすばらしいですから、けんぶつするつもりです。おにいさんのおくさんはとてもきれいな人です。おねえさんはりょうりがじょうずですから、おにいさんのうちでおいしいりょうりをたべることができます。おねえさんは、いいみせをたくさん知っています。だから、いっしょにかいものにも行くつもりです。とてもたのしみにしています。
Tell Me the Story You Read - Comprehension Check Sample Questions for Readers #1 and #2
何を読みましたか - 読解力確認のための質問例

Listen to the following instructor's statements regarding the reading materials. If they are true, write down the numbers. If they are false, explain why.

1. かげさんのお父さんやお母さんは、札幌にいます。 
2. かげさんのきょうだいは、皆結婚しています。 
3. お兄さんは、京都ですが、妹さんは、東京です。 
4. かげさんはお兄さんがいますが、弟はありません。 
5. かげさんもお兄さんも、今大学生です。 
6. かげさんはお兄さんに時々会います。 
7. お兄さんの奥さんの国は、京都です。 
8. お兄さんは会社へ電車で行きます。 
9. お兄さんの奥さんは、料理が上手な人です。 
10. かげさんの奥さんは、買い物をするのが、好きです。 
11. かげさんは、お母さんからよく手紙をもらいます。 
12. 手紙をあまり書かない人は、かげさんです。 
13. かげさんと奥さんは、小さいけどおいしい店で時々食事をします。 
14. 京都から大阪まで三十マイルぐらいあります。 
15. かげさんもかげさんも車を持っていません。 
16. かげさんは、北海道に今いないけど、家があります。 
17. かげさんは、大学を休むのが、嫌いです。 
18. かげさんは、四月からお兄さんとアパートに住んでいます。 
19. かげさんは、来月京都へ飛行機で行くつもりです。 
20. かげさんは、きれいな人と結婚しています。

True statements: 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20
### 29. Planning a Dinner Party / 謝恩會の計画

**Objectives**
Being able to read menus, ask and answer questions about the ingredients and preparation of various dishes. Discussing preferences and choices.

**Levels**
Intermediate / Applicable for Beginning and Advanced

**Language**
---と思う。 (行った) 事がある。 ---方が良い。
---かもしれない。 ---か知っている?
---で出来ている。 (寿司)にする。 etc.
作る、料理する、煮る、焼く、蒸す、揚げる、etc.
中国料理、日本料理、和食、洋食、 and items on the menus.

**Group Size**
5 - 6 students in each group

**Time**
20 minutes

**Preparation**
Several menus, preferably authentic ones

**Activity**
(Role Play)
Each group receives several menus. The group plans a dinner party for their teachers before graduation, or for any other special occasion. The students study the menus and discuss which restaurant to go to, and what dishes to order for their party.

**Variation**
Supplement the activity with telephone calls to the restaurants, writing invitation letters to their classmates, etc. In the suggested activity, students read several menus. It is also possible to use only one menu and have the students play the roles of a waiter or waitress and customers.

**Socio-Cultural Notes**
University students in Japan often hold an elaborate dinner party on the occasion of their graduation. They attend such celebration parties (祝賀会) as a group, not as couples. In
addition, they often hold a dinner party (謝恩会) for their teachers.

**Application**

This activity can be used for beginning level students using simpler vocabulary and sentences (e.g. 好き、嫌い、欲しい、高い、安い、近い、遠い、きれい、食べましょう、行きましょう、etc.), and using menus mostly written in Hiragana and Katakana. For more advanced students, include other factors such as locations of restaurants (give students a map of the area, e.g. a map of Tokyo), or incorporate some unexpected circumstances, e.g. the restaurant is not open on the day when they want to have the party, and students have to negotiate for some special arrangements, etc.
和食 Japanese-style foods

23 前菜盛合せ 10,000円
24 前菜盛合せ 6,000円
25 蒸しあわび 10,000円
26 お造り盛合せ 10,000円
27 桃進湯 5,000円
28 天ぷら 7,000円
29 鳥鶴辺筑 5,000円
30 焼物盛合せ 8,000円
31 大阪すし 4,000円
32 紫ノ 5,000円
33 おでん 5,000円
34 干物盛合せ 3,000円より
### お楽味表（夏期号）

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<td>にぎり 松 ...... 1,600円</td>
<td>きゅうり巻 ...... 450円</td>
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<td>レディース ........... 1,000円</td>
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<td>(イカ・玉子・エビ・タコ)</td>
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### 新発売

