



JAPAN

Discussion

Basic Questions

1. What is Japan famous for?
Japan is famous for...
2. What do you know about Japanese history?
Some Japanese histories are...
3. What are the good things and bad things about Japan?
Good things about Japan are... Bad things are...
4. What do you think about Japanese technology?
Japanese technology is....
5. Who are the most famous Japanese people you know?
The most famous Japanese people are...

Extended Questions

1. What do you think Japan will be like 50 years from now?
I think Japan will be like...
2. What are some Japanese cultures?
Some Japanese cultures are...
3. What things about Japan do you think Japanese people are proud of?
We are proud of...
4. What do you think about Japanese fashion, music, movies and *manga*?
I think....

VOCABULARY

Ikebana



- is the Japanese art of flower arrangement. It is more than simply putting flowers in a container.

Geisha



- are traditional Japanese female entertainers who act as hostesses and whose skills include performing various arts such as classical music, dance, games and conversation, mainly to entertain not only male customers but also female customers

Japanese tea ceremony



- also called the Way of Tea, is a Japanese cultural activity involving the ceremonial preparation and presentation of matcha (抹茶), powdered green tea.

Kimono



- Kimonos (着物) are traditional Japanese style clothes. "Kimono" meant "something you wear" originally. Long ago, people in Japan wore kimonos every day. Now, people only wear a kimono for special occasions such as formal ceremonies.

Temples and Shrines



- Buddhist temples are, together with Shinto shrines, considered to be among the most numerous, famous, and important religious buildings in Japan. The Japanese word for a Buddhist temple is *tera*

Mangga



- are comics created in Japan or by creators in the Japanese language, conforming to a style developed in Japan in the late 19th century.

Useful words and Expressions

1. (sensei) = Teacher
2. (gakusei) = Student
3. (kaishain) = Employee
4. (Yen) = Japanese money
5. (doko) = Where
6. (tabemasu) = To Eat
7. (arigatougozaimasu) = Thank You
8. (gochisousama deshita) = Thanks for the food
9. (sumimasen) = Excuse Me
10. (gomennasai) = Sorry