

Discussing European Culture

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

1. Do you like tennis? Which sports do you play?
 2. What is Japan's biggest lake? What is it famous for? Have you been there?
 3. What is the most popular J-pop band in history? What about now? Do you like them?
 4. What's a famous building in your hometown area or at least home prefecture?
 5. Do you think aliens ever visited Earth? Why or why not?
 6. Which famous Japanese person died a tragic death?
 7. What is the traditional breakfast in Japan? Do you like it?
 8. Which outdoor activities are popular in Japan?
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1. Do you enjoy sauna? Tell about the last time you went in a sauna.
 2. What do you know about cedar (*sugi*) trees? Are you allergic to them?
 3. Which of the following are pests in Japan: rabbits, rats, deer, boar, crows?
 4. Do you like to go to a beach or the sea? What do you do there?
 5. Would you like a second home in the countryside even if it had no inside toilet?
 6. What are the strengths and weaknesses of Japan's education system?
 7. What's your favorite video game? How often do you (or did you) play?
 8. What are the longest and shortest days in Japan? Which two days are equally divided between light and darkness?
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1. Tell the ingredients for a food such as fried rice. Can you cook it?
 2. Imagine your career. How many paid holidays should you get a year?
 3. What sporting events do you like to watch? The Tour de France? The World Cup? The World Series? Some other?
 4. Describe some ways Japanese greet each other.
 5. Do you think it's important for people to show their faces in public?
 6. Do you think a tunnel for car traffic will ever be built between Kyushu and the mainland?
 7. What's the most famous building in Japan? Why was it built?
 8. Tell how you feel about grape products: seedless grapes, grapes with seeds, grape juice, red wine, white wine.