

Regular Chat Room
March 11th and 13th, 2025
Theme: Extracurriculars (習い事)

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 participate in any extracurriculars or activities as a child?
 - a. Which ones?
 - b. What activities did you participate in outside of school (sports, music, dance, etc.)?
 - c. How often did you participate in them?
 - d. What do you think is the ideal frequency?
2. What activities are/were common in your area?
3. What did you think of the extracurriculars you participated in? Did you enjoy them?
 - a. Did you learn anything or benefit from them?
 - b. What didn't you like about your activities?
 - c. Did you participate willingly or did your parents (family, etc.) make you?
4. Were there any extracurriculars or activities that you wanted to do but couldn't?
 - a. Why did you want to do them?
5. Did you start any activities after becoming an adult? What activities and why?
6. As an adult, do you still do any of your childhood extracurriculars?
 - a. Have any of your childhood extracurriculars or activities proven useful as an adult? Why?
7. If you have children, do you/did you involve them in any extracurriculars or activities?
 - a. If you don't have children, what activities would you want to involve your children in?
8. How much would you be willing to spend on extracurriculars or other enrichment activities for your children?
9. Do children even need extracurriculars or enrichment activities to start with?
 - a. What about the time commitment? Are the benefits of extracurriculars worth it?