

Year 11 Japanese Reading Practice
School Life No. 1
ANSWER KEY

- I. Read the previous Pen Pal recruitments and answer, **IN ENGLISH**, the questions below.
(11 marks in total)
- (i) What type of person does Akemi want to become friends with? (1 mark)
Somebody who likes music and movies
- (ii) Describe the difference between Peter and Mike in terms of hobbies and interests. (1 mark)
Peter has an interest in Japanese and Japanese culture
Mike's hobby is computers
- (iii) Explain the difference(s) between Mike and Angela in terms of cooking. (2 marks)
Mike likes cooking (Japanese cooking) and his speciality is seafood spaghetti
Angela is bad at cooking
- (iv) How do the future aspirations of Akemi and Angela differ? (2 marks)
Akemi wants to become an actress or a singer
Angela wants to be a famous photographer
- (v) If you had an interest in playing sports, who would make the best pen friend? Why? (2 marks)
Angela. She recently started aerobics and she also likes to play racket ball
- (vi) If you were fascinated with things Japanese, who would make the most suitable pen friend? Explain. (3 marks)
Peter. He loves to study Japanese, especially kanji
He's interested in Japanese culture
He loves Japanese sports, animation and comic books
He loves Japanese food

II. Read the previous Letter and answer, **IN ENGLISH**, the questions below. **(12 marks)**

- (i) Give as much detail as possible as to where Katy lives. (2 marks)
She lives in a town called Cairns in Australia
It is near the town, famous in Japan, called the Gold Coast
- (ii) Why is Katy writing to Haruna? (2 marks)
She wants to become friends/pen friends with Haruna
Katy has an interest in Japan and has studied Japanese for 4 years
- (iii) Explain Katy's hobby. (3 marks)
Sports. She prefers to play them than watch them on TV
She especially likes netball and swimming
She recently started karate
- (iv) What is Katy so looking forward to? (1 mark)
Going to Japan and studying more about karate
- (v) Why was Katy so surprised to read about Japanese mobile phones on the internet? (2 marks)
Because with you can buy juice and ride on trains with Japanese mobile phones
- (vi) Describe Katy's Japanese teacher. (2 marks)
The teacher has a sense of humour, often sings songs and teaches her Japanese with all their might

III. Read the previous diary entry and answer, **IN ENGLISH**, the questions below.
(11 marks)

- (i) Why did Trent decide to have rice? (1 mark)
Because in Australia he always ate bread
- (ii) Why did Trent's host mother drive him to school? (1 mark)
Because he went to school for the first time (today)
- (iii) Why was Trent so nervous? (1 mark)
Because he gave a self-introduction in Japanese in front of his classmates
- (iv) What did Trent do during the maths and science lessons? Why? (2 marks)
He wrote an e-mail to his family because he couldn't understand the lessons and the Japanese was too fast for him
- (v) Why was Trent so happy at school? (2 marks)
Because the lunch box the mum made was so yummy and he is happy to think he can eat a lunch box like that everyday
- (vi) Describe how Trent feels about cleaning the school. Why? (2 marks)
He thought it was fun when he tried cleaning. Because he had never cleaned his school in Australia he was surprised
- (vii) How did Trent feel about dinner that night? Describe what he ate. (2 marks)
He ate okonomiyaki. He thought it was like an Australian pizza but okonomiyaki is more delicious

IV. Read the previous “Welcome Letter” and answer, **IN ENGLISH**, the questions below. **(13 marks)**

- (i) Why is the letter’s editor concerned about the exchange students? (2 marks)
Because Japan’s summer is humid
The students may have become home-sick
- (ii) Describe the sporting attributes of the school. (3 marks)
The school is a very strong sport’s school
The school is famous and strong in volleyball, handball and soccer
The badminton club is particularly strong, being the top in Japan for 6 years
- (iii) What thing(s) is Aoyama High School famous for? (2 marks)
The school is famous for their sporting achievements and the strict school rules
- (iv) List the THREE main school rules. (3 marks)
You must greet people properly
You must wear your uniform properly
You must keep the school tidy (clean)
- (v) Who are you expected to greet in a loud voice? (2 marks)
School teachers, friends, friend’s family members and your seniors
- (vi) What expectations are there after school? (1 mark)
Everybody must clean the classrooms, hallways, and toilets

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