

Discussing Asian Culture

Discuss the questions below. Which chapter and country had a dictation sentence with a similar theme? Can you recall the sentence?

1. What is the longest river in Japan? Which prefecture is it in?
2. Tell about a Japanese building that is historical, culturally significant, or famous for some other reason.
3. Have you ever tried yoga? Would you like to?
4. Where do you get your clothes? Which style suits you best?
5. What fruit trees grow around your hometown? Do you like to eat the fruit?
6. Do you know about *The Tale of Genji* or some other historical Japanese book?
7. Do you like shogi? Why or why not?
8. Tell about a famous or well-known Japanese movie.

1. Do you enjoy watching fireworks? When and where do you see them?
2. Do you know about when Mongolia attacked Japan? What happened?
3. What is the role of the dragon in Japanese folktales and stories.
4. Which sports are Japanese strong at? How do they train to play?
5. Tell about something that was invented in Japan.
6. Which spicy foods do you like?
7. Are there any rivers near your hometown? Did you ever swim in one?
8. How do you usually celebrate New Year?

1. Do you enjoy hanami picnics? Tell about the last time you did one.
2. When was the last time you went to Tokyo? What did you see there?
3. Which festival did you go to when you were young? Did you have fun?
4. Have you ever practiced a martial art? Would you like to? Why or why not?
5. How do you feel about karaoke? Which song can you sing best? Sing a little for your partner (or at least say the lyrics).
6. How often do you drink tea? Green tea? Do you prefer tea or coffee?
7. How often do you eat fish? Which is your favorite?
8. What do you think of robots? Would you like a pet robot? Do you think robots will take over the world someday?