

The Pen Pal Exchange Project - 2nd year

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2. When do Japanese people have New Year's?

(We have New Year's from December ~ to January ~.)

3. When Japanese people go to Momijigari, what do they see?

(Japanese people enjoy watching the ~.)

4. What do Japanese people do on New Year's?

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5. Which is your favorite, Christmas or New Year's? Why?

(I like ~. Because I ~)

6. Write anything you like and ask questions to your pen pal.

(I~.)

7. Write your letter in Japanese, too! Use kanji with furigana.

(~です。 ~ます。)



STEP 02 Memo: *Momijigari* and New Year's in Japan

About *Momijigari* in Japan

About New Year's in Japan

Others

Questions to your Pen Pal

STEP 03 Final: Write your letter in English and in Japanese.

Eigo Ganbare!!

全員参加で楽しくガンバろう

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2. When do Japanese people have New Year's?

(We have New Year's from December ~ to January ~.)

We have New Year's from December 29th to January 3rd.

3. When Japanese people go to Momijigari, what do they see?

(Japanese people enjoy watching the ~.)

We enjoy watching the changing colors of the leaves.

4. What do Japanese people do on New Year's?

(Japanese people ~ on New Year's.)

We send New Year's cards, eat osechi, and go shopping.

5. Which is your favorite, Christmas or New Year's? Why?

(I like ~. Because I~.)

I like New Year's. Because I can get money.

6. Write anything you like and ask questions to your pen pal.

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What do you do on New Year's?

7. Write your letter in Japanese, too! Use kanji with furigana.

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てがみ げんき
手紙をありがとうございます。お元気ですか。



STEP 02 Memo: Momijigari and New Year's in Japan

About Momijigari in Japan

Do you know *Momijí*? Japanese people go to *Momijígari*. It is a beautiful place. You can see (*momijí*) in fall.

紅葉をしてみてくださいか。日本人は紅葉狩りに行きます。美しいところです。秋に紅葉が見えます。

About New Year's in Japan

We have New Year's from December (29th) to January (3rd). I like (New Year's). We (send New Year's cards, eat osechi, and go shopping). I (can get New Year's money)!

十二月29日から一月三日まではお正月です。お正月が好きです。私たちは年賀状を送っておせちを食べて買い物に行きます。お年玉をもらいます。

Others

I must practice for Cultural festival.

文化祭の練習をしなければなりません。

Questions to your Pen Pal

What do you do on New Year's?

お正月に何をしますか。

STEP 03 Final: Write your letter in English and in Japanese.

Here is an example letter in English and in Japanese for **STEP 03**.

(まるうつ
丸写しはしないでね！)

Example Letter (English)

November 1st, 20XX

Dear Daniel Carter,

¹Thank you for your letter. ²How are you? ³I am fine. ⁵You have a nice family.

You look handsome. ⁶Thank you for the picture of your family and the gift.

⁷Do you know *Momiji*? ⁸You can see *momiji* in fall. ⁹Japanese people go to *Momijigari*. ¹⁰It is a beautiful place. ¹¹We enjoy watching the changing colors of the leaves. ¹²There are yellow and brown leaves. ¹³It looks beautiful.

¹⁴We have New Year's from December 29th to January 3rd. ¹⁵I like New Year's.

¹⁶We send New Year's cards, eat *osechi*, and go shopping. ¹⁷I get New Year's money! ¹⁸What do you do on New Year's? ¹⁹Which is your favorite, Christmas or New Year's?

²⁰Sorry, I must practice for Cultural festival now. ²¹Please write back. ²²See you!

Your Pen Pal,

Nagisa Adachi



Example Letter (Japanese)

20XX年11月1日

ダニエル・カーターへ、

1 お手紙^{てがみ}ありがとうございます。2 お元気^{げんき}ですか。3 私^{わたし}は元気^{げんき}です。4 良い^{よい}家族^{かぞく}を持^もつてますね。5 あなたは格好^{かつこう}良いです。6 ご家族^{かぞく}の写^{しゃ}真^{しん}とお土産^{みやげ}ありがとうございます。7

8 紅葉^{もみじ}をしっていますか。9 紅葉^{もみじ}が見^みえます。10 日本人^{にほんじん}は紅葉^{もみじ}狩^{がり}りに行^いきます。11 美^{うつく}しいところ^{ところ}です。12 秋^{あき}に私^{わたし}たちは紅葉^{こうよう}を見^みて楽^{たの}しみます。13 葉^はっぱは黄^{きいろ}色^{いろ}と茶^{ちやいろ}色^{いろ}があります。14 美^{うつく}しいと思^{おも}います。

15 十二月^{じゅうがつ}29日^{にち}から一月^{いちがつ}三日^{みっか}まではお正月^{しょうがつ}です。16 お正月^{しょうがつ}が好^すきです。17 私^{わたし}たちは年^{ねん}賀^が状^{じょう}を送^{おく}っておせち^{せち}を食^たべて買^かい物^{ぶつ}に行^いきます。18 お年^{とし}玉^{だま}をもらいます。19 お正月^{しょうがつ}に何^{なに}をしま^すすか。20 クリスマス^{クリスマス}かお正月^{しょうがつ}か、どち^{どち}らが好^すきですか。

21 今^{いま}から、文化^{ぶんか}祭^{さい}の練^{れん}習^{しゅう}をしなければなりません。お返^{へん}事^{じく}下^{くだ}さい。またね!