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| Teachers’ Notes: About Japan |  |
| Q1. What is the most common surname in Japan?  あ：さとう　い:　とよた　う：　すずき　え:　まつだ  Data from 2010.さとうis popular in Eastern Japan, but unusual in Western Japan and Okinawa.  Q2. In what season do *sakura* bloom?  あ：はる　い:　なつ　う：あき　え:　ふゆ  *Sakura* have been popular since early times as the flower that heralds spring. *Sakura* has featured on the 100 yen coin since 1967.  Q3. When does the school year start in Japan?  あ：１月　い:　２月　う：３月　え:　４月  The Japanese school system has three terms, and most schools start the year in April. Universities have two semesters, and usually also start in April.  Q4. How many universities are there in Japan?  あ：7　い:　78　う：378　え:　778  Data from the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology survey in 2014. There are 778 universities of which 86 are national, 92public, 603 private. All have a four year undergraduate course. They do not include the two year short course universities or technical colleges.  Q5. Which of these university departments exists in Japan?  あ：ふじさんがくぶ　い:　にんじゃがくぶ　う：まんががくぶ　え: すしがくぶ  Kyoto Seika University was the first to establish a *Manga* Department in 2006. At present there are several universities and technical colleges which offer a *manga* course.  Q6. In what year were the Olympic Games first held in Tokyo?  あ：1956年　い:　1964年　う：1988年　え: 2000年  In preparation for the 1964 Olympic Games, various infrastructure projects were carried out, including stadiums, an Olympic village, public transport (*Shinkansen*, monorail) and hotels. Construction was carried out not only in Tokyo but all over Japan. The 1956 games were held in Melbourne, 1988 games in Seoul and the 2000 games in Sydney.  Q7. Which of these animals and vehicles is the fastest?  あ：Spirit of Tasmania　い:　チーター　う：しんかんせん　え:　ハヤブサ（falcon）  The *Shinkansen* pictured is the *Tohoku Shinkansen* which began running in 1982. This line runs from Tokyo to Shin Aomori Station.  Q8. About how many *onsen* are there in Japan?  あ：100　い:　500　う：1000　え: 3000  According to Australian Good Food & Travel Guide (AGFG), Australia currently has over 40 identified hot springs, and many more as yet unknown. According to the survey in 2013 from the Japanese Ministry of the Environment, Japan has 3159 hot spring hotels.  Q9. Why do people put a towel on their heads in Japanese *onsen*?  　あ: To keep their heads warm  　い: To keep their hair dry  　う: They are not allowed to put towels in the bath  　え: They are avoiding the snow falling on their heads  In Japanese hot springs it is considered unhygienic to put towels into the water, so some people put them on their heads. The following are considered good manners in the bathhouse: not wearing a swimming costume or wrap yourself in a towel in the bath; keeping quiet; washing yourself before you go into the bath; drying yourself well before going back to the change room.  Q10. Which is the oldest department store in Japan?  あ：いせたん　い:　たかしまや　う：みつこし　え: そごう  *Mitsukoshi* was originally established in 1673 and called *Echigoya*. It was the first shop to sell high class *kimono* for a fixed price, and thereby made *kimono* more widely popular among townspeople. *Echigoya* appeared with Mt Fuji in the woodblock print series called 『』by *Utagawa Hiroshige*. 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