Cultural Questions

Description: A writing activity to review “Why” and “Because”. Students will write a short paragraph about one aspect of Japanese culture. You can compile their individual answers into a small booklet for your AET.

Language Point: Why and Because

Preparation: Make copies of the handout.

Instructions:
- Make copies of the handout. Give each student one copy.
- Read question 1 with your students. Ask a few students for some suggestions and ideas. Write some of their ideas on the board.
- Give your students 5 to 10 minutes to complete questions 1, 2 and 3.

Now share some of the answers with the class. Ask your students to think of two more aspects of Japanese culture and complete sentences 4 and 5.
- Give your students 5 to 10 minutes to complete sentences 4 and 5.

For homework ask your students to write 3 or 4 sentences about one aspect of Japanese culture. Later you can compile all their answers in a booklet for your AET. You can ask each student to read their answer to your AET in a class presentation.
5 Questions

1. Why do you take your shoes off before entering the house?
   Because ____________________________________________.

2. Why do you say “itadakimasu” before you eat?
   Because ____________________________________________.

3. Why do you call the green traffic light blue?
   Because ____________________________________________.

4. Why ____________________________________________?
   Because ____________________________________________.

5. Why ____________________________________________?
   Because ____________________________________________.

Write 3 or 4 sentences in the box below to explain one thing about Japanese culture to your AET.

Topic: ____________________________________________

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