

Regular Chat Room
July 29th and 31st, 2025
Theme: Parties (パーティーの話)

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?

Questions:

1. Have you been to any parties recently?
2. What types of parties are there? (Example: birthday, wedding, New Year's, etc.)
 - a. Do you think Japanese festivals can count as parties? Why or why not?
3. Do you like going to parties? Why?
4. Do you prefer big parties or small parties? Why?
 - a. What is the biggest party you've ever attended?
5. Have you ever hosted a party?
 - a. How did you prepare?
6. What food and drinks are common at parties in Japan? In the United States?
7. What makes a party good? The food? The atmosphere? The company?
 - a. Have you ever been to a party that you didn't enjoy? What happened?
 - b. What is the strangest party you've ever attended? What made it strange?
8. Have you ever been to a birthday party? What was it like?
9. Has anyone ever thrown you a surprise party? What was it like?
10. Do you bring gifts to parties? What do you like to bring?
 - a. What gift do you give when you don't know what the other person wants?
11. What games are good for parties? What games have you seen?
12. How do you feel before a party? Excited? Nervous?
13. How do you feel after a party? Tired? Energized? Why?
14. Have you ever met anyone interesting at a party? What were they like?
15. Describe party etiquette in your culture. What time do you show up? Do you help clean up afterwards? etc.
16. What time of day do the parties you go to usually start and end?
17. What do you think about work or office parties?
 - a. Have you ever given a speech or toast at a party? What do you think about speeches or toasts at parties?