

2021 年度 帰国生入試 問題 (英語)

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- ・ 解答用紙のみを集めます。問題冊子は持ち帰って構いません。
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【Q 1】

If you had an opportunity to spend half an hour talking with anyone, alive or dead, who would you like to talk to? Explain in detail why you chose that person and what you would like to talk about.

【Q 2】

Read the following passage and explain whether you think apps like *mymizu* can help change people's behavior in Japan. Give at least one reason.

When I was stationed in Los Angeles, I got into the habit of filling up a bottle with tap water. I took my bottle everywhere, sipping on it throughout the day. Refilling was easy; there are plenty of water fountains in environmentally conscious California. And while I knew this wasn't the case everywhere, it has still been a shock to return to Tokyo and see how few refilling options there are. Things are only getting more difficult as water fountains are becoming increasingly rare in the city.

So what happened to the water fountain in Tokyo? Its demise can be largely attributed to the rise of bottled beverages. Ever since the first drinks sold in plastic bottles were introduced to Japan in the 80s, demand has shot up. According to The Council for PET Bottle Recycling, a whopping 25.2 billion plastic bottles were sold in Japan in fiscal 2018. This marked a 6.9% increase from the year before and amounts to about 200 bottles per person. Conversely, this has meant a steady decline in the use of water fountains.

But now some businesses are trying to reintroduce water fountains and encourage their use, particularly as awareness of the environmental damage caused by single-use plastic has grown in the past few years.

Last September, entrepreneurs Robin Lewis and Mariko McTier launched *mymizu*, an app that connects users to free water refilling stations nearby. The pair have recently been trying to get businesses to join the platform, arguing that it would increase foot traffic to their stores and improve brand image. Currently, they have registered more than 6,500 water fountains and bottle refill stations across Japan to their app. This includes over 470 cafes, stores, and hotels.

"Reducing the use of plastic bottles can be fun," says Lewis. "We want to make it more desirable to refill tap water in Japan, like it is elsewhere."

Recently, I went to a cafe in Roppongi that I found on the *mymizu* app and asked a waiter to refill my bottle. I was slightly nervous, thinking it wasn't something many people do.

"You're the third person," said the waiter, as he poured ice cold water into my bottle.

Turns out I'm not alone. Hopefully word gets out and more people make this a regular practice. For years, reducing plastic bottle use has been the low hanging fruit that we have refused to snatch. The time is ripe for action.

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I would talk to my grandmother who lives alone in Okinawa. My
family usually visit her every summer and have fun swimming in the
sea and eating local food. For me the highlight of the visit is chatting
with her. I talk about what I have been doing at school, and she tells
me interesting stories about when she was young. She is so kind and
gentle, and I always look forward to seeing her. However, because of
the COVID-19 outbreak, we had to cancel our last trip, and she doesn't
have a PC or mobile phone, so we could only talk with her on her
home phone. I was glad she was OK, but I missed talking face-to-face.
If I had a chance, I would meet her in person and tell her about the
things I hope to do at junior high school.

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I hear more and more people are choosing not to pay for a plastic bag
at a store since they stopped being given to customers for free.
Although they are not expensive, the simple fact that they cost money
makes people think twice about asking for one. I think this shows that
people can be motivated to change the way they behave by the idea of
saving even a small amount of money. Since the mymizu app helps
people to find places where they can get water for free, I believe it will
make people more willing to carry around and use their own bottles.
This will lead to a decrease in the number of single-use plastic bottles
people buy.

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