

Regular Chat Room
December 23rd and 25th, 2025
Theme: New Year's Plans (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?

Questions:

1. What are your plans for the New Year's holidays?
 - a. Will you be visiting family? Who? Where?
 - b. Will family be visiting you? Who? From where?
 - c. Do you have any fun activities planned?
2. Do you plan to give New Year's money or gifts?
 - a. How much money do you plan to give?
 - b. Who do you plan to give money to?
 - c. Did you get New Year's money as a child?
 - i. How much did you get? Did you use it to buy anything?
3. Do you make osechi? Do you buy them? Why?
4. What do you put in your ozoni? Is there a reason for your selection?
5. Do you have any New Year's traditions? (Places you go, things you eat, etc.)
6. Do you stay up late on New Year's Eve?
7. Do you like to watch TV on New Year's? What do you watch?
8. Do you go to any shrines or ring temple bells? Where do you go? Do you enjoy it?
9. Do you do any cleaning? Why?
10. Do you change clothes or wear new clothes for New Year's?
11. How old are your New Year's traditions?
 - a. Have your New Year's celebrations changed at all since your grandparents' generation or earlier? How?
12. Do you have any good New Year's memories? What do you remember?
13. Do you plan to make any New Year's resolutions? What?
 - a. Have you ever made a New Year's resolution that you stuck to? What was it?
14. Did you ever have to work on New Year's?