

## Appendix

A list of random questions and a short video of the author conducting the activity can be accessed at <http://globalstoriespress.org/downloadables.htm>. Below are four sets of questions with answers/notes for students.

### Random Questions 1

	Questions	Answers / Notes
1	Where's your hometown?	Tell your hometown if your question is not understood.
2	How many brothers and sisters do you have?	Don't include yourself!
3	What's the capital of Japan?	Tokyo.
4	What color are your socks?	Tell your color if question is not understood.
5	What's in your pocket right now?	Give example if question is not understood.
6	Who won the 2013 World Baseball Classic?	The Dominican Republic.
7	Which country has the highest population?	China.
8	Where do birds fly?	The sky.
9	What's the largest animal that ever lived on Earth?	The blue whale.
10	What large mammal can you find in Nara Park?	Deer.
11	What did you eat for dinner last night?	Give example if question is not understood.
12	Who is your favorite musician?	Give example if question is not understood.
13	What is the fastest thing in the universe?	Light
14	What is Japan's 4th largest island?	Shikoku.
15	What's your favorite fruit?	Give example if question is not understood.
16	What's your grandfather's name?	Give example if question is not understood.
17	What religion is mainly practiced in Indonesia?	Islam.
18	What is the largest prefecture in Japan?	Hokkaido.
19	What did you eat for breakfast last night?	Give example if necessary.
20	What year did you graduate high school?	Give example if necessary.
21	Which state in the U.S. is John from?	New York
22	What's today's date?	Month, number, year.
23	What's your hobby?	Give example if question is not understood.
24	Tell me the name of an extinct animal.*	The dodo, Japanese wolf, baiji (China's river dolphin).
25	How did you come to school today?	Give example if question is not understood.
26	Tell me something you are looking forward to.**	楽しみにしていること
27	What's your favorite vegetable?	For ex., carrot, celery, cabbage, etc.
28	What is the main religion practiced in Thailand?	(Buddhism)
29	What season is it right now?	Spring, summer, fall (autumn) or winter.
30	What's your name? ***	

\*Some questions, like this one, were recently covered in class.

\*\* My own rule is to avoid using Japanese, but make exceptions. Due to the difficulty of explaining this idiom in English, and the accuracy of the translation, I use Japanese here.

\*\*\* The question for the last student standing, asked with a smile, is a bit of joke, to give that student, who is probably weak at English and nervous, an easy way to finally sit down.

## Random Questions 2

Questions	Answers / Notes	
1	Where did John recently buy his grey sweater?	H&M.
2	What do you call a person who takes pictures for a living?	A photographer.
3	Tell me the date of the shortest day of the year (the day when there is the least amount of sunlight)?	December 21 or 22.
4	What is the original religion of Japan that is still practiced today?	Shinto.
5	Tell me a popular Japanese dish that came from China.	For ex., ramen, gyoza, mabodofu, etc.
6	John moved in December. Can you remember from where or to where?	Ibigawa to Oogaki.
7	What animal can make tools besides humans?	Monkeys.
8	In Japan, students often have to do <i>nikki</i> . What is <i>nikki</i> in English?	Diary.
9	Tell me something you are looking forward to.	楽しいみにしていること.
10	What's the name of one of the greatest scientists, Jewish, born in Germany, made many important theories, emigrated to the U.S...	Einstein.
11	What's the name of the small island country off the southern coast of India?	Sri Lanka.
12	What did you eat for lunch today?	Give example if necessary.
13	How many pairs of shoes do you own?	Explain: Count your sneakers, sandals, boots...
14	If you could be any animal, which would you be?	Give example if necessary.
15	What's the name of the American football championship game?	The Super Bowl.
16	Tell me the title of the last book you've read.	Give example if necessary.
17	Tell me a vegetable that you like to eat raw.	For ex. carrot, cabbage, celery, etc.
18	What is 20 plus 4?	24.
19	How many siblings do you have?	Count all brothers and sisters.
20	Tell me the name of a green fruit with a really large seed. It's used for California sushi...	Avocado.
21	Which country (from textbook's activity) has a very high population density?	Bangladesh.
22	Which country has a very low population density?	Kazakhstan.
23	Have you ever used a cell phone while hiding it from the teacher? Which class?	Gesture a student using a cell phone in class.
24	Tell me the name and age of your grandparent who is over 85 years old.	Give example if necessary.
25	Did you shovel snow this past winter? How long did it take?	Answers will vary.
26	Which prefecture is Yakushima in?	Kagoshima.
27	What's the most common pet that's a reptile?	Turtle.
28	On which continent is Myanmar? (pause) Mongolia? (pause) India...?	Asia.
29	Say "hello" in a language besides English or Japanese. (ex. "ni hau" (Chinese) or "bonjour" (French))	Say "hello" in a language besides English or Japanese. (ex. "ni hau" (Chinese) or "bonjour" (French)).
30	What do people sit on?	A chair.