**さざえごはん** 1人前 1,000円

さざえをたっぷり入れました 7月〜10月末まで

### すし勝

**☎(27)2156**

（松江市の一の谷町 八丁畑線 内枚通り）

営業時間 午前9時〜午後10時

定休日 毎週 水曜日

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東江樓
特製点心類

肉粽子（ちまき）

水餃子（水ぎょうざ）

焼売（しゅまい）

東江樓客家特製メニュー

1. 正宗塩焗鶏 客家(ハッカ)風蒸し鶏 ¥1,200 ¥1,800
2. 梅菜扣肉 客家(ハッカ)風豚肉の煮込み ¥1,800 ¥2,400
3. 沙茶炒牛肉 客家(ハッカ)風牛肉炒め ¥2,000 ¥3,000
4. 芹菜牛肉柱塞 客家(ハッカ)風炒め ¥1,600 ¥2,400

小 焼き湯包（スープ入り包子）

中 炸春捲（はるまき）

肉包・豆沙包（肉・餡まんじゅう）

酸辣湯（スープ）

上記の品をお召し上がりの際ご利用下さい
オツな味が楽しめます。

6. 枝汁炆鱼 客家(ハッカ)風味噌味付け魚 時価
7. 蒸菜雞湯 客家(ハッカ)風呂風味のスープ ¥2,400
8. 八宝珍錦 客家(ハッカ)風赤飯 (一人前) ¥500
9. 四喜湯丸 四喜入りデザート 要予約

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ピザのテイクアウト・宅配賜ります。

〈営業時間 午前11時～深夜12時〉

PIZZA
手作りによる自家製生地にモッツァレラチーズをのせて、徳利あげた旨味のピザです。

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M: 梅としそのピザ
L: なすびのピザ

挽肉ビーフのピザ | 800円 | 1,000円 |
くるみのピザ     | 750円 | 950円 |
アーモンドのピザ   | 750円 | 950円 |
ほうれん草とベーコンのピザ | 750円 | 950円 |
和風ミックスピザ   | 850円 | 1,050円 |
洋風ミックスピザ   | 850円 | 1,050円 |
ベーコンとマッシュルームのピザ | 700円 | 900円 |

パイのようなお菓子風 かわりピザ
フルーツのパイピザ | 700円 |
のりとしそのパイピザ | 650円 |
クルミのパイピザ   | 700円 |
### Cultural Bingo / 教養ビンゴ

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<th>Objectives</th>
<th>Acquiring information on the culture and society of Japan and answering questions</th>
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<td>Current issues in the society, business, geography, culture, and currency, and metric measurements.</td>
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|            | 1 mile = 1.6 kilometers  
|            | 1 pound = 453.59 grams  
|            | 1 foot = 30.48 centimeters  
|            | 1 inch = 2.54 centimeters  
|            | 10 miles = 16 km  
|            | 4 pound = 113.4 g  
|            | 5 feet 3 inches = 160.0 cm |
| Group Size | All |
| Time       | 10 minutes |
| Preparation| Make a grid and fill each box with cultural questions. |
| Activity   | All students receive one cultural bingo sheet filled with questions. Students circulate and ask questions in Japanese to find a person who can answer each question. The person has to sign his/her name in the box after answering the question. Each student can sign only once on each sheet. The first person to complete a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal column wins Bingo. |
| Notes      | This activity is good for assessing students' knowledge of Japan at the beginning of the semester. It serves as an ice breaker for a new class, since students have to interact with one another. It is also effective to review a variety of cultural materials discussed in class. |
| Variations | 1. Students act out different roles by asking the bingo questions using polite or casual style, depending on the role relationship. The class is divided into one half to conduct the survey and assess knowledge of Japan. One group is instructed to ask questions as politely as possible, because interviewees hold high status in the |
society and are much older than interviewers. The other group is to ask the questions as if they are close friends, peers, or family members. They can speak to one another very casually and informally.

e.g. Do you know the capital of Japan?

Group 1: 日本の首都をご存じですか。

Group 2: 日本の首都 知ってる？
   日本の首都は、 どこ？

2. Each grid can be filled with kana, kanji, pictures, dates of month. Depending on the bingo materials, it is suitable for beginners.
Cultural Bingo

Write your name in the center space. Then ask other people to sign their names after answering any question. Each person can sign your card only once. The first person to complete a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal column wins Bingo.

| Who knows an American who traveled by *shin'kan'sen*? | Who can name the prime minister of Japan? | Whose house is within 16 kilometers from the school? | Who practices karate or aikido? | Who can name 2 Japanese banks? |
| Who knows the name of the current Japanese Era? | Who can name a Japanese watch maker? | Who knows the capital of Japan? | Who knows a Japanese writer? | Who can eat 113 grams of Hamburger? |
| Who can say "Happy Birthday" in Japanese? | Who has a Japanese car made in the U.S.? | Who can name two Japanese companies? | Who knows the population of Japan? | Who is taller than 160cm? |
| | | | | Who has not eaten sushi? |

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