

Regular Chat Room  
September 2nd and 4th, 2025  
Theme: Plants (植物)

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. Do you have any plants at home? Can you describe them?
  - a. Have you ever tried to grow a plant from seed? How did it go?
  - b. Do you garden or farm? What do you grow?
    - i. If you grow food, do you cook with what you grow?
    - ii. If you could have any garden you wanted (regardless of cost, space, etc.), what would it be like?
  - c. Do you think it's difficult to take care of plants? Why or why not?
    - i. Do you know anyone who has a green thumb (i.e., is good with plants)? What makes them so good with plants?
  - d. Did you or anyone in your family grow plants or farm when you were a child?
  - e. Have you ever tried to grow exotic plants like cacti, succulents, orchids, etc.? If so, how did it go? If not, do you want to try?
2. What do you think a person's plants say about them?
3. What is your favorite plant or flower? Why?
  - a. Have you ever given or received flowers as a gift? How did you feel?
  - b. Are there any plants that remind you of specific times, places, or people?
4. What is your favorite fruit? What is your favorite vegetable? Why?
5. Would you rather grow food (fruits, vegetables, etc.) or flowers?
6. Do you think having plants affects your mood or how you feel?
7. Have you ever had a plant that died? What happened?
8. If you could give any plant as a gift, what would it be? Why?
  - a. Have you ever received a plant as a gift? How did you feel?
9. Are there any plants that you don't like? Why?
10. Do you believe that plants can "feel" things? Why or why not?