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Discussion-based

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Discussion is an exchange of knowledge; an argument, an exchange of ignorance.

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Model: Exploration / Travel

A. Useful Vocabulary:

	English	Japanese
1	adapt to, adapt	(自) ～に適応する (他) ～を適応させる
2	colonize	(自) 植民地を作る (他) ～を植民地化する
3	explore	(他) ～を探検する
4	fly	(自) 飛行する、飛ぶ
5	migrate	(他) ～を飛ばす”
6	settle	(自) 移住する
7	travel	(他) 移動させる”
8	vacation	(自) 定住する (他) 定住させる
9	adventure	冒険
10	day trip	日帰り旅行
11	one-way trip	片道の旅
12	package tour	パック旅行
13	public sector	公共部門、公的機関
14	private sector	民間部門
15	round trip	往復旅行
16	space race	宇宙開発競争

B. Discussion questions

Required

2. Why does outer space fascinate people? What do you think of the space race?
3. What is the most interesting city to visit in your country? Why?
4. What kind of adventure would you like to have in your life?

Choose One Question

- 5a. What is something that you have learned from a foreign person or culture?
- 5b. What was the most interesting place you have ever visited?
- 5c. What was your best or worst trip? Why?

1 Cell Phone in Society / Social Networks

A. Useful Vocabulary:

	English	Japanese
1	call	(自) 電話する (他) ～に電話する
2	cause	(他) ～を引き起こす
3	charge	(他) [電池を]充電する
4	depend	(自) [～によって]決まる
5	message	(他) [人]に伝言を送る
6	offend	(他) [人]を怒らせる
7	prohibit	(他) ～を禁止する
8	subscribe	(自) [定期的なサービスに]申し込む
9	addiction	依存、中毒
10	anxiety	心配、不安
11	app	アプリ
12	battery	電池
13	cell-phone reception	携帯受信
14	compulsive	強迫神経症の人
15	self-restraint	自制
16	technophobia	科学技術 (テクノロジー) 恐怖症

B. Discussion questions

Required

2. How do you use a cell phone in your daily life?
3. What age do you think children should be allowed to have a cell phone?
4. What do you think about using social networks?

Choose One Question

- 5a. Do you think schools should have rules for students using cell phones?
- 5b. Do you think it should be illegal to speak on a cell phone while driving?
- 5c. What do you think about the problem of cell phone addiction in your country?

2 Quality of Life in Japan

A. Useful Vocabulary:

	English	Japanese
1	dislike	(他) ～を嫌う
2	feel	(自) 感じがする、感じる (他) ～を感じる
3	like	(他) ～を好む
4	overwork	(他) 過度に働かせる
5	perceive	(他) ～に気付く、～を理解する、～を把握する、～だと分かる
6	relax	(自) くつろぐ、リラックスする (他) ～をリラックスさせる、くつろがせる
7	value	(他) ～を高く評価する、～を尊重する
8	work	(自) 働く (他) を働かせる、～を動かす
9	dissatisfaction	不満、不平
10	free time	自由時間、暇なとき
11	recreation	レクリエーション、娯楽、保養
12	rich	金持ち、富者
13	poor	貧困者
14	safety	安全
15	security	治安、安心、警備、セキュリティ
16	well-being	満足できる生活状態、幸福

B. Discussion questions

Required

2. What aspects of life do you think are good in your country? Why are they good?
3. What aspects of life do you think are bad in your country? How can they be improved?
4. Twenty years from now how do you think life will have changed in Japan?

Choose One Question

- 5a. Are you happy or unhappy with your life in your country?
- 5b. What do you think of your university life?
- 5c. What do you think is the main factor for happiness in life?

3 Problems in Schools

A. Useful Vocabulary:

	English	Japanese
1	bully	(自) 威張りちらす (他) ~をいじめる
2	control	(他) 操る
3	cooperate	(自) 協力する
4	harass	(他) 嫌がらせをする
5	prevent	(他) ~を防ぐ
6	punish	(他) ~を罰する
7	reform	(他) ~を改革する
8	scold	(他) ~を叱る
9	corporal punishment	体罰
10	counseling	カウンセリング
11	mental suffering	精神的苦しみ
12	power harassment	パワハラ
13	rules	規則
14	suicide	自殺
15	verbal harassment	言葉による嫌がらせ
16	victim	被害者

B. Discussion questions

Required

2. What are the major characteristics you think a coach or teacher should have?
3. What did you like the most and the least about your high school?
4. What do you think about the system of clubs in high school?

