

Beginner Chat Room
2:10–2:50 p.m., September 30th and October 2nd, 2025

Theme: Books

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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. Are you reading any books right now? What are you reading?

質問：

1. 今、本を読んでいますか。何という本ですか。（例：Yes. I'm reading a book about American history called *American Nations*.)

2. Have you read any interesting books recently? What were they about?

2. 最近面白い本を読みましたか。どんな内容でしたか。（例：Yes. I recently read a book about foreigners in Japan. It also talked about Japanese laws.)

3. What book(s) do you recommend and why?

3. おすすめの本はありますか。どうしておすすめですか。（例：Yes. I recommend *Butter* by Asako Yuzuki. It's very well-written.)

4. Have you ever stopped reading a book before finishing it? Why?

4. 本を途中で読むのをやめたことはありますか。どうしてやめたのですか。（例：Yes. I have stopped reading many books. I usually stop because I get bored.)

5. Have you ever read a book more than once? What book was it and why?

5. 本を2回以上読んだことはありますか。何という本で、どうして繰り返して読んだのですか。（例：Yes. I read the *Harry Potter* series at least three times because it was interesting.)

6. What books were popular when you were a child?

6. 子どものころはどんな本が人気がありましたか。（例：When I was a child, books like the *Magic Treehouse* series and *Junie B. Jones* were popular.)

7. Do you think people read more or less today? Why?

7. 最近の人は読書量が増えていると思いますか。減っていると思いますか。どうしてですか。（例：I think people read less now because they watch videos on the internet instead.)