

Speech Topics

<Personal Question>

- Self-introduction
- What did you do after school yesterday?
- What did you do last weekend?
- Who is your favorite person / group?
- What do you like to do in your free time?
- Do you have any pets? →Yes. (Tell me about your pets.)
No. (Do you want to have pets? What animal do you want?)
- What are you going to do this weekend?
- Where do you want to go for traveling?
- Which TV programs do you like the best? Why?
- Who is your favorite actor / actress?
- Do you belong to any club? Which club do you belong to?
- There are many kinds of newspapers in Japan today. Do you usually read a newspaper?
- Where do you want to go for school trip?
- Who do you want to meet? They can be someone alive or dead.
- When do you like to listen to music?

<Opinion question> (英検 2 級 2 次試験 No.3 の形式)

- Some people say that we should limit the number of tourists who visit famous places of natural beauty. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that it is necessary for people to study abroad if they want to learn a foreign language. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that parents should allow elementary school children to have cellphones. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that many people in Japan spend too much time working. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that students in Japan are losing interest in studying math and science. What do you think about that?
- These days, many young people buy meals at convenience stores. Some people say that this is bad for their health. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that more people will buy bottled water in the future. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that it is good for small children to have pets. What do you think about that?
- Most elementary schools in Japan serve lunch to their students. Some people say that this service should be stopped. What do you think about that?
- Famous YouTubers earn a large amount of money. Some people say that a YouTuber is a good career choice. What do you think about that?
- The number of discount shops has increased quickly over just a few years. What do you think about that?
- Some people think that having a pet helps sick people get better more quickly. What do you think about that?
- Some people try to stay active even after retirement age. What do you think about that?
- Animals are sometimes used in rescue operations. What do you think about that?
- More and more people are buying bigger cars. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that more countries should work together on international projects. What do you think about that?
- Some people rent an apartment with their friends and live together. What do you think about that?
- By using the Internet to communicate, companies can spend less money on employee business trips. What do you think about that?
- Some people lose their health by working too hard. What do you think about that?
- These days, fewer young people are choosing farming as a career. What do you think about that?

- Some people say that parents today give too much freedom to their children. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that parents should limit their children's use of the Internet. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that people today eat too much fast food. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that more people will drive electric cars in the future. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that there should be more trees in large cities to help the environment. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that high school students should learn other foreign languages in addition to English at school. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that children today are losing interest in making things by hand. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that young Japanese people do not eat enough healthy food. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that, because of advertisements, consumers often buy things that they do not need. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that the number of tourists who visit areas of natural beauty should be controlled. What do you think about that?
- Most elementary schools in Japan serve lunch to their students. Some people say that this service should be stopped. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that elementary school children should not be allowed to go out alone at night. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that, because of free magazines, people will stop buying other magazines in the future. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that high schools in Japan should increase the number of classes in a week. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that specialists who are not teachers should visit schools more often to teach. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that people's behavior in public places such as on the street or at stations is becoming worse. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that we should buy environmentally friendly products even when they are more expensive. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that people believe information on the Internet too easily. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that TV commercials do not really help consumers choose products. What do you think about that?

- Some people say that elementary schools should make their students study harder. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that it is difficult to reduce the amount of garbage we make. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that selling cigarettes from vending machines should be stopped. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that it is difficult to reduce the amount of fuel and energy we use. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that young people carelessly put information about themselves on the Internet. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that pet owners spend too much money on their pets. What do you think about that?
- Some people say that, in the future, robots will do most of the housework. What do you think about that?

<Reasoning Question> (英検 2 級 2 次試験 No.4 の形式)

