二次試験対策　質問カード集

英 検 2 級

面接（スピーキング）対策 ／ 全5テーマ

面接の流れ	入室・あいさつ → 黙読（20秒）→ 音読 → No.1〜No.4の質問 → 退室
質問の内容	No.1 本文 ／ No.2 イラスト（3コマ）／ No.3・4 あなたの意見
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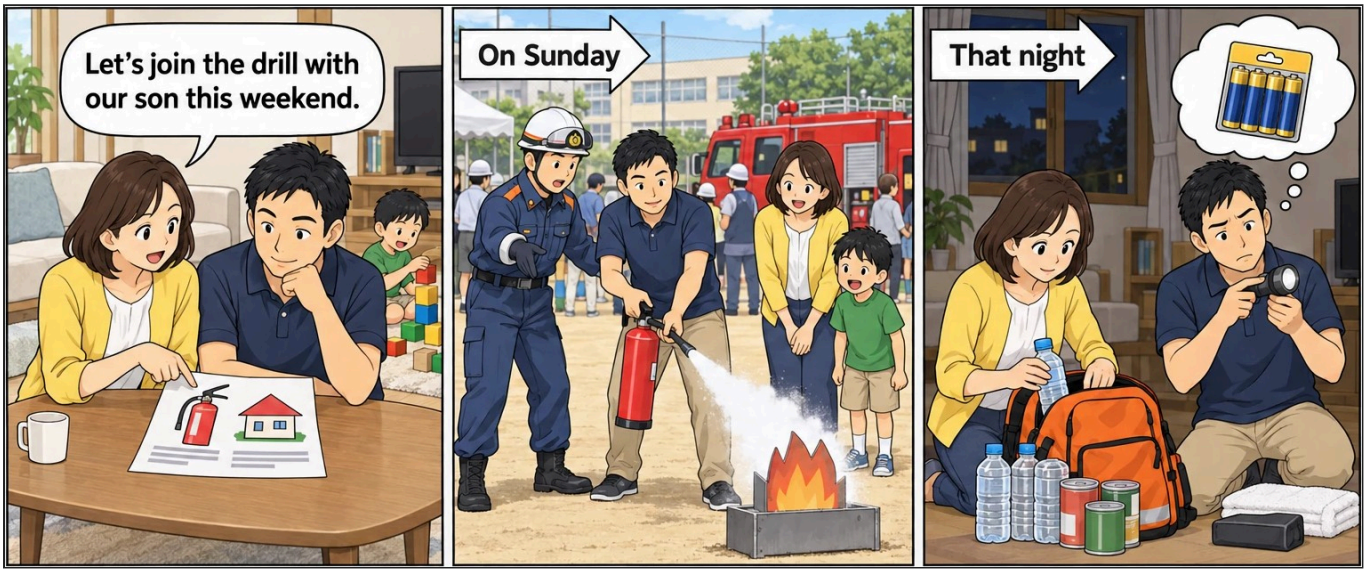
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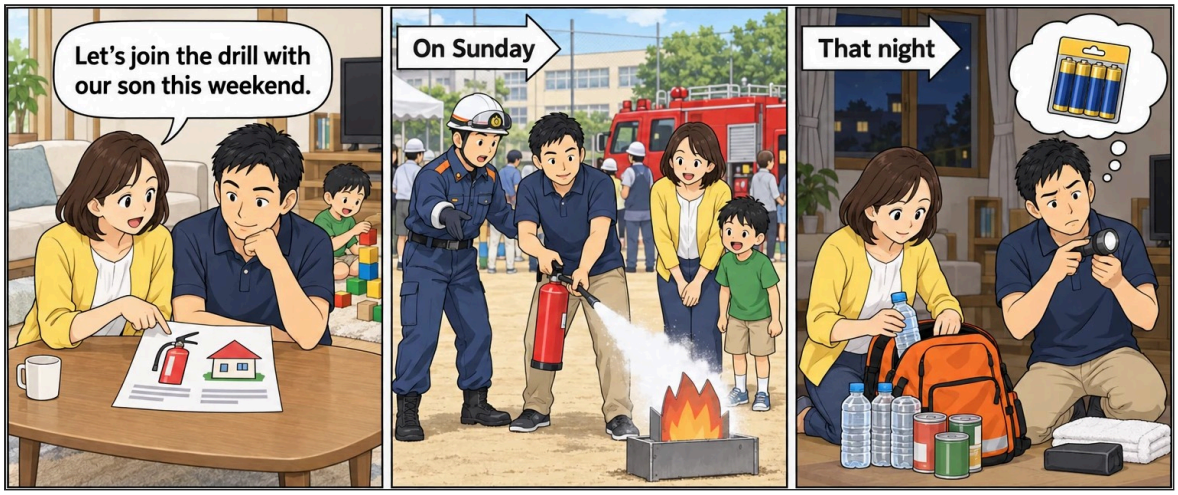