Choose One Question

- 5a. What problems are there with bullying in university? How can they be solved?
- 5b. What were some of the rules you had to follow at your high school?
- 5c. Why do you think some students stop attending school?

4 Japanese Language Diversity

A. Useful Vocabulary:

	English	Japanese
1	comprehend	(他) [複雑なことを]理解 (把握) する
2	diverse	(自他) 多角化する、多様化する
3	embarrass	(他) [人]に恥ずかしい思いをさせる
4	interpret	(他) 通訳する、解釈する
5	intimidate	(他) [脅しで人を]怖がらせる [才能や富などが] (人) に恐れを抱かせる
6	pronounce	(自) 発音をする (他) ~を発音する
7	speak	(自) 話す、しゃべる (他) [外国語などの言語を]話す、話せる
8	translate	(自) 翻訳 (通訳) する (他) ~を翻訳 (通訳) する
9	accent	アクセント、口調、訛り
10	dialect	方言
11	generation gap	世代間のずれ、ジェネレーション・ギャップ
12	inferiority complex	劣等感
13	intonation	イントネーション、抑揚
14	pronunciation	発音
15	region	統治
16	standard language	標準語

B. Discussion questions

Required

2. What are the characteristics of the language in your region?
3. What dialects do you like or dislike? Why?
4. What do you think about young people's language (*wakamono-kotoba*)?

Choose One Question

- 5a. Do you think it is important to preserve dying dialects or languages?
- 5b. Should students be educated in standard language or their native dialect?
- 5c. Share a positive or negative experience you have had related to a dialect.

5. Japan's Food Self-sufficiency

A. Useful Vocabulary:

	English	Japanese
1	consume	(他) ～を消費する
2	export	(他) ～を輸出する
3	grow	(他) ～を育てる ～を栽培する
4	harvest	(他) ～を収穫する
5	import	(他) ～を輸入する
6	produce	(他) ～生産する
7	taste	(他) ～味がする
8	waste	(他) ～を無駄にする
9	consumer	消費者
10	fair trade	公正取引
11	food mileage	フード・マイレージ
12	food safety	食品の安全
13	government subsidy	政府の補助金
14	unhealthy	不健康な
15	shipping cost	運送費
16	waste food	食品廃棄物

B. Discussion questions

Required

2. What do you think about Japan importing so much of its food?
3. What do you think about the current eating habits of young people?
4. In order for Japan to increase its food self-sufficiency what should be done?

Choose One Question

- 5a. What foods are important in your life?
- 5b. What do you think about the job of farmer in your country?
- 5c. How do you feel about domestically produced food versus imported food?

6 English Education

A. Useful Vocabulary:

	English	Japanese
1	acquire	(他) 獲得する、取得する
2	inspire	(他) ～を動機付ける
3	memorize	(他) ～を覚える
4	participate	(自) ～に参加する
5	promote	(他) ～を推進する
6	reform	(他) ～を改革する
7	repeat	(他) ～を繰り返して言う
8	test	(自) 講義をする (他) ～に講義をする
9	active	活発な
10	cultural identity	文化的アイデンティティ
11	flipped classroom	逆転授業
12	fluency	流ちょうさ
13	grammar	文法
14	medium of instruction	教授言語
15	passive	受け身の 活動的でない
16	repetition	繰り返し

B. Discussion questions

Required

2. What do you think about students starting to study English in elementary school?
3. Describe what you have found successful to learn English?
4. What do you think about high school classes being taught in only English?

Choose One Question

- 5a. What are some good and bad experiences you have had learning English?
- 5b. Are you satisfied with your English classes in this university?
- 5c. What do you think about tests like the TOEIC and TOEFL test?

