

Regular Chat Room
February 13th and 15th, 2024

Theme: Names (名前)

Self-introductions for new participants:

- What is your name?
- Where are you from?
- What do/did you do for work (job title, raised children, etc.)?
- What do you like to do for fun?

Questions:

1. What does your name mean?
 - a. Where does your name come from?
 - b. Do you have any nicknames?
2. If you could change your name, would you? What would you change it to?
3. If you were to have a name in English, what would you want it to be?
4. When you introduce yourself in English, do you use the English name order or the Japanese one?
5. What are some examples of "girl names"? "Boy names"?
 - a. What is your favorite name from each category? Why do you like it?
 - b. Have you ever met a man with a "girl name"? A woman with a "boy name"?
 - c. Do you know of any names that can belong to either category?
6. What are some ways to choose a name for a child?
 - a. Which do you think is best?
7. What do you think of "kira-kira names"?
 - a. Do you think they should be banned?
8. What is the most unusual name you have ever heard?
9. Do you think a person's name (first and last) shapes their personality?
 - a. Have you ever felt pressure to "live up to your name"?
 - b. Do you think a person's name can be used to predict their fortune or future?
10. Do you think it is okay to give pets human names?
 - a. What is a good name for a dog? Cat?
11. Where do the names of companies and local businesses come from?
 - a. What are some of your favorite company/business/brand names?
12. What are some of your favorite band names?
 - a. If you had a rock band, what would you call it?