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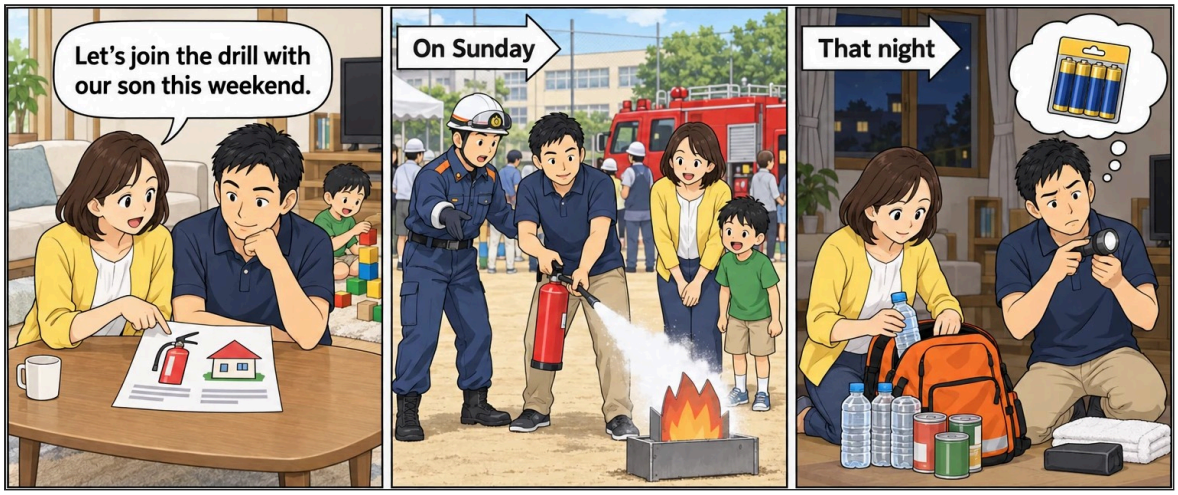
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— I agree. Students need to know how to protect themselves in an emergency. Practicing at school can help them stay calm when a disaster happens.

