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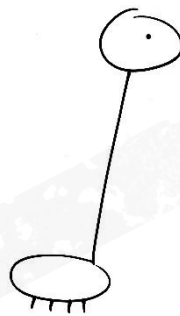
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Introduction

A textbook to help English language learners talk about Tokyo. This book is designed to help people who show visitors around Tokyo. The aim of this textbook is to help English language learners practice common questions that visitors might ask about famous places in Tokyo.

How to use this textbook

Students should research answers to the questions on the Internet or use their imagination to answer the questions.

Students can listen to James' diary at www.premierpotentialpublishing.com.

Example answers can be found online at www.premierpotentialpublishing.com.

Question Color Guide

Green questions are easier and more common.

Amber questions are a little more difficult or require more detail.

Red questions require a lot of knowledge and are more difficult to ask and answer.

Day 1: Tokyo

Tokyo has been the capital city of Japan since 1869. It is an eclectic mix of tradition, culture, and modernity. It is one of Japan's 47 prefectures, and it contains 23 special wards. The Greater Tokyo Area is the most populated urban area in the world.

Tokyo tops the Global Power Index and it is the 11th most expensive city to live in on Earth. There are so many amazing things to see and do in Tokyo. You could visit the beautiful temple in Asakusa, go shopping for brand name goods in Ginza, or marvel at the view of the city from the top of the Tokyo Skytree. Visitors will need at least a week to truly appreciate this amazing city.



Write about Tokyo.

Exercise 1

Do research on the Internet then answer the questions.

1. What is the capital city of Japan?

2. How many people live in the Greater Tokyo area?

3. When did Tokyo become the capital city of Japan?

4. What kind of place was Tokyo when it was originally settled?

5. What should I see and do on my first day in Tokyo?

Exercise 2

Write your own questions and answers about Tokyo.

Q. _____

A. _____

Q. _____

A. _____

Exercise 3

Read the conversation then answer the questions.

A: Tokyo Station tourist information officer

B: Foreign visitor

A: Welcome to Tokyo. How may I help you?

B: Hi, I only have a day in Tokyo. What do you think I should do?

A: If you only have a day, then you should take an open-top bus tour.

B: That's a good idea.

A: Here is a leaflet. This one is an open-top double-decker bus. It's a hop on hop off tour. It gives you the freedom to get on and off whenever you wish. It's also great for tourists with a limited amount of time.

B: Sounds perfect. What can I see if I take this tour?

A: Let's see. This bus follows the Skytree route. It leaves from Tokyo Station in half an hour. The tour includes the Skytree, Senso-ji in Asakusa, the Imperial Palace, Akihabara and Tsukiji Outdoor Market.

B: How about Tokyo Tower?

A: I'm afraid not. It's not on the itinerary.

B: How much does it cost?

A: A ticket is 3,500 yen. The ticket will be valid for 24 hours. It includes audio guides in ten languages.

B: Sounds good! Where can I buy a ticket?

A: Let me show you. Follow me.

1. How long will the tourist be in Tokyo?

2. How much is a ticket?

3. Why is a bus tour a good idea for the tourist?

4. Describe the bus tour.

Exercise 4

Do research on the Internet then answer the questions.

1. How many wards are there in Tokyo?

2. Where is a good place to go shopping in Tokyo?

3. What kind of food is Tokyo famous for?

4. What's the best way to travel around Tokyo?

5. What should I do in Tokyo that might not be in the guidebooks?

Exercise 5

Write your own questions and answers about Tokyo.

Q. _____

A. _____

Q. _____

A. _____

James' Diary

Tokyo

January 1st

I arrived in Japan two days ago, just in time for New Year's Eve in Tokyo. Yesterday, I made a new friend, she took me to Senso-ji in Asakusa. It was jam-packed with people. It was freezing, but the warm sake brought me back to life. After that, we went back to her tiny apartment and opened a small bottle of champagne. I was a little disturbed when she declared that we had to eat noodles. She didn't have any noodles in the apartment, so she rushed off to the convenience store. I never found out why. It was an interesting start to the year. I wonder what the rest of the year will bring.



Write your own diary entry about Tokyo.

Vocabulary

Translate each English word into your native language, then write a sentence using each word.

Example

Japan

日本

Japan is a beautiful country.

Day 1: Tokyo

amazing

authentic

culture

convenience

eclectic

itinerary

marvel

modernity

prefectures

settle

tourism

tradition

urban

Answers

The following answers are examples and are intended as a guide. Your answers might not match these answers exactly.

All information was sourced from the Internet and was correct at the time of publishing.

Some sample answers are the opinion of the author and are not intended to be treated as facts.

Day 1: Tokyo

Exercise 1 P.7

1. What is the capital city of Japan?

The capital city of Japan is Tokyo.

2. How many people live in the Greater Tokyo Area?

38.14 million people live in the Greater Tokyo Area.

3. When did Tokyo become the capital city of Japan?

Tokyo became the capital city of Japan on the 3rd of September 1868.

4. What kind of place was Tokyo when it was originally settled?

Tokyo used to be a small fishing village named Edo.

5. What should I see and do on my first day in Tokyo?

You should get up early and go to the tuna auction in Toyosu Market then have fresh sushi for breakfast. After that, I would go to the Skytree, the Imperial Palace and Senso-ji. Finally, do some shopping in Ginza.

Exercise 3 P.8

1. How long will the tourist be in Tokyo?

The tourist will be in Tokyo for one day.

2. How much is a ticket?

One ticket costs ¥3,500.

3. Why is a bus tour a good idea for the tourist?

It will give the tourist the chance to see many famous places in a short time.

4. Describe the bus tour.

The bus starts at Tokyo Station. It passes the Skytree, Senso-ji in Asakusa, the Imperial Palace, Akihabara and Tsukiji Outdoor Market. Passengers can get on and off the bus at any stop. The bus does not pass by Tokyo Tower. The tour includes an audio guide in ten languages.

Exercise 4 P.9

1. How many wards are there in Tokyo?

Tokyo is made up of 23 special wards.

2. Where is a good place to go shopping in Tokyo?

Ginza is a good place to buy fashionable clothes.

3. What kind of food is Tokyo famous for?

Tokyo is famous for Edo-style sushi, monjayaki, and ramen. Monjayaki is a pan-fried batter dish, it is similar to okonomiyaki.

4. What's the best way to travel around Tokyo?

Trains and subways are the best way to get around Tokyo. Visitors should buy a prepaid travel card to conveniently pay for transport.

5. What should I do in Tokyo that might not be in the guidebooks?

The parasite museum has over 60,000 kinds of parasite, 300 of the most interesting are on display. Despite the name, Piss Alley is a great place to go if you want to try something a bit different for dinner. If you don't feel like battling the crowds in Harajuku, then you might want to consider Shimokitazawa. It's similar to Harajuku, but a bit more relaxed and not as crowded.

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