

Lesson 17

1 TOPIC QUESTION

今日のトピック

Does your culture have any taboos?

あなたの文化にタブーはありますか？

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。



Good Behaviour In Japan

Travel to Japan can be a rewarding adventure with its rich culture, profound history, natural beauty, epic shopping, unforgettable cuisine and gracious hospitality. In spite of the fact that Japan is becoming more westernized, especially with younger people, it is still maintaining many important Japanese customs and traditions. A strict code of behavior and politeness is recognized and followed by almost everyone. It is therefore, important to be polite and respect Japanese traditions and customs whenever possible.

Punctuality is necessary when doing business in Japan, because the Japanese believe it is rude to be late. Business cards (“meishi”) are an important part of doing business in Japan and key for establishing credentials. Bowing is an important part of Japanese business protocol. Bows convey both respect and humility. Instead of pointing, which is considered rude, use your whole open hand to point.

It is considered polite to frequently say “I’m sorry.” For example, the Japanese will apologize for not being punctual enough, having a cold, taking you to a disappointing restaurant etc. Visitors are encouraged to incorporate the same into their conversation.

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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。

profound 深い

credentials 信用証明

protocol 慣習

epic 最高の

humility 謙虚

incorporate 取り入れる

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 is an important part of Japanese tradition?
2. What are three important aspects of Japanese business style?
3. Why do the Japanese often say, "I'm sorry"?
4. Tell your tutor about some important habits that foreigners should be aware of when they visit Japan.