## Random Questions 3

Questions	Answers / Notes
1	What's the word for your mother's sister? Aunt.
2	When was the last time you cut your fingernails? XX days or weeks ago.
3	What's between your shoe and your foot? Your sock.
4	Which country is shaped like a boot? Italy.
5	What kind of fish is a common pet? A goldfish.
6	What reptile has no arms or legs? A snake.
7	What bird is the symbol of Japan? A crane (ツル) or ibis (トキ)
8	What year will you graduate university? Around 2016.
9	What's the name of Japan's highest mountain? Mt. Fuji.
10	What is the capital of France? Paris.
11	What's your favorite meat? For ex., beef, pork, chicken, etc.
12	What's the main religion in Russia? Christianity.
13	Lake Tazawa is in which prefecture? Akita.
14	What color is my shirt? For ex., red, brown, grey...
15	Which planet is between Mercury and Earth? Venus.
16	What is the sun? A star.
17	How do you say <i>genmai</i> in English? Brown rice.
18	The U.K. is comprised of 3 places (that used to be countries)? Tell me one. England
19	The U.K. is comprised of which 3 places (that used to be countries)? Tell me another. Scotland.
20	The U.K. is comprised of which 3 places (that used to be countries)? Wales.
21	What's the name of the scientist who first explained gravity? Newton.
22	What's the biggest country (by land) in the world? Russia.
23	How many days a year are night and day equal length? Two.
24	Tell me something you are looking forward to. 楽しみにしていること.
25	Why do mosquitoes bite? To feed their babies.
26	What is the main theory for the origin of the universe? The Big Bang.
27	How tall are you? For ex., XX cm.
28	What is the name of an ex-prime minister in Japan? Koizumi, Noda, Hatoyama, Kan, etc.
29	What's nine times eight? $9 \times 8 = 72$
30	How old are you?

## Random Questions 4

Questions	Answers / Notes	
1	If the door is locked, what do you use to get in?	A key.
2	In which country is the Taj Mahal?	India.
3	There are several ingredients to make fried rice. Tell me one (except for rice).	For ex. Onions / scallions (ネギ).
4	There are several ingredients to make fried rice. Tell me another.	For ex. egg.
5	There are several ingredients to make fried rice. Tell me another.	For ex. meat, pepper, etc.
6	What is the 4 <sup>th</sup> planet from the sun?	Mars.
7	Who was president of China from 2003 to 2013?	(make a joke, then explain "Hu" was the name of the Chinese president)
8	Which bird is the symbol of the U.S.?	The eagle.
9	What year did you graduate high school?	Probably around 2012.
10	Spiderman's costume is mostly what color?	Red.
11	What date did the twin towers in N.Y. fall?	September 11, 2001
12	How do you say goodbye in Chinese?	Dzai jyen.
13	The Tasmanian devil is from which country?	Australia.
14	Name a famous artist?	ex. Picasso, Vincent Van Gogh, Salvador Dali, etc.
15	Where is the Eifel Tower?	Paris, France.
16	What season was it before this one?	For ex., winter, spring, summer fall (autumn).
17	What's the name of the book that Christians believe in?	The bible.
18	What's the highest mountain in the world?	Mt. Everest.
19	What's the local name of Mt. Everest?	Chomolungma.
20	What color are the walls?	For ex., white, grey, beige...
21	What is a typical American breakfast?	For ex., cereal, toast, scrambled eggs, pancakes...
22	North America is composed of three countries. What is one?	Canada.
23	North America is composed of three countries. What is another?	The United States.
24	North America is composed of three countries. What is the other?	Mexico.
25	What are some symptoms of a cold?	Sneezing, coughing, stuffed nose, etc.
26	What's the largest lake in Japan?	Lake Biwa.
27	What's the most common fruit in the world?	Banana.
28	What's the capital of Malaysia?	Kuala Lumpur.
29	Where is your grandfather's (mother's father) hometown?	
30	What time is it?	