

## 01: INTRODUCING MY FAMILY

There are five people in my family. We live in Nakano Sakae.

My father is 47 years old. He works in a design company. He likes to play baseball. He is a Rakuten Eagles fan.

My mother is 45 years old. She works in a clinic. She likes to play tennis. She is a good singer.

My sister is 19 years old. She is a university student. She likes to play video games. She also likes to bake cookies.

My brother is 9 years old. He is annoying. I always fight with him. He likes baseball too. He goes to baseball games with my father.

I like my family. We like to watch TV together. We also go shopping together sometimes. In the winter we go skiing.

I want to go to Okinawa with my family. That would be fun!

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## 02: MY DAILY ROUTINE

I am in the second grade of junior high school. I am in the tennis club and I go to cram school three times a week. I am pretty busy!

On weekdays I get up at seven am. I have toast and peanut butter for breakfast. I make my breakfast.

I walk to school at 7:45. It takes about ten minutes. At school I talk to my friends and do my homework.

We have four classes in the morning.

We have lunch at 12:20. I like school lunch. My favorite lunch is curry and rice.

After lunch I talk to my friends or play soccer.

We have two or three classes in the afternoon. After class we clean the school, then we have club activities.

I play tennis for two hours after school. Tennis is fun, but I get very tired.

After school I go home and study until dinner. After dinner I watch TV and have a bath. I go to bed around ten pm.

On weekends I play tennis, go out with my friends, study at home, play video games, or watch TV. I like Sundays, but I don't like Monday morning!

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### **03: INTRODUCING MY SCHOOL**

I go to Nishi Junior High School. It's a medium (big/small) school. I like my school.

My school is quite new (old). It was built ten years ago. It has a nice gym and a swimming pool. The school ground is small.

There are three classes in the first grade, three classes in the second grade, and four classes in the third grade.

There are 34 students in my class. I like my classmates. We are noisy sometimes.

My school has many clubs: a soccer club, a basketball club, a tennis club, a volleyball club, a computer club, an art club, and a brass band club. I am in the tennis club. The volleyball club is pretty strong.

My homeroom teacher is Mr. Sato. He is a science teacher. He is nice (mean/strict/friendly).

I walk to school with my friend. It takes about fifteen minutes.

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## 04: INTRODUCING MY TOWN

I live in Sendai. It is a medium-sized city. I like Sendai. I have lived in Sendai for ten years.

Sendai is both new and old. It has new buildings like AER and old buildings like Aoba Castle.

It has many sports teams. The Rakuten Golden Eagles are a baseball team. Vegalta Sendai are a soccer team. The Sendai 89ers are a basketball team. I like Vegalta Sendai.

Sendai is also famous for food, especially cow tongue (gyutan), green bean paste (zunda), and fish paste cake (sasakamaboko).

I like the festivals in Sendai. I always go to the Aoba Festival with my family. Last year I watched the Tanabata fireworks with my friends. And I like to see the illuminations on Jozenji-dori in December.

My home is near a train station, so it is easy for me to go to Sendai Station. I like to go shopping near the station. It's very fun.

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## 05: LIKES AND DISLIKES

I like many things, but there are a few things I dislike.

I like fish. I really like sushi. My favorite sushi is maguro. I don't like vegetables so much. I hate green peppers! They are the worst.

I like music. I really like pop music. My favorite singer is from Korea. I don't like classical music so much.

I like sports too. I like to play volleyball. Volleyball is fun. My school doesn't have a volleyball club, so I am in the basketball club. I like basketball too. I don't like swimming. I am not good at swimming.

I like my school. I like my classroom teacher and my classmates. I don't like my math teacher. He is mean. I like Japanese because I like to read books. I don't like science because it is difficult. I like P.E. because we can play many different sports.

I like to go shopping with my friends but I don't like to go shopping with my family. My father always takes too much time!

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## 06: STUDYING

I like studying, but I don't study every day. I do my homework at the last minute. I revise for tests the night before. I sometimes (often/never) study all night!

I think the best way to study is to read the textbook (answer questions/look at my notes).

My school teachers do not give us much homework, but I go to a cram school twice a week and my cram school teachers give us a lot of homework. I often have to do my homework on Sunday evening.

My favorite subject is science. My science teacher, Ms. Naganuma, is very nice (friendly). Science is interesting. The science tests are easy for me. I want to study science in university.

I don't like Japanese. My Japanese teacher is very strict (mean/boring). Japanese tests at my school are really difficult. I always get a low score. I don't like studying Japanese.

Sometimes I study with my friend (mother/brother). She helps me with Japanese, and I help her with science.

I like to listen to music (eat snacks/talk to my friend) when I study, so my favorite place to study is my room at home (the public library/Starbucks/my friend's house).

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