- Do you think drinks in plastic bottles will be more popular in the future?
- Do you think more supermarkets will stay open 24 hours a day in the future?
- Do you think watching movies at home is better than watching them at theaters?
- Do you think it is a good idea to live near a large shopping mall?
- Do you think Japanese people should learn how to speak better in front of many people?
- Do you think young people read too many comic books?
- Do you think more foreigners will visit Japan in the future?
- Do you think it is a good idea to study while listening to music?
- Do you think people will go to libraries more often in the future? Why? / Why not?
- Do you think students should do more volunteer work in their communities? Why? / Why not?
- Do you think traveling in a group is better than traveling alone? Why? / Why not?
- Do you think young people today should eat more vegetables? Why? / Why not?
- Do you think more people in foreign countries will study the Japanese language in the future? Why? / Why not?
- Today, some people are using electric cars. Do you think the number of these people will increase in the future? Why? / Why not?
- Today, many people take supplements such as vitamins and minerals. Do you think the number of these people will increase in the future? Why? / Why not?
- These days, different kinds of electronic dictionaries are sold in stores. Do you think people will stop buying paper dictionaries in the future? Why? / Why not?
- Today, many people use e-mail to communicate instead of the telephone. Do you think using e-mail is better than talking on the phone? Why? / Why not?
- Today, more and more computer games are being sold. Do you think people spend too much time playing computer games?
- Televisions can be found in almost every home in Japan now. Do you think having a TV is important? Why? / Why not?
- Comics are very common in Japan. Do you think reading comics is a waste of time? Why? / Why not?
- Some schools in Japan don't have uniforms. Do you think it's better to have a school uniform? Why? / Why not?
- Today, people's manners in public places are often discussed. Do you think people's public manners are getting worse?
- Today, many schools give students time to do volunteer activities. Do you think schools should have time for students to do volunteer activities?
- More and more shops are open 24 hours. Do you think it is a good trend?
- Do you think people are doing enough to protect endangered animals?

- Do you think that society should do more for elderly people?
- Technology is doing more of the jobs that people used to do. Do you think it makes our lives easier?
- Do you think young people are interested in protecting the environment?
- Many Japanese people travel to foreign countries every year. Do you think this is a good way to learn about different cultures?
- Do you think moving to a new place would be an exciting experience for you?
- Buying things on the Internet is becoming popular. Do you think it is a good way to shop?
- Do you think choosing the right food is important for staying healthy?
- Do you think shops should display the place where each food was grown?
- Today, many people buy secondhand goods such as used books and used clothing. Do you think more people will buy secondhand goods in the future?
- Today, many Japanese people work in foreign countries. Do you think the number of these people will increase in the future?
- These days, many people enjoy watching foreign movies. Do you think watching foreign movies is a good way to learn about other countries?
- Today, computer games are very popular with people of all ages. Do you think playing computer games is a waste of time?
- It is often said that children today read fewer books than before. Do you think children should spend more time reading?
- These days, there are more security cameras in public places such as shops and stations. Do you think there will be more security cameras in the future?
- These days, some people put solar panels on their houses to produce electricity. Do you think the number of these people will increase in the future?
- Today, the Internet is very popular, and anyone can put information on it. Do you think we should control information on the Internet more?
- Today, many people have cell phones. Do you think their manners are good when using cell phones?
- These days, many Japanese students are studying abroad. Do you think the number of these students will increase in the future?
- Today, more and more high schools in Japan are teaching other foreign languages besides English. Do you think this is a good idea?
- These days, many people prefer watching movies to reading. Do you think movies are more interesting than books?
- Today, some people have unusual pets like snakes. Do you think the number of such pet owners will increase in the future?
- These days, a lot of elementary school children have their own cell phones. Do you think this is a good idea?

- Today, there are movies that have a lot of violent scenes. Do you think people should stop making these movies?
- Today, many people go to the gym for exercise after work or school. Do you think the number of these people will increase in the future?
- These days, many people read news on the Internet instead of in newspapers. Do you think people will stop buying newspapers in the future?
- Today, many kinds of stores are open 24 hours a day. Do you think it is a good idea for stores to stay open 24 hours a day?
- Today, many students from foreign countries are studying in Japan. Do you think the number of these students will increase in the future?
- Today in Japan, many professional sports teams have managers or coaches from foreign countries. Do you think the number of these managers and coaches will increase in the future?
- Today, many schools in Japan are increasing the number of classes in a week. Do you think it is good for students to have more classes in a week?
- Today, there are some Japanese actors appearing in foreign films. Do you think the number of these actors will increase in the future?

