

# Facts about Japan

**Your Task:** Create an A4 poster about two interesting Japanese FAQ. Your poster must include:



- A heading for each interesting fact about Japan.
- Two pictures relating to each topic.
- A half page description **in your own words** about **each** topic you have decided.

**So...your A4 poster will have two headings, two descriptions and two pictures.**

Use the books and handouts provided and Google (if you have internet access), to discover answers to your chosen questions.

The FAQ to choose from are:

1. Why are New Year's cards sent in Japan?
2. Why are the numbers 4 and 9 disliked?
3. Why are the Japanese always so quick to pour sake into another's sake cup?
4. Why do only women give chocolate on Valentine's Day in Japan?
5. Why do the Japanese all change to summer wear on June 1?
6. Why do the Japanese husbands call their wives *gusai* (my foolish wife)?
7. Why can't the Japanese keep cats and/or dogs in their condominiums?
8. Why don't department and retail stores close on Sunday and public holidays in Japan?
9. Why do the Japanese change to a different pair of slippers when using the lavatory?
10. Why do the Japanese take off their shoes on the *shinkansen* and airplanes?
11. Why don't people in Japan eat when walking?
12. Why do Japanese people cover their mouth with their hand when they laugh?
13. Why do the Japanese slurp when eating?
14. Why do Japanese often sleep on trains?
15. Why don't the Japanese people look the other person in the eye when speaking?
16. Why are the Japanese so surprised to see non Japanese people using chopsticks?
17. Why aren't presents opened in front of the giver?
18. Why is money always wrapped when given?
19. Why is laundry hung outside to dry?
20. Why are there many Japanese people who can't quit smoking?
21. Why are the Japanese fond of *onsen* (hot springs)?
22. Why do the *yakusa* (Japanese mafia) like to be tattooed?
23. Why are the Japanese so attracted to brand names?
24. Why do the Japanese like to adopt foreign words into their language?
25. Why is the cherry blossom (*sakura*) cherished?
26. Why are the Japanese so honest in returning lost articles?
27. Why are people complimented on having big ears?
28. Why are there so few overweight Japanese?
29. Why do fashion magazines use foreign models?
30. Why are the Japanese police such gentleman?

