

Kids Web Japan

Culture based program for
Japanese



Part 1

Frankston High School

<https://web-japan.org/kidsweb/>

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Essential Question:

What can we learn about our own language and culture from studying another?

Answer the questions as you work through each section of the Kids Web Website:

Play

- What's Cool
- Virtual Culture
- Folk Legends
- Games
- Quiz



Play

- **What's Cool**

[Click through the links to see what the hottest trends are with Japanese middle school students.](#)

Choose your favourite 3.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Tell me why they appealed to you (why you liked them).

Do we have these items in Australia?

➤ Virtual Culture

Japan has a rich cultural tradition, and many pastimes have been handed down from one generation to the next. Some of the most popular ones are introduced in this section. Each entry is set up so that you can learn about each important cultural activity or thing and then actually "try them out" online.

Go to each entry, give a brief description of it and tick the box when you have had a try at the virtual experience.



[Sumo](#)



[Japanese House](#)



[Kendama](#)



[Japanese Box Lunches](#)



[Judo](#)



Kimono



Yabusame & Kyudo



Ukiyo-e



Fuku Warai



Bonsai



Koto



Shodo





[Ikebana](#)



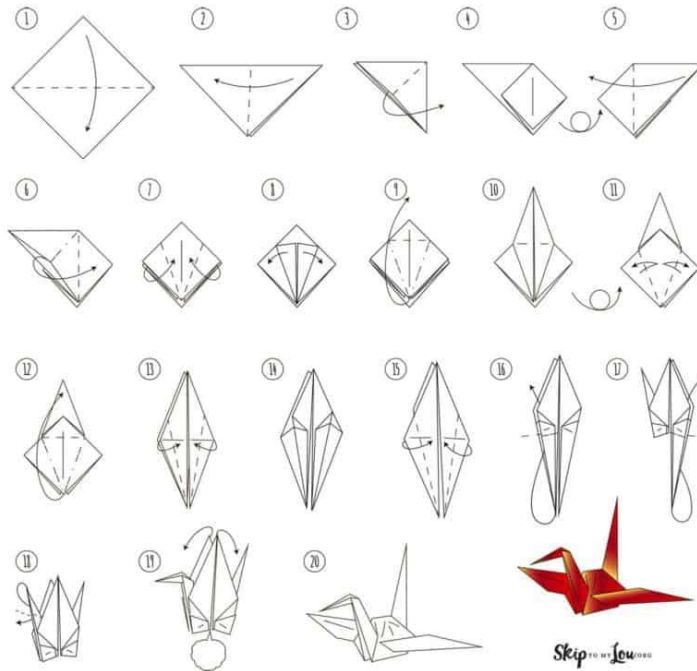
[Exploring Origami](#)



[Origami Overview](#)



HOW TO FOLD AN ORIGAMI CRANE



➤ Folk Legends

[Read the traditional stories from old Japan.](#)

- Which story do you like the best?
- Why?
- Name the main characters in the story:
- Give an outline of the story.
- Draw a picture from your favourite part of the story-



Spooky Japan

[Japan has some spooky stories and creepy creatures.](#)

Fill in the profiles of the following:

Oni 'Demon' Profile

Horns:

Mouth:

Skin:

Face:

Body:

Strength:

Possessions:



Kappa 'Water God' Profile

Habitat:

Height:

Special feature 1:

Special feature 2:

Special feature 3:

Personality:

Hobby:

Favourite food:



Tengu 'Mountain spirit' Profile

Habitat:

Features:

Footwear:

Special powers:



Zashiki-warashi 'Guardian angel' Profile

Habitat:

Age:

Dress:



- **May take the form of either a girl or a boy.**
- It is said that if a *zashiki-warashi* is present, the household will have plenty of money and live in prosperity.
- Takes pleasure in scaring people in the middle of the night and causing mischief. Loves to be in places where children congregate.
- The back room, the innermost room of a house, is a special room reserved for honoured guests, wedding ceremonies, and the like.



Quiz

Circle the correct answer for all questions, then do online to Kidsweb Japan website and check answers:

Daily Life



1. [How is bathwater used in Japan?](#)

- a. b. c.

2. [When you enter a Japanese house, what should you do?](#)

- a. b. c.

3. [How is miso soup drunk?](#)

- a. b. c.

4. [When wearing a kimono, Japan's traditional clothing, which of these is true?](#)

- a. b. c.

5. [When using chopsticks, which of these is correct?](#)

- a. b. c.

6. [When walking on tatami, what must you do?](#)

- a. b. c.

7. [How do kids celebrate their birthdays in Japan?](#)

- a. b. c.

8. [What do most kids wear to school?](#)

- a. b. c.

9. [How many types of written characters must Japanese kids learn?](#)

- a. b. c.

10. [Who cleans the classrooms in Japanese schools?](#)

- a. b. c.

11. What happens on Valentine's Day in Japan?

- a. b. c.

12. Which of these days really exists in Japan?

- a. b. c.