<Statement>

- The Internet is more beneficial than harmful.
- Japan should adopt summer time.
- Ambulance services should be charged.
- Convenience stores should be closed after midnight.
- High school students should be allowed to drive to school.
- Animal testing for new products should be banned.
- Very good students should be allowed to skip grades.
- Celebrities who got accused of drug scandals should not be allowed to be back on mass media.
- When it comes to high school years, living in rural areas is better than living in urban areas.
- Genetically modified food should be banned.
- Japan should welcome more refugees as immigrants.
- Books are better for children than television.
- Students should be able to leave school for lunch.
- Fast food should be banned.
- Japan should accept more foreign workers.
- School uniforms should be abolished.
- Senior high school students should be allowed to do a part-time job.
- Mobile phones should be allowed in class.
- Homework should be abolished.
- Online shopping is better than going shopping.
- Cosmetic surgery should be banned.
- Anonymous writing on the Internet should be prohibited.
- We should have outside staff to coach club activities.
- Social media (e.g. Twitter) does more harm than good.
- Parents should have the right to access their children's SNS or social media.
- Students should study abroad during high school years.
- A backpack for elementary school children should be abolished.
- Space for gender and age in a resume should be removed.
- Studying in a big high school is better than studying in a small high school.

論題集

1. Are school uniforms good or bad?
2. Are school trips to foreign countries good or bad?
3. Is having a part-time job for students good or bad?
4. Is playing video games good or bad?
5. Is online shopping good or bad?
6. Is having a pet, good or bad?
7. Should consumers be charged for plastic bags?
8. Is getting up early in the morning (around 4 a.m.), good or bad?
9. Is reading comic books good or bad?
10. School lunch is necessary for high school students.
11. Junior high school students can use mobile phones at school.
12. Mothers should make “Chara-Ben” for their children.
13. Students do not need homework.
14. Volunteer activities should be promoted at school.
15. Club activities are more beneficial than studying.
16. Euthanasia should be accepted.
17. We should abolish smoking in all restaurants.
18. Summer is better than winter.
19. Club activities should be limited to 2 hours every day.
20. The custom of “otoshidama” should be abolished.
21. Friendship is more important than academic ability.
22. Using mobile phones at high school events is necessary.
23. Using contact lenses is better than using eye glasses.
24. All students should participate in club activities.
25. Vending machines should be abolished at high schools.
26. School trips should be abolished.
27. Lunch time is a waste of time.
28. Lunch boxes are more beneficial than a school cafeteria.
29. We should support cosmetic surgery.
30. Tobacco vending machines should be abolished.
31. Taking naps should be allowed at school.
32. Traveling to space should be promoted.
33. Valentine’s chocolate is necessary.
34. It is important to have a dream in life.
35. Solar panels should be actively introduced.

36. Which is more important: love or money?
37. Digital devices should be used more at school.
38. Traveling is necessary for our mental health.
39. Priority seats should be abolished.
40. Do you believe in "ghosts"?
41. Japan has the most wonderful culture in the world.
42. Protecting animals is more valuable than protecting the economy.
43. Regular tests should be abolished at school.
44. Physical education is necessary every day.
45. Supplementary lessons are necessary for students.
46. What would you need if you went to an uninhabited island?
47. If there were a time machine, what would you like to do?
48. Learning English is necessary for Japanese students.
49. Smoking should be allowed at the age of 18.
50. Studying with tablets is effective in every aspect.
51. All students should take all their textbooks home every day.
52. Japanese people should eat more rice than bread.
53. Eating snacks should be banned at school.
54. Endangered animals should be protected.
55. The aquarium is better than the zoo.
56. Which is your favorite way to travel airplanes or buses?
57. Reading books is more valuable than watching You-tube.
58. Taking naps at school is necessary.
59. Teachers should stop using a lot of paper materials.
60. Human beings can't stop natural disasters.
61. Going to the sea is more interesting than climbing mountains.
62. Vaccines are the best way to prevent covid-19.
63. Moku-shoku is the most effective way to prevent the spread of Covid-19.
64. Watching movies at home is better than watching movies in a theater.
65. When you go traveling, you should buy souvenirs.
66. Online meetings are superior to face to face communication.
67. We should abolish school uniforms.

ディベートで使用したトピック

- High school students should be allowed to study abroad.
- 3rd-year students should be allowed to drive cars to school.
- High school uniforms should be mandatory.
- Teachers should wear uniforms.
- Education should focus on math and science rather than music and art.
- Do you need homework in order to learn?
- Schools should let students eat outside.
- Should winter break be longer than summer break?
- Watching anime is better than reading manga.
- Instore shopping is better than online shopping.
- AI robots should replace human teachers.