

Eiken Grade G2 Speaking 2017-2B

Protecting Traditions

Many traditional products made in Japan have a reputation for high quality. These products, such as Japanese paper, are made with skills that have been passed down for generations. Today, more people are worried that such skills are disappearing, so they are trying to encourage others to use traditional products. Some communities in Japan are attracting tourists with their traditional products.

Your story should begin with this sentence: **One day, Mary, an exchange student, went shopping with her classmate Ken.**



No. 1 According to the passage, why are more people trying to encourage others to use traditional products?

No. 2 Now, please look at the picture and describe the situation. You have 20 seconds to prepare. Your story should begin with the sentence on the card.

<20 seconds>

Please begin.

Now, Mr./Ms. _____, please turn the card over and put it down.

No. 4 Some people say that students should do volunteer work in their local community. What do you think about that?

No. 5 Today, there are many kinds of Japanese movies. Do you think Japanese movies will become more popular in foreign countries in the future?

Yes. → Why?

No. → Why not?

- No. 1** Because they are worried that skills that have been passed down for generations are disappearing.
- No. 2** One day, Mary, an exchange student, went shopping with her classmate Ken. Mary said to Ken, "I'd like to buy something for my little sister." A few minutes later, Mary was choosing a cup. Ken noticed that some children were painting cups. Thirty minutes later, a shop clerk was teaching Mary how to paint a cup. Ken thought that Mary's sister would be pleased with the cup.
- No. 3** I agree. Students can get good experiences outside the classroom. For example, they can learn how to make their communities better.
- I disagree. It's more important for students to focus on schoolwork. I'm afraid they have little time to do volunteer work.
- No. 4** Yes. → More people abroad are becoming interested in Japanese culture. Japanese movies are a good way to learn about it.
No. → Most people prefer movies from their own countries. Also, Japanese movies aren't well known in many countries.