

Chinese Characters (漢字)

I love Chinese characters. // They look so cool! // I want a T-shirt
 ぼくは漢字が大好きです それらはとてもかっこよく見えます ぼくはTシャツと帽子が

and a cap/with Chinese characters. // Right now/I know about 100
 ほしいです 漢字のついた 現時点では ぼくは約100の文字を

characters. // I want to read magazines and manga, /so I have to
 知っています ぼくは雑誌やマンガを読みたいのです だからぼくは

learn a lot more characters. // My teacher said/that I have to learn
 もっとたくさん文字を学ばなければなりません ぼくの先生は言いました ぼくは約2000字を

about 2,000 characters. // Of course, /I already know *hiragana* and
 学ばなければならない もちろん ぼくはすでにひらがなとカタカナを知っています

katakana. // Can I learn 1,900 characters/in one year? // I don't know. //
 ぼくは1900字を学ぶことができるでしょうか 1年間で わかりません

Japanese writing looks cool, but it's really difficult! //
 日本の文字はかっこよく見えます でも本当に難しいです

解答 (7行目) (Japanese writing) looks cool, but it's really difficult!

追加問題の解答

- ① (1行目) (They look) so cool!
 ② (2行目) (Right now I know) about 100 (characters).
 ③ [Yes.] (5行目) I already know *hiragana* and *katakana*.

Japanese writing
 日本語 筆記, 書(き)こ

※ この writing は 進行形ではなくて
 動名詞 ですよ!

Dogs (犬)

My host family has a black Shiba dog, Momo. // I take her/to
 ホストファミリーは黒い柴犬のモモを飼っています ぼくは彼女を連れて行きます

the park, /and I throw a ball to her. // I really like her, /but I miss/
 公園に そしてボールを彼女に投げます ぼくは彼女が本当に好きです でもぼくは恋しいです

my own dog back in the U.S. // His name is Max. // He is a Golden
 (成犬の)アメリカにいる自分の犬のことが 彼の名前はマックスです 彼はゴールデン retriever です

Retriever. // He loves/to run around in the backyard. // There are a
 彼は大好きです 裏庭で走り回ることが

lot of Golden Retrievers/here in Japan, /but they don't have a place
 ゴールデン retriever がたくさんいます ここ日本には でも彼らには走る場所がありません

to run. // Most people live in apartments or small houses, /so they
 たいいていの人々はアパートか小さい家に住んでいます だから

don't have a yard. //

彼らには庭がありません

解答 (6行目) (they don't have) a yard.

追加問題の解答

- ① (1行目) (a black) Shiba dog
 ② (1行目) (I take her) to the park
 ③ (4行目) (He) loves to run around (in the backyard).

loves to run
 大好き 走ること

Kendo (剣道)

We go to our club activities/after we clean the school. // I'm a member of the kendo club. // Kendo is like fencing, but we use bamboo sticks/instead of metal swords. // We wear hakama, so we look like samurais! // Club activities are very different/in Japanese schools. // I like the practice, but the rules are stricter/ than in American schools. // The third-year students are in charge/and the first and second-year students/have to clean up/after practice. //

ぼくたちは部活動に行きます

学校を掃除した後に

ぼくは剣道部の一員です

剣道はフェンシングに似ています

でも竹刀を

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金属製の剣のかわりに

ぼくたちは袴を着ます

だから

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部活動はとて異なるっています

日本の学校では

schools. // I like the practice, but the rules are stricter/ than in American schools. // The third-year students are in charge/and the first and second-year students/have to clean up/after practice. //

ぼくは練習が好きです

でも規則はずっと厳しいです

American schools. // The third-year students are in charge/and the first and second-year students/have to clean up/after practice. //

3年生は仕切っています

1年次, 2年次担当する

first and second-year students/have to clean up/after practice. //

そして1, 2年生は

きれいに掃除しなければなりません

練習の後に

解答 [Yes.] (5行目) I like the practice

追加問題の解答

① (1行目) (We go to our club activities) after we clean the school.

② (2行目) (Kendo is like) fencing

その後

③ (3行目) (We wear) hakama

袴, 袴

Golden Week (ゴールデンウィーク)

I'm really looking forward to "Golden Week." // There are four holidays very close together. // We have almost one week off. // It's like having a short vacation/in the middle of the school term. // I'm happy/because I don't have to go to school/for almost a week. // My host family is going to see/my host mother's parents on the coast, and we are going clam-digging. // It sounds like a lot of fun! // It will be nice/to get out of the city. //

ぼくは「ゴールデンウィーク」を本当に楽しみにしています

だがいにとて接近した休日が4日あります

ぼくたちはほとんど1週間休みます

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それは短い休暇をとるようなものです

学期の真ん中に

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学校に行かなくていいので

ほとんど1週間

host family is going to see/my host mother's parents on the coast, and we are going clam-digging. // It sounds like a lot of fun! // It will be nice/to get out of the city. //

海辺に住んでいるホストマザーの両親に

and we are going clam-digging. // It sounds like a lot of fun! // It will be nice/to get out of the city. //

とても楽しそうに思えます

すばらしい

be nice/to get out of the city. //

街から出ることは

解答 (4行目) (My host family is going to see) my host mother's parents (on the coast)

追加問題の解答

① (1行目) (There are) four (holidays very close together.)

② (3行目) (I'm happy) because I don't have to go to school for almost a week.

必要はない

ほとんど

③ (6行目) (we are going) clam-digging.

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It sounds like a lot of fun!

それ

とても

潮干狩りのこと

今年のGWはGW(4月)W(4月-5月)! 来週過ぎよう!

