







Theme →	Personal & Public Identities	Families & Communities	Beauty & Aesthetics	Science & Tech	Contemporary Life	Global Challenges
 <b>Unit 1</b> Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are many ethnic groups in Japan like the Yamato people which make up most of Japan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families are essential to society</li> <li>Usually consist of 1-2 children</li> <li>Rural and urban families can be quite different</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pale skin and a high bridged nose are examples of the beauty standard in Japan</li> <li>A polite and reserved personality is looked up upon (uni 3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health is highly valued in Japan</li> <li>A concept of health in Japan is 'mottainai' which means waste not</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan has long cherished and respected nature, providing abundance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families face a struggle when it comes to the birth rate, and aging population is another challenge</li> </ul>
 <b>Unit 2</b> Lang & Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>98 percent of Japan's population is Japanese</li> <li>This causes a sense of alienation to those who aren't Japanese</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The formality of how you talk changes on how close you are with the person you are talking to</li> <li>When you speak to your boss or teacher, use keigo.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature is a big part of beauty in Japan</li> <li>The beauty of imperfection is also emphasized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language and person beliefs are high interconnected in Japan</li> <li>They use keigo to show politeness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports culture includes martial arts like karate and modern sports like baseball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreigners, LGBTQ+ members, and other minorities often talk about feeling out of place in Japan due to their homogeneous society</li> </ul>
 <b>Unit 3</b> Beauty & Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kabuki is a traditional Japanese theater since the 17th century</li> <li>Features elaborate costumes and makeup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social customs are deeply rooted in Japanese culture</li> <li>Some social customs include: keigo, removing shoes, bowing, no tipping, and staying reserved in public.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditional forms of art include tea ceremonies and flower arranging.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan invented a lot of different literature styles like haikus, and even instruments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modernly, Jpop and Anime are big inventions of Japan that everyone knows and loves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The strict Japanese beauty standards on pale skin and being skinny is greatly reflected in their clothing sizes and whitening products</li> </ul>
 <b>Unit 4</b> Sci & Tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanks to social media, it has allowed people to express themselves even more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The virtual world has caused a lot of problems with people spending too much time online</li> <li>This has created a culture of 'neets' which is when people shut themselves inside their home without going to school or work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Architecture is one of Japan's beautiful innovations</li> <li>Many temples and shrines have been built all over Japan</li> <li>Literature forms like haikus and other books are important</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan is known for contributing to the field of science.</li> <li>Some inventions include transportation like the bullet train and robotics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan has many inventions that affect the everyday life of Japanese people, including their transportation, car navigation, bullet trains, and such.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan's decreasing population and rapidly aging population is one of the problems in Japan</li> </ul>
 <b>Unit 5</b> Quality of Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the harsh work and school life, it makes it hard for people to have the free time express themselves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is an emphasis on harmony and respect for others called 'wa'</li> <li>Work and school can be both rewarding and very challenging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sakura and Mount Fuji is one of Japan's natural beauties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Known for cutting edge innovations in the health industry.</li> <li>Natural phenomena include earthquakes and hanami</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friendships involve going out as a group</li> <li>High value on loyalty, stability, etc on romantic relationships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The natural disasters in Japan include earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions.</li> </ul>
 <b>Unit 6</b> Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air pollution and narrow roads are two of the challenges in Japan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan has gender roles of men being the breadwinners and women staying at home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work and life is hard to balance</li> <li>The fashion is more conservative than other places</li> <li>Children wear kimono during celebration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan has a highly advanced food distribution system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being inclusive towards minority groups one area that Japan still needs to improve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to global warming, landslides in Japan have increased and can cause terrible damage to Japanese communities.</li> </ul>