

# Small Talk (Units 48, 49, & 50)

#### Introduction

Describe each picture.









#### Answer the following questions:

#### 48 Weather / Hometown / Family

- a. Do you think the weather can affect a person's behaviour? Does air pollution affect the weather?
- b. Most people nowadays do not live in their hometowns. Why? What is the main reason for liking a hometown other than the fact that you were born there?
- c. Which is common in Japan, having a nuclear or an extended family?

  What is your opinion about the "one-child policy" as in the case of China?

#### 49/50 Housing / Shopping 1 & 2

- a. Which is better, to rent or to buy a place to live in?

  Do most people in your hometown live in a house or a flat/apartment? Why?

  How are relations between neighbors different in urban and in rural areas?
- b. Is shopping a popular activity in Japan?

  Do you think women are more into shopping than men? Why/why not?

  In your country, how has shopping changed in the past few years?

  What are the advantages and disadvantages of shopping online?







#### ♣ Role Play

Do the role play with your teacher.

### **SITUATION**

You are talking to a Filipino friend on the phone. He has some questions about Japan as he is planning to visit you in spring.

Answer his questions about:

- the weather/seasons
- places to visit
- activities to do
- food to try
- souvenirs to buy



Your friend wants to buy a house. Persuade him/her not to buy it.

You think that it is not a good choice because:

- it is too expensive
- it is not in a prime location
- there are better options (suggest 1 option)



You want to go on a shopping spree. Call your friend and convince him/her to go with you.

You can talk about:

- buying new clothes
- eating in a fancy restaurant
- watching a movie and going to karaoke after shopping



**Extra** exercise!



## Talk about a weather disaster that happened in Japan

You should say:

- When it happened
- What place was the most devastated
  - What happened exactly
  - What the government did

and say what the people can do if this disaster happens again