

School Life in Japan

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In this activity, we will be visiting web sites about typical Japanese students' lives and interests.

Pre-reading

- Discuss your interests and school life in a small group. List three activities you enjoy in your daily life. **(in Japanese)**

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

- List your favourite school subjects. **(in Japanese)**

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- List your hobbies. **(in Japanese)** _____

- List your special skills. **(in Japanese)**

- Dream for the future?

Scanning 1

1. Go to the following web sites:

<http://www.tjf.or.jp/eng/ee/eeindex.htm>

2. Check-off the following items as you find and read them on this web page.

___ Japanese names (high school students) and their lives

___ Fashion ___ Sports ___ Date ___ Cars ___ Glossary ___ Friends

3. How many boys' and girls' names do you see on this page? **(in Japanese)**

Boys _____ Girls _____

4. Write their names in ひらがな.

Takashi _____ Sachiko _____ Shingo _____

Hideki _____ Setsuko _____ Sumiyo _____

Yutaka _____ Keiko _____ Junko _____

5. Now, Click on their names again and find out who has similar interests.

Who's your best match? Why? (Give several reasons)

6. Find out his/her daily routine. What type of things does he/she do or enjoy?
List the activities of his/her typical day.

Scanning 2

Go to the following web site: <http://www.realjapan.net/experience.htm>

Read the essay of a Japanese-American girl, who spent her high school life in Japan.

What is different from your own school life? Give several findings.

Write about your typical day in the school.

Application

Go to the following web site: <http://www.j-club.net/>

Go to the page ペンパル (Pen-pal) and find your new friend in Japan! (in pen pal page, you may click "English" to see it in English). Let him/her know who you are and what you enjoy. Ask him/her what you want to find out more about him/her. You may leave your self-introduction in the message board for anyone who wants to contact you!