7 Money

A. Useful Vocabulary:

	English	Japanese
1	budget	(自) 予算を立てる (他) ～を予算に計上する
2	gamble	(自) ギャンブルをする (他) ～を賭ける
3	give	(他) 与える
4	invest	(自) 投資する (他) ～を投資する
5	loan	(自) 貸し付ける (他) [人に金を]貸し付ける
6	pay	(自) 支払う 代金を払う (他) ～を支払う
7	risk	(他) ～の危険を冒す ～を危険にさらす
8	save	(自) 金を貯める
9	debit card	デビットカード
10	credit card	クレジットカード
11	debt	借金 負債
12	disposable income	可処分所得
13	interest rate	利率 金利
14	savings	預金 貯蓄額
15	risk averse	危険回避的な
16	stock	株式

B. Discussion questions

Required

2. If you win a large amount of money in the lottery, what will you do with the money?
3. What do you think about saving money? What do you think about debt?
4. What do you think about the cost of university education?

Choose One Question

- 5a. How did you learn about using and saving money?
- 5b. What do you think about giving money to charity?
- 5c. How do you budget your money each month?

8 Symbols of Japan

A. Useful Vocabulary:

	English	Japanese
1	celebrate	(他) ～を祝う
2	commemorate	(他) ～を祝う ～を記念する
3	enjoy	(他) ～を楽しむ
4	party	(自) [パーティーなどで]盛り上がる
5	pray	(自) 祈る
6	preserve	(他) [文化などを]保護する 保全する 維持する
7	remember	(他) ～を覚えている ～を思い出す
8	worship	(他) ～を崇拜する ～を賛美する
9	celebration	祝うこと 祝賀
10	crown prince	皇太子
11	emperor	天皇
12	national anthem	国歌
13	national holidays	国民の休日
14	patriotism	愛国心
15	royal succession	皇位継承
16	tradition	伝統

B. Discussion questions

Required

2. What do you think about the royal family system in Japan?
3. What do you think about Japanese traditional culture? What should be done to preserve it?
4. Which national holiday do you enjoy the most? Why?

Choose One Question

- 5a. What places do you think are symbols of Japan? Why?
- 5b. What cultural traditions do you think are symbols of Japan?
- 5c. Do you think *Kimigayo* is appropriate as the national anthem of Japan?

Discussion Model

Beginning of Class

① Preparation Check:

At the start of class the teacher checks and stamps your preparation worksheet.

② Write Original Question on the Blackboard.

③ Group Assignment: the teacher assigns students to groups.

④ Warm-up: Students read their preparation worksheet out loud.

Discussion

Part A: Leader

Part B: Participant

Part C: Participant

1. A Today's discussion topic is about exploration and travel.
Let's share the answers we have prepared for this discussion.
2. A **C**, what do you think about the source material?
3. C *This article shows both the good and bad aspects of technological development and humanity. If they succeed it means we will be able to go to another planet. I think it would be wonderful to see astronauts from many different countries travel to a planet like Mars. But I worry that countries will make space another location for a war. Already Russia, China and the USA are using space for military purposes.*
4. B If you have a lot of money and the chance to go to Mars, would you go?
5. C Yes, I would, even if it is a little dangerous.
6. A **B**, what you think about the source material?
7. B *I was very surprised that so many countries have space programs. I think spending so much tax money on a space program is irresponsible. Japan has a space program but I think there are big problems in Japan that the government should try to solve. I also think the billionaires have too much influence. No person should have so much money.*
8. C So, you feel kind of negative about this use of money?
9. B Yes, I think there are better uses for the tax money.
10. A I feel more positive than you do.
I am excited that so many countries and billionaires are working to go into space. I love watching science fiction movies and reading science fiction books just like Elon Musk and Richard Branson. I completely understand why they are interested in using their money to go to space. Unfortunately, I don't think I will ever have enough money to travel to a planet like Mars.
11. B But, even if you could afford it, I think it's too risky to do this. What do you think?
12. A There are a lot of risks, but I love adventure so I would go.
13. A Now, let's move on to question 2. C, why does outer space fascinate people?
What do you think of the space race?

