

Beginner Chat Room
2:10–2:50 p.m., July 1st and 3rd, 2025

Theme: Telephones

テーマ：電話

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?

初めての方の自己紹介：

- 名前：My name is...
- 出身：I am from...
- 職業あるいは主婦：I am a.../I do...for a living./I work for...
- 趣味あるいは好きな活動：I.../I like to...

Questions:

1. When did you get your first cell phone? How did you feel?
2. Do you prefer to call or send emails? Why?
3. What is the longest time you've ever been placed on hold? What did you do to pass the time?
4. What is the most expensive call you've ever made? What were you doing?
5. What do you think of people who talk on their phones in public?
6. Have you ever broken a cell phone? How did it happen?
7. From what age is it OK for children to have a cell phone? Why?

質問：

1. はじめての携帯電話はいつ手に入れましたか。どんな気分でしたか。（例：I got my first phone when I was 12 years old. I was excited.）
2. 電話がいいですか。メールがいいですか。どうしてですか。（例：I prefer to make phone calls because it's quicker than email.）
3. 電話で待たされた一番長い時間は何ですか。その時間をどう過ごしましたか。（例：I got put on hold for an hour once. I spent the time doing work.）
4. 今までで一番料金の高かった電話はいくらでしたか。何のための電話でしたか。（例：Once, I made a phone call that cost a couple hundred yen. I was calling customer service, and I went over the time limit for my phone plan.）
5. 公の場所で電話する人はどう思いますか。（例：People using their phones in public doesn't bother me.）
6. 携帯電話を壊してしまったことはありますか。どうしてそうなったのですか。（例：Once, I dropped my phone when I was taking it out of my pocket. It fell on the sidewalk and the back cracked.）
7. 子どもは何歳から携帯電話を持ってもいいと思いますか。なぜそう思いますか。（例：I think kids should be allowed to have cell phones no earlier than 13.）