

Lesson 85

1 **TOPIC QUESTION**
今日のトピック

Is it good for children to have siblings?

子どもにとって兄弟をもつことはいいことですか？

2 **ARTICLE**
記事

Directions: Read the following article aloud.

課題：以下の記事をはっきりとした声で音読しましょう。

Only Child

It was widely believed that being an only child leads to them becoming selfish and spoiled. However, a number of studies have been done and there was no evidence to prove this theory. So is it better to have more than one child? There are other factors that need to be considered.

Raising a child will drastically affect a household's financial situation. This increases as the number of children increase. However, there are some advantages to having more than one child. For example, when the children are older they will be able to rely on each other instead of always relying on the parent for support. Parents have to give up much of their free time especially when the children are babies or are still in elementary school. At this age children are not yet able to take care of themselves and must demand a lot of time from the parent.

Siblings learn how to take care of each other. There are often fights and sibling rivalry but in the end they learn to appreciate each other. Siblings will often become each other's ally in the fight against mom and dad. Most people who have a sibling say that they are happy they do just as people who are an only child are happy they are.

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3 VOCABULARY

語い

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

課題: 先生の後が続いてくり返した後、今度はひとりで発音してみましょう。

spoiled 甘やかされた**financial** 財政上の**rivalry** 争い**evidence** 証拠**rely** 信頼する**appreciate** よさを認める

4 Questions

質問

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

課題: 質問を声に出して読んだ後、答えてみましょう。

1. What has not been proven?
2. What must people consider when deciding to have a child?
3. What are some of the benefits of having a sibling?
4. How many siblings do you have? Are you happy with that?