

1-May Self-introduction and town where you grew up as a child.

Please introduce yourself, 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 to see there.

What does it produce? It can be vegetables, rice, cars, pottery, etc.

or

If you have moved to Sakura. When did you move here? What was the purpose of moving to Sakura? What attracted you to move here? What was Sakura like when you first moved here?

2-June Meeting people for the first time.

Have you met anyone recently for the first time? How did you meet them and where did you meet?

When meeting someone for the first time, how do you feel?

How long does it take you to feel at ease with them?

or

How do you feel when you meet a foreigner? Can you speak to them in English or in their native tongue?

Tell us of a meeting you have had with a foreigner.

3-July Working life.

Let's talk about your working life and compare it with the younger generation's working life today. What was your first job after graduating high school or university? What were the working hours like? How often did you do overtime? What was the first thing you did when you arrived at work?

Did you need to use English in your job? Did you have to use any other foreign language?

When was the best part of your workday?

or

Do you have a son or a daughter who is working full time? Do you know of a younger person who works full time?

How does their workday compare to when you were working? What are the differences?

Would you like to work in today's workplace?

4-September Weather and Climate Change.

How has the summer been different from other summers?

It seems this is going to be the summers will be from now on!

For how many hours a day do you use your air conditioner? How did you keep cool during the summer when you were a child?

or

How has climate change affected Japan in recent years? There will be an increase in natural disasters!

What are you most worried about with climate change?

5-October Childhood

Did you have a happy childhood? Do you have any memories of your childhood? What can you remember about your first day at school, going to visit relatives in the summer, etc.?

Did any of you spend your childhood living overseas?

6-November Culture

Are there many people of different cultures living in your area? Do you have chances to talk with them?

Have you ever felt confused by the actions of someone from another country? If so, please tell us about it.

In English, we have the idiom, 'When in Rome, do as the Romans do.' Is this always a piece of good advice?

7-December 100 years of Showa.

NHK has celebrated this year 100 years of broadcasting on the radio, and there are many programs on NHK and on commercial TV stations on 100 years of Showa (to Heisei).

How is Japan different from 100 years ago? Many things have changed, including education, working life, traveling, entertainment, transportation, and of course, now many foreigners are coming to Japan. What else can you think of? Please share your thoughts with us.

8-January Memory

Do you have a good memory or a bad one? Do you remember what you want to and forget the rest?

Are you good at remembering birthdays, anniversaries, etc.? How does your partner, wife or husband react?

Many people find a smell, sound, or a song brings back a childhood memory. Has this ever happened to you?

Why do you think some people remember names well while others remember numbers well?

How do you train your memory?

9-February Japan

Can you tell me some of the differences Japan has from other Asian countries?


There is now a big influx of foreigners coming to Japan for sightseeing. Why do you think Japan has become a popular destination?

or

What is your idea of a typical Japanese person? Has this changed over the years?

Who are the most famous Japanese people you know?

10.March Superstitious.

St. Patrick's Day,  March 17th, the Patron Saint of Ireland.

We're going to talk about superstitions today,

Are you interested in superstition? What do you think about them?

Are there any actions that can bring bad luck (such as walking under a ladder, breaking a mirror or spilling salt)? Can you tell me some of them?

Can you tell me some Japanese bad or good superstitions? What symbols of the Japanese culture brings good luck? Why is that?

Do you think Japan is a superstitious country?

Do you have any lucky charms, a lucky number, etc.?