14. C Outer space is mysterious and beautiful. I have seen many amazing pictures of *galaxies in outer space*. They look unreal and I think people are fascinated or attracted to things that seem unreal to them. I think the space race represents the normal development of technology. In the 20th Century there was a contest to fly an airplane across the ocean. Now we are having the same contest to go into space.
15. B Who was the first person to fly an airplane across the ocean?
16. A In 1927 Charles Lindbergh flew from New York in the U.S. to Paris, France. It took him 33 1/2 hours.
17. B That is amazing.
18. C Yes, I think the first astronauts to go to Mars will have a similar experience.
19. A That's what I think. For my answer I wrote:
There are so many things that we do not know or understand about space. People tend to want to know about the unknown. This is the natural curiosity of people. UFOs are examples of this. I'm interested in them. I think the space race is like a sports competition. The countries and rich people involved want to try and be the champion. Right now, I think getting the first person to Mars is the victory.
20. B Again my view is different than yours. I wrote:
When I was in high school, I learned about all of the constellations that can be seen in Japan. I loved to go to the top of a mountain at night to find them. Surely outer space is attractive. But I can't support the space race. It costs too much money. I think the situation on Earth requires us to focus on developing technologies to protect the environment and improve food production.
21. C You are very concerned about the use of money.
22. B Yes, I think people pay the government a lot of money in taxes and they should benefit from it.
23. A Who taught you about the constellations?
24. B My father did.
25. A That's amazing. You are lucky.
26. B I will help you learn them.
27. A Thanks.
- Question 3 is very interesting. What is the most interesting city to visit in your country? Why?
- I wrote:
This is an easy question. It is Kyoto. There are many historical buildings in Kyoto which I visited on my school trip. I went to Kiyomizu Temple and Kinkakuji Temple. They were really beautiful. Kyoto also has a lot of traditional streets. It was wonderful to walk on them and see and go into the traditional shops. It is a great place for both Japanese and foreign tourists to visit.
28. C I have never been to Kyoto.
29. A That's unbelievable! What is your answer, **C**?
30. C *I think Tokyo is the most interesting. In Tokyo you can experience traditional Japan and modern Japan. Tokyo Skytree is the tallest structure in Japan. It is 634 meters tall. At the Budokan there are a lot of great concerts. In Tokyo, I especially enjoy going to places popular with young people like Akihabara and Harajuku. They are exciting places.*
31. B I have never been to Tokyo Skytree. I want to go up to the top sometime.

32. C It's fantastic!
33. B *I think Osaka is the most interesting city. Osaka is the center of Japan's manufacturing culture. There is a lot of creative energy in Osaka. Also, Osaka has a wonderful food culture. Osaka is famous for okonomiyaki but I like its breakfast culture where restaurants serve a big meal when you order a cup of coffee. Every morning you can see lots of business people eating breakfast at a restaurant.*
34. A I went to USJ in Osaka. It was great.
35. B I have been there many times!
36. A Question 4 is, What kind of adventure would you like to have in your life?
My answer is:
I like cycling. Every weekend I go cycling and in the summer I like to take cycling trips. The greatest cycling trip I want to do is to cycle from the northern tip of Hokkaido all the way to the southern tip of Kyushu. Along the way I would stop at a lot of hot springs. This would be my adventure of a lifetime!
37. C When did you start cycling?
38. A I started cycling in junior high school. I got a nice bicycle from my grandparents when I started junior high school. What is your answer, C?
39. C *I love riding trains and Japan has a wonderful train system. Since I was in junior high school I have wanted to ride on all of the train lines in Japan. So far, I have ridden on 15 different lines. Of course, I have ridden on all of the lines that are at Sendai Station. My favorite train line in Sendai is the Senzan Line.*
40. B I like the Senzan Line, too. I often ride it.

For my adventure I want to go overseas.
I want to see the aurora borealis, or northern lights and the aurora australis, or southern lights. I have seen many TV programs about them and they look so cool. If I go to northern Canada or northern Norway, I can see both the northern lights and polar bears. I have seen a polar bear in the zoo but I want to see one in the wild. I want to go to New Zealand to see the southern lights.
41. A When is the best time to see the northern lights?
42. B The best time is from mid-September to late March.
43. A Now, let's talk about the question we chose.
I chose question c, what was your best or worst trip? Why?
My best trip was to Australia. I went there when I was 16. I visited many places. For example, I went to beaches, a mountain, a zoo, an amusement park, and a shopping mall. The nature was magnificent. Everything was so new to me. I came to like Australia and really want to go there again. It was a wonderful trip.
44. B Did you see any kangaroos?
45. A Yes, it was fun to see them run.
46. C Did you see any koalas?
47. A Yes, I even got to pet a koala. They are cute. What question did you choose, C?

