

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 37

Hey, everyone!

Do you know where I am from? I am from the UK!

There are many differences between the UK and Japan. For example, people in the UK don't bow; we shake hands or hug. Also, people in the UK usually don't eat rice for breakfast. And also, people in the UK don't stay until the end of the movie in the cinema.

Do you know any other examples? Please let me know!

OK, stay safe, guys! See you soon.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 37

Hey, everyone!

As you know, I am from the UK, and there are many cultural differences between my country and Japan.

One thing is that in the UK, it is pretty normal to hug someone, even if you don't know them that well. I guess it's just an extra friendly way to say hello or goodbye. However, in the UK, it is not so normal to wear a mask or carry around a small hand towel, like it is in Japan.

Another difference that people often mention is that Japanese people take their shoes off when they enter their homes. But this is actually quite common in the UK, too. I always take my shoes off at home, and my friends' homes, too.

Do you know of any other cultural differences between Japan and the UK? Please let me know!

OK, stay safe, guys! See you soon.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 37

Hey, everyone! How's it going?

I've spoken a little bit about some of the differences between Japan and the UK in previous videos, but I wanted to tell you about some more specific distinctions between the two countries' respective societies.

In the UK, there are some things you can do that you can't do in Japan. For example, in the UK, you can smoke on the street or anywhere outside; it doesn't have to be a designated smoking area, like in Tokyo. But, of course, nobody should smoke because it's an awful habit.

You can also talk on the phone while riding the train or the bus. You should be considerate of other people, but there's no rule against it.

Another thing is that it's very rare to see young children out by themselves, especially in the city. If I saw a young child under the age of eight by themselves, I would probably ask them if they are OK, and maybe even call the police.

There are many other examples of cultural differences so let me know if you know of any others, or if you want to know some others. OK?

Alright, guys. Stay safe and see you soon.