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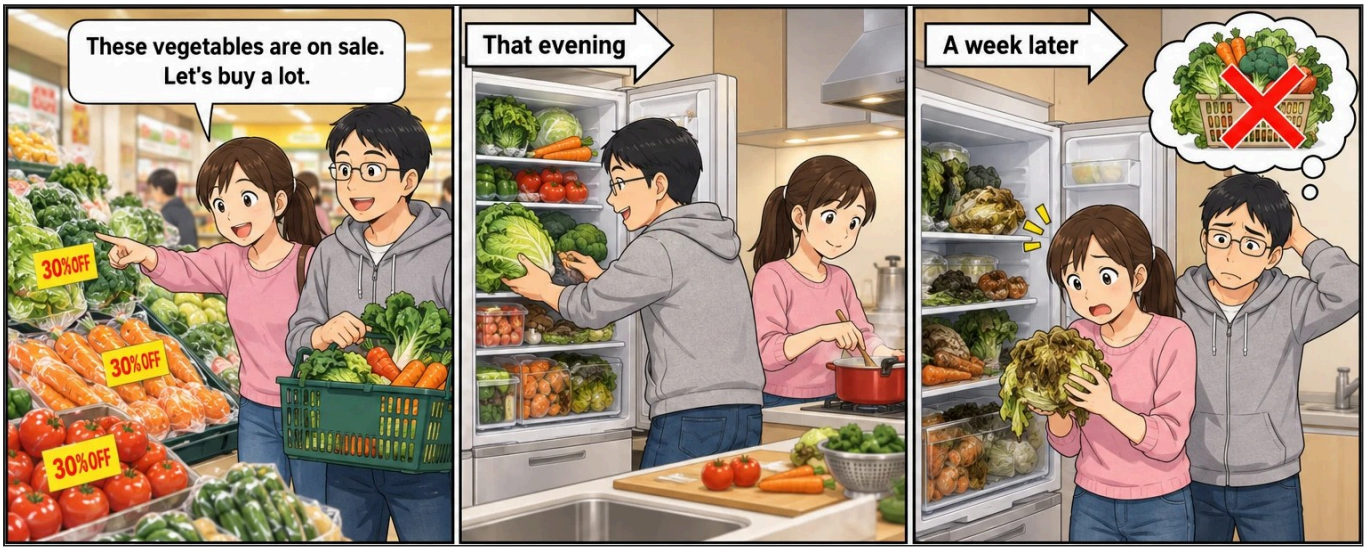
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— Newspapers give people information that they can trust. Many people, especially older people, still enjoy reading a newspaper every morning.

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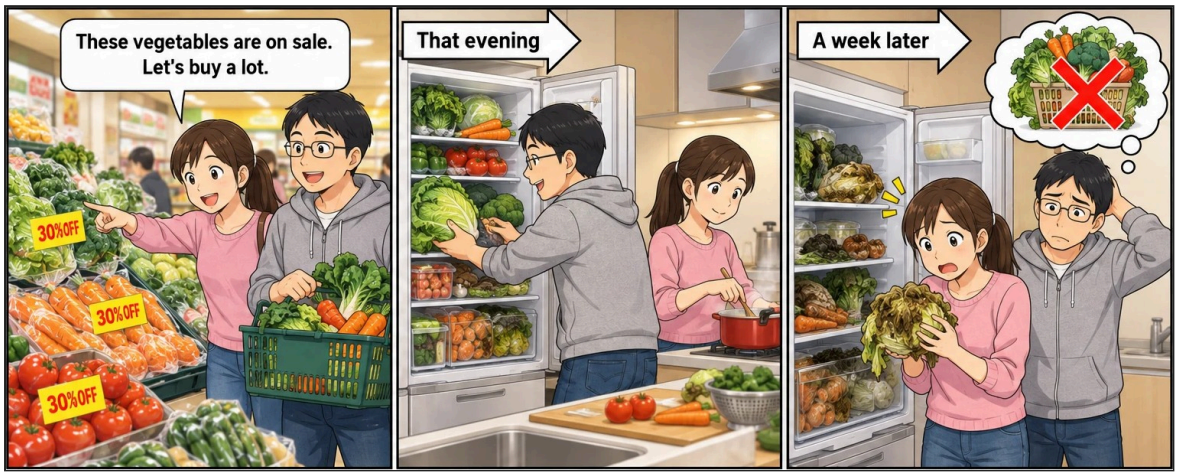
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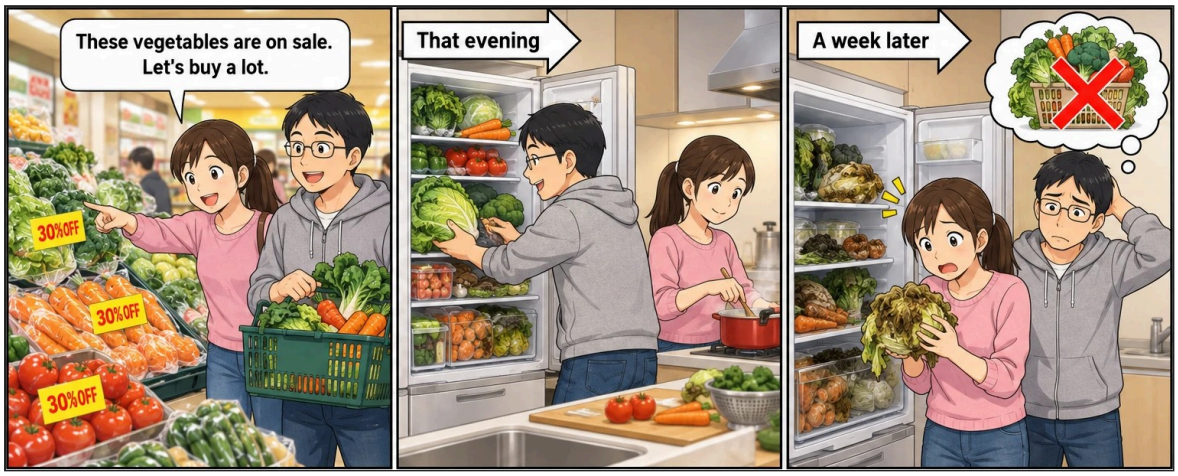
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— I disagree. The food may go bad on the way home, especially in summer. If customers get sick, the restaurant may receive complaints.

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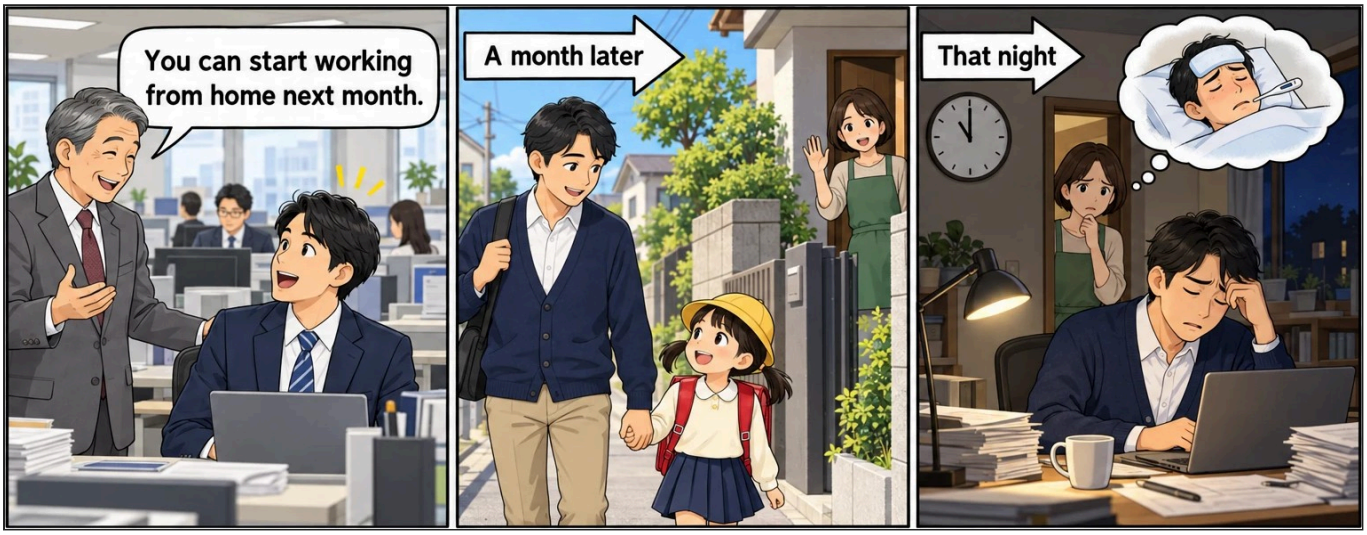
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— Very few customers come to stores late at night. Also, it is hard for store owners to find people who can work at night.

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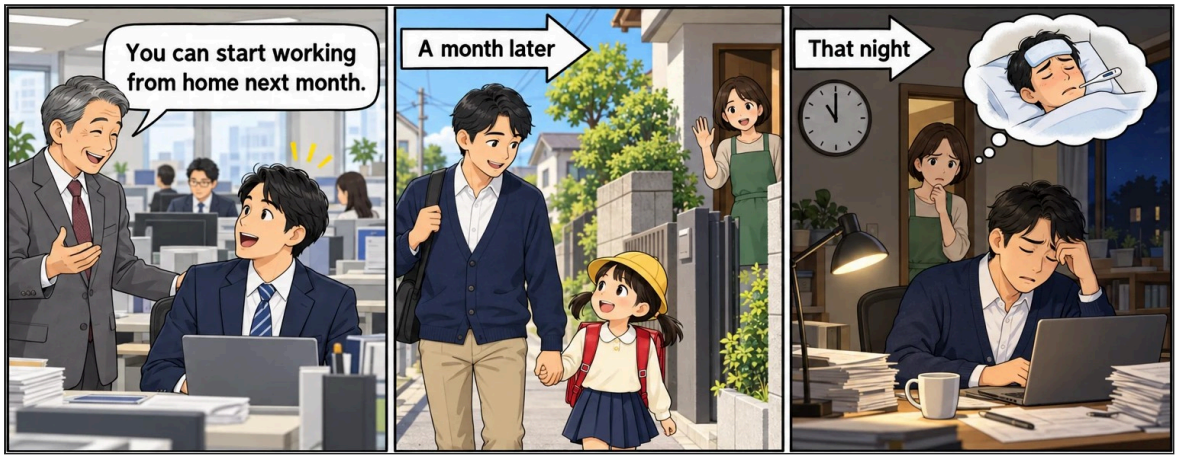
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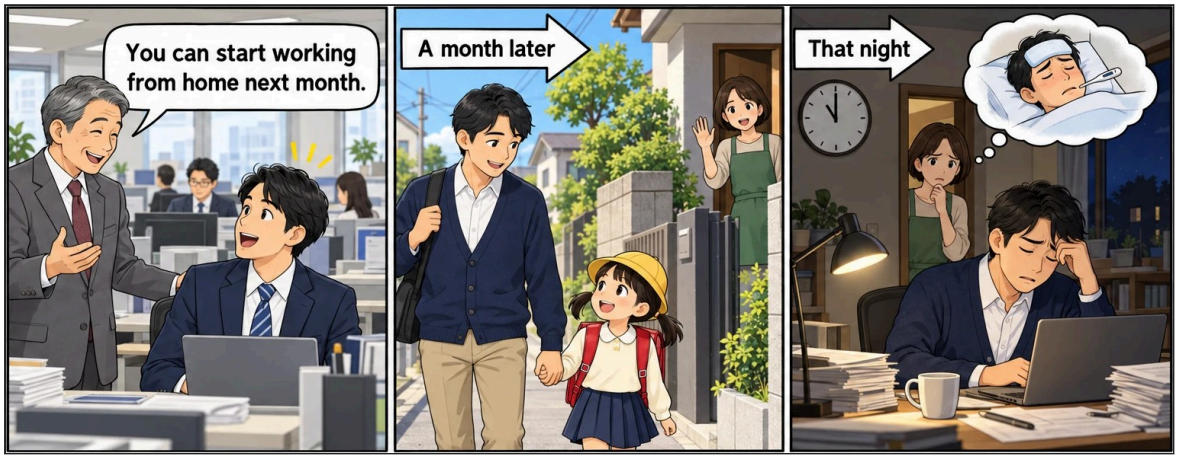
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