

Regular Chat Room
October 13th and 15th, 2026
Theme: Celebrations (祝い事)

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 is your favorite celebration?
2. When was the last celebration you went to?
3. What do you usually do on your birthday?
 - a. What kind of presents do you like to receive?
4. Do you prefer big or small parties? Why?
5. How do you celebrate the New Year?
 - a. What foods do you usually eat?
 - b. Who do you usually celebrate with?
6. Do you celebrate Christmas? If so, how?
 - a. Who do you usually celebrate with?
7. What other celebrations do you take part in throughout the year?
 - a. What do you do for each one?
8. What Japanese celebration would you recommend to a foreign visitor?
9. Are there any Japanese celebrations that are difficult to explain in English?
10. What celebration in another country would you like to experience?
 - a. Have you ever experienced a celebration in another country?
11. Do you think people spend too much on celebrations? How much do you usually give at weddings or for the New Year?
12. What is the most important part of a celebration? Why do you think so?
 - a. What makes a celebration memorable?
13. Do you think celebrations get less important as people get older?
14. If you could invent a new holiday, what would it celebrate?