

UNIT 70

Religion 2



I. Express Yourself



II. Vocabulary

Match the word with its correct meaning.

go on

conservative

a. holding to traditional attitudes and values and cautious about change or innovation, typically in relation to politics or religion; traditionalist; traditional

b. continue or persevere; last

III. Conversation Practice

Practice the conversation with your teacher by doing a role play.

Hiroshi: My parents are Buddhists, but *I'm more of an atheist myself.* In Japan, religion is not as important to many people as it is in other countries.

Steve: Religion is a very important part of people's lives *across the globe.* Think about all the wars and fighting which are happening because of religious differences. This has been **going on** for centuries.

Hiroshi: *Are you a very religious person,* Steve?

Steve: Not really. **Conservative** Jews recognize the **Sabbath** each week. This means that from Friday night through Saturday night they're not supposed to work and they attend temple to pray. I only attend temple on the **High Holy days** which are a few days a year such as the Jewish New Year which is usually in September.

Hiroshi: What about your children? Have they been brought up Jewish?

Steve: Yes. They each had a Bar Mitzvah which is a ceremony when a boy is thirteen and passes over from being a child to being a man. It's an important event in his life.



Key Points

<u><i>I'm more of an atheist myself.</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'm basically an atheist. - I would say I'm an atheist.
<u><i>across the globe</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - around the globe / world - throughout the globe / world - all over the globe / world - in the world - globally / worldwide
<u><i>Are you a very religious person?</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are you a devout...? - Are you a firm believer in religion? - Are you a very spiritual person?

IV. Role-play




Ask your co-worker about some religious events in his country.



Part 2

I. Introduction

Express Yourself

<p>Tell your teacher two or more activities that <u>religious people</u> in your country do.</p>	
<p>Tell your teacher one characteristic of a <u>conservative</u> person</p>	
<p>Tell your teacher one religion that is popular <u>across the globe</u></p>	

II. Discussion

Exercise A

Explain in your own understanding the following quotes from famous spiritual and religious leaders:

<p>“Life is like a book. Some chapters sad, some happy, and some exciting. But if you never turn the page. You will never know what the next chapter holds.”</p> <p>Buddhist quote</p>	
<p>“It’s not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts.”</p> <p>Mother Teresa</p>	
<p>“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”</p> <p>Golden rule of ethics in Christianity</p>	

 Exercise B

Role-play



**It's Family Day in your teenage daughter's school.
You meet her best friend's father who happens to be a religious leader for his particular faith. After some light conversation about your children and their school activities, he suddenly asks you if you belong to a specific church or religion.**

Answer his question and describe how you feel about the topic.