13. What kind of bag do Japanese school children use?

- a. b. c.

14. What do Japanese schoolchildren put in boxes like this?

- a. b. c.

15. Which of the following tools do Japanese school children use when they take notes?

- a. b. c.

16. It is Japanese custom to take off one's shoes before going into a house. Which direction do the shoes face?

- a. b. c.

17. What should you do when you want to put down your chopsticks during a meal? Choose from the following answers.

- a. b. c.

18. While visiting a Japanese family, you are served *soba* (buckwheat noodles) for lunch. What is the proper way to eat them?

- a. b. c.

19. Which of the following is not sold at convenience stores in Japan?

- a. b. c.

Cool Stuff

1. Does Hello Kitty have any brothers or sisters?

- a. b. c.



2. How many Shinkansen (bullet train) lines are there in Japan?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
3. Kansai International Airport in Osaka was the first airport in the world to do what?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
4. Why can next-generation injection devices be absorbed into the body?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
5. Which of these statements about Japan's National High School Baseball Championship is *true*?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
6. Which of the following statements about the Super Sentai series of special-effects TV shows is *false*?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
7. Why do black glaciers melt more easily than other glaciers?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
8. Why can origami paper airplanes can enter the Earth's atmosphere without burning up?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
9. What is the origin of the name Edogawa, the family name of the main character from the TV anime *Detective Conan*?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
10. At Japanese sports events, where and when do the supporters' brass bands play?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
11. What is the conventional way to make rolled sushi in Japan?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
12. What number do you dial in Japan if there is a fire?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
13. Which of these is the correct description of a *beigoma*?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
14. Why is it good for the environment to put out fires with foam from soap water?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
15. Which of the following is true about the *soroban* (Japanese abacus)?

a. b. c.

16. In which aquatic event did a Japanese athlete win two gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics?

a. b. c.

17. Director Miyazaki Hayao's animated film *Ponyo on the Cliff by the Sea* was released in Japan in 2008. Which of the following is true about the film?

a. b. c.

18. What color are the garbage bags used by most households in Japan?

a. b. c.

19. Which of the following is seen in Japan as a possible source of biomass fuel?

a. b. c.

20. Which of the following is NOT true about Japanese curry?

a. b. c.

21. One of the ingredients in curry has been used to make plastic. Which of the following statements about this substance is NOT true?

a. b. c.

22. Which of the following liquids can be made to solidify into gel when exposed to sound?

a. b. c.

23. We know that some liquids solidify when a certain type of sound is applied. What causes this to happen?

a. b. c.

24. The most popular line of plastic models in Japan is based on which of the following characters?

a. b. c.

25. What is Doraemon, the lead character in a popular TV anime of the same name?

a. b. c.

26. What kind of animal is a coelacanth?

a. b. c.

27. A pencil case based on ideas from elementary school students has become popular with older kids, too. Which of the following is NOT one of the pencil case's features?

a. b. c.

28. What is "phytoplasm"?

a. b. c.

29. How many kinds of plant diseases are there?

a. b. c.

30. What is special about the one-person helicopter developed in Japan?

a. b. c.

31. Seaweed can be used to produce energy and many other things. Which of the following is NOT being made from seaweed?

a. b. c.

32. Aonori, or green laver, is a kind of seaweed that is often eaten in Japan. What special way of growing aonori was invented so it could be used as fuel?

a. b. c.

33. There is an amusement park attraction in Japan in which people can appear on screen as characters in a computer graphics movie. Which of the following is true about this attraction?

a. b. c.

34. Japan conducted an experiment in which figures were made out of clay in space. What kind of clay was used?

a. b. c.

35. Which of these statements about Japanese custard pudding, a favorite dessert among kids, is FALSE?

a. b. c.

36. Which of these statements about dagashi stores is FALSE?

a. b. c.

37. Which of these functions is NOT included in the latest Japanese photo sticker machines?

a. b. c.

38. A puzzle with a name meaning "the puzzle that makes you smart" and known abroad as KenKen has become popular both in Japan and overseas. What is KenKen like?

a. b. c.

39. In Japan, where baths are for soaking in after washing and rinsing your body, there are many fun bath salts to put in the water. Which of the following does NOT exist (as of February 2009)?

a. b. c.

Self Assessment

My Report Card

Listening/Speaking

- I listen well when the teacher or class members are speaking.
- I answer the teacher when she ask me questions.

Reading

- I can read some / most / all hiragana.

Writing

- I sometimes / always complete 'Kidsweb' activities in class.

Culture

- I handed in my activity book to the teacher at the end of every class.
- I participated well in all cultural activities in class.

Lifelong Learning Skills

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|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | I use time wisely |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | I follow directions |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | I bring my books and diary to class |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | I respect others |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | I participate appropriately |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | I use organizational skills |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | I work independently |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | I listen well in class |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | I hand in work on time |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | I show self-discipline |

1 Always 2 Usually 3 Sometimes 4 Not very often

I can **improve** my performance in this subject by setting the following goals:

- 1.
- 2.

