

1. May

Self introduction, your hometown.

Give your name. Where do you live in Sakura?

Where is your hometown? (The town where you were born.)

What is it like there? What is there to do leisure wise?

Does anyone famous come from your hometown?

What does your hometown produce? What does it grow?

Do any of your relatives still live there?

2. June

Free time. (Please choose two questions to answer from the questions below)

Now that most of you are retired. I know that you have enough free time. What

do you like to do in that free time? Going shopping? Going to the cinema?

Playing a sport? Gardening?

What are you doing this weekend?

What hobbies do you have?

Where do young people in Japan usually hang out in their free time? Are there any youth clubs they can go to?

Do people's leisure time activities change as they get older? How?

What new activity would you like to challenge in your free time?

3. July

Meetings people. (Please choose two questions to answer from the questions below.)

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

When you meet someone for the first time, how do you feel? How long does it take you to feel at ease with a new person?

What is the first thing you usually do or say when you meet a person for the first time?

Do you know any ice breaker questions?

Have you ever met somebody and immediately hit it off? What made you get along so quickly?

How do you feel when you meet a foreigner for the first time? Can you automatically speak to them in English or in their native tongue? Why do you hesitate to speak in a foreign language?

4. September

Traveling. (Please choose two questions to answer from the questions below.)
Which countries have you visited? Is there a country which you haven't visited yet, but you would like to? Where is it?

What is the longest time you have been away from home? Did you feel homesick?

Do you like to try local food when you go overseas? What was it? What did it taste like?

Please share your experience with us.

Do you like to talk to the local people when you travel? Can you remember any interesting conversations that you had?

Choose between these holidays and explain your choice :

A tour of historic sites in Europe.

A relaxing stay at a beach resort in Southeast Asia.

Going on a safari in Africa.

Going on a Caribbean Cruise.

5. October

Sports. (Please choose two questions to answer from the questions below.)

Are you good at a sport? Tennis? Soccer? Baseball? Golf?

Are you a member of any sports team or sports club?

Have you ever played golf, tennis, soccer, baseball? Do you play any of these sports now? How often do you play? What is good about playing these sports?

What sports did you play in junior high or senior high school? Do you think doing a sport helped with concentrating on studying?

What sports do you watch on tv?

Have you ever been to a professional sports game, either in Japan or overseas?

What was the atmosphere like?

6. November 2023

A Friend In Need

Thank goodness that we have friends! Sometimes we need them just to talk to us, sometimes we need them to help us with some problem or trouble that we have. They might give us good advice, they might help us when we are sick or need help with something. On the other hand, perhaps you have a friend that was in trouble and needed your help.

We would like to hear a story or some stories from your life where someone helped you or you helped someone.

7. December 2023

Your “Japanese” home!

In the past, Japanese homes were very unique, with shoji and fusuma, a tokonoma, tatami and more... How about your home today? Is it much different from your childhood home? Please tell us about it.

Visitors to Japan almost never have the chance to visit a Japanese home. Imagine you are talking to an international visitor who wants to know about your home. What unique Japanese things are there? Have you ever invited an international visitor to your home?

8. January 2024

New Year’s resolutions, wishes and dreams

Many things have happened in Japan and around the world in the last year, some good and some bad.

Another year has begun and many new opportunities are waiting for us! What things would you like to see this year, in Japan and around the world?

Did you make a New Year resolution? What changes would you like to make to your personal life?

Topics for English Salons 2023

W13. W15. W16. F13 Jane(1-5),Damien(6-10)

9. February 2024

English and the joys of traveling!

Many people study English because being able to speak English makes traveling around the world much easier and more interesting.

What was your motivation for learning English? Did your English ability help you during your travels, with your job, or in some other situation? How have you used English in your life? What do you think are the best ways to improve your English speaking ability?

10. March 2024

What's on your mind!

This is our last class as a group! Time really flies!!

For this class I would like to give you the chance to talk about any topic or topics that interest you. This is your chance to share your ideas, thoughts and experiences...

Feel free to talk about one thing or several things, to give us advice, to complain about something, to tell us a funny story, or to share your knowledge.