

Beginner Chat Room  
2:10–2:50 p.m., December 23<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Theme: New Year's Plans

テーマ：年末年始の予定

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. Where do you plan to spend the New Year's holidays?
2. Are you going to give New Year's money or gifts? How much? To whom?
3. Do you make or buy osechi? Why?
4. Do you clean over New Year's? Why?
5. Do you plan to make any New Year's shrine visits or ring any temple bells?
6. Do you stay up late or watch TV on New Year's eve?
7. Do you have any New Year's resolutions? What?

質問：

1. 年末年始はどこで過ごそうと思いますか。（例：I plan to spend the holidays in Nanto.）
2. お年玉やプレゼントをあげますか？誰にいくらあげますか？（例：I am going to give my grandson 10,000 yen.）
3. おせちは買いますか？自分で作りますか？（例：I don't make or buy osechi because I live alone.）
4. 年末年始は大掃除をしますか。（例：I normally clean in the spring, but I want to clean over New Year's because my apartment is dirty.）
5. 初もうでに行ったり、除夜の鐘を鳴らしたりしますか。（例：I don't plan to ring a temple bell but I will go on a shrine visit.）
6. 大晦日に夜更かししたり、テレビを見たりしますか。（例：My family always watches TV on New Year's eve.）
7. 新年の抱負はありますか。（例：I plan to re-learn Standard Japanese in the New Year.）