48. C I chose question b, what was the most interesting place you have ever visited?
The most interesting place for me was Lake Towada which is in Aomori and Akita prefectures. I went there when I was 10 year's old on a family trip. My first impression of it was that it is so big that it must be the ocean. This lake is surrounded by beautiful forests, so it's a good place to refresh your mind.
49. B I have never been to Lake Towada.
50. A Me, neither. I will go there sometime.
51. B I chose question a, what is something that you have learned from a foreign person or culture?
When I was a high school student a foreign person asked me whether or not I have any religion. I answered that I am Buddhist and then he asked me why I believe in Buddhism. However, I could not answer that question because I have no big reason. Through this experience I realized that most Japanese people do not take religion seriously.
52. C That's really interesting. I think you are right.
53. A Yes, I think so, too.
54. B Because of this experience I studied about this so the next time I can answer better.
55. C That's great. Please tell me about it sometime.
56. B Sure.
57. A The last question is your original question.
 My original question is, if you have enough money, do you want to go to outer space?
58. B What is your answer?
59. A *Yes, I do. I want to go to outer space because I want to experience zero gravity. It looks fantastic for me. I also want to see the Earth from space. I have seen pictures and I think it's very beautiful. More than anything I want to go to the moon. I'm curious about how high I will go when jump.*
60. B My original question is also about space. Do you believe in aliens?
61. C What is your answer?
62. B *I don't believe in them because there is no definitive evidence of their existence. If someone or some organization has such evidence why hasn't it been put on view to the general public? Further, if aliens exist on Mars or some nearby place, why haven't they contacted us? Until I am shown real evidence, I will hold this view.*
63. A What is your question, C?
64. C When you take a trip do you like to travel with someone or alone?
65. A What is your answer?
66. C *I like to travel alone because I like to travel at my own pace and I want to learn to survive on my own. It can be stressful to take care of everything by myself but I think it is exciting. Also, I think there is a lot of stress trying to travel with somebody, so I prefer traveling alone.*
67. A We have a couple more minutes so let's talk about the original questions of some other students.
Choose some questions from the Original Question List and talk about them.

Original Question List

1. Where did you go for your school trip? What is your best memory?
2. Sometimes our lives are compared to a long journey. What point of our life is similar to a journey?
3. Where do you want to travel to?
4. What kinds of souvenirs do you buy when you take a trip?
5. What do you think about Sendai?
6. What planet do you want to go to?
7. What would you bring if you went to a desert island?
8. Should environmental destruction of Mars be prevented?
9. Do you prefer package tours or traveling alone when you take a trip?
10. Do you prefer traveling by car, train, or plane when you take a trip?

Name: _____ Name Card # [_____]

- 100% English Positive Contribution to Discussion
- Verbal Expression Physical Expression

Self-evaluation (student)	
Reaction Score (teacher)	

Write in paragraphs in English.

Through today's discussion I developed my thinking ① about why people are fascinated about the universe, ② about what people think about migrating to other planets, and ③ about the purpose of traveling.

① A couple of the people I talked with are really fascinated by the universe. They were very excited when they talked about the universe. I was impressed with how enormous the universe is and how little is actually known about it. I think it is the mysteries of the universe that fascinate people because people have curiosity. This is what leads us to doing space travel and the idea of migrating to other planets.

② However, I do not believe that migration to other planets is necessary. Although the resources on Earth are limited through technological development, I believe humans can adjust to any situation. Also, on Mars there are no living plants or animals. In order to live there successfully we would have to create an environment similar to Earth's which I think would be very difficult to do.

③ We travel for various purposes. It's interesting that some people like to travel to exotic places alone. Other people like to travel to various places with their friends. As I previously mentioned, I think that what they all have in common is that they want to experience new things because of their curiosity.

I think it is interesting how curiosity can lead people to be interested in the distant universe or their local city. Understanding the power of curiosity is essential to understanding people.