

Japanese and American Customs

Directions: Why do Japanese and American people do things differently? We are similar in some ways, but we are also different. In this assignment, we will talk about the differences between our two countries.

Chris and Yoshi are telling each other about the differences between American and Japanese customs. Here is what they have to say. Fill in the blanks with the right words.

Chris on Japanese Customs

Chris: I think it is strange that Japanese people smoke a lot.

Chris: I think it is strange that Japanese people b_____ when they are talking on the phone.

Chris: I think it is strange that Japanese people s_____ when they make a mistake.

Your idea: I think it is strange that Japanese people _____

Yoshi on American Customs

Yoshi: I think it is strange that Americans do not take their shoes off when they go into a house.

Yoshi: I think it is strange that Americans e_____ so much at meals.

Yoshi: I think it is strange that Americans don't use the tr_____ very often.

Your idea: I think it is strange that Americans _____

Use one example from each group above to make and practice a dialog.

Follow the example below.

Yoshi: I think it is strange that Americans sit on desks.

Chris: Oh, I see. It's not so unusual in America.

Yoshi: Well, to me it looks very rude.

Chris: Really? In America it can help listeners relax.

Now, choose a topic from each of the groups above and fill in the dialogs.

CHRIS ON JAPANESE CUSTOMS

Chris: I think it is strange that Japanese _____

Yoshi: Oh I see. It's common in Japan.

Chris: Well, to me _____

Yoshi: Really? _____

YOSHI ON AMERICAN CUSTOMS

Yoshi: I think it is strange that Americans _____

Chris: Oh I see. It's common in America.

Yoshi: Well, to me _____

Chris: Really? _____
