

Regular Chat Room  
September 3rd and 5th, 2024

Theme: The Olympics (オリンピック)

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. Did you watch the Olympics this year?
  - a. Did you follow any particular events? Which ones?
  - b. Did you follow any particular athletes? Who?
    - i. Where did you learn about them?
  - c. Why did you follow these people/events?
  - d. Did you stay up late or wake up early to see TV broadcasts?
2. What is your favorite Olympic event? Why?
3. What events do you think Japan is good at?
  - a. What about the US or other countries?
4. Did you see the opening ceremony?
  - a. What did you think?
5. Are there any events you think should have been included but weren't?
  - a. Are there any events that were included that you think shouldn't have been?
  - b. Did you watch breaking (breakdancing) this year? What did you think?
6. Do you prefer the summer or winter Olympics? Why?
7. How do you think the Olympics impact the country that hosts them?
  - a. Can they be beneficial to the host country? How?
  - b. Do you think the Olympics are overhyped? Why or why not?
  - c. Should Japan have canceled the Tokyo Olympics in 2020? Why or why not?
8. How do you think the Olympics impact the athletes who participate?
  - a. Do you think the benefits (opportunity to compete at a high level, being rewarded for hard work) outweigh the risks (mental health, doping, etc.)?
9. What do you think of athletes who compete for a country other than the one that they live in or were born in?
10. What do you think is the most difficult Olympic sport? Why?