

Eiken Grade 2 2016-2A

New Uses for Old Schools

Nowadays in Japan, many buildings that were once schools are now being given new uses. For example, some schools have been turned into offices or factories. This can help the local economy grow. Because of this, many people are interested in information about school buildings that are not being used. By sharing such information, local governments encourage people to find new uses for schools.

Your story should begin with this sentence: One day, Aiko and her parents were moving into their new house.



- No. 1 According to the passage, how do local governments encourage people to find new uses for schools?
- 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.

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

- No. 3 Some people say that schools should give students tablet computers to use in class. What do you think about that?
- No. 4 Today, many Japanese people work in foreign countries. Do you think the number of these people will increase in the future?
Yes. → Why?
No. → Why Not?

- No. 1 By sharing information about school buildings that are not being used.
- No. 2 One day, Aiko and her parents were moving into their new house. Her mother said to Aiko, "Tomorrow is the first day at your new school." At the school, Aiko's teacher was introducing Aiko to her classmates. Aiko was looking forward to talking to her classmates. Two weeks later, Aiko was doing homework with some friends. Her mother was thinking of giving them cake.
- No. 3 I agree. Tablet computers are easy for students to use in the classroom. Also, students can look for information online quickly.
- I disagree. It costs too much for schools to buy tablet computers. Also, some students might use them to play games in class.
- No. 4 Yes. More Japanese companies are doing business abroad. Also, working abroad is a good way to learn about the world.
- No. People can use the Internet to communicate with others overseas. They don't have to go to foreign countries anymore.