

# EXPLAINING JAPAN



Work in groups of 2-4.

Choose a topic. How would you explain it to someone from a different country?

Partners, ask questions. Make other comments.

<p>What is a Japanese food you like? How do you make it?</p>	<p>What sports are popular in Japan?</p>	<p>What is a place in Japan that everyone should visit?</p>	<p>Talk about <i>manga</i> and <i>anime</i>.</p> 	<p>What do many Japanese people do on the weekends?</p>
<p>What is a symbol of “traditional Japan” in your area? Describe it.</p>	<p>When do you go to a shrine?  Why? What do you do there?</p>	<p>Have you ever explained something Japanese to a foreigner? When? What did you say?</p>	<p>Who is a Japanese person from history you respect?</p>	<p>What is a symbol of “modern Japan” in your area? Describe it.</p>
<p>What is popular in young people’s fashion these days?</p>	<p>Talk about the Japanese educational system. What would like to change?</p>	<p>Are you “a typical Japanese?” Why or why not?</p>	<p>Explain <i>juku</i>. (“cram schools”)</p>	<p>What is something Japanese you would like to tell foreigners about.</p>
<p>Who is your favorite Japanese musician? Describe the music.</p>	<p>What is a Japanese song you learned as a child. What does it mean (in English)?</p>	<p>What is something Japanese that is hard for foreigners to understand?</p>	<p>When do you go to a temple?  Why? What do you do there?</p>	<p>Explain <i>wabi sabi</i>.</p>
<p>What is an interesting place in your prefecture? Why? Where is it?</p>	<p>Talk about dating in Japan. </p>	<p>Explain <i>honne</i> and <i>tatemae</i>.</p>	<p><i>Buzzword</i> = a popular word or phrase. What <i>buzzwords</i> are popular now? What do they mean?</p>	<p>What is a typical Japanese house like? Is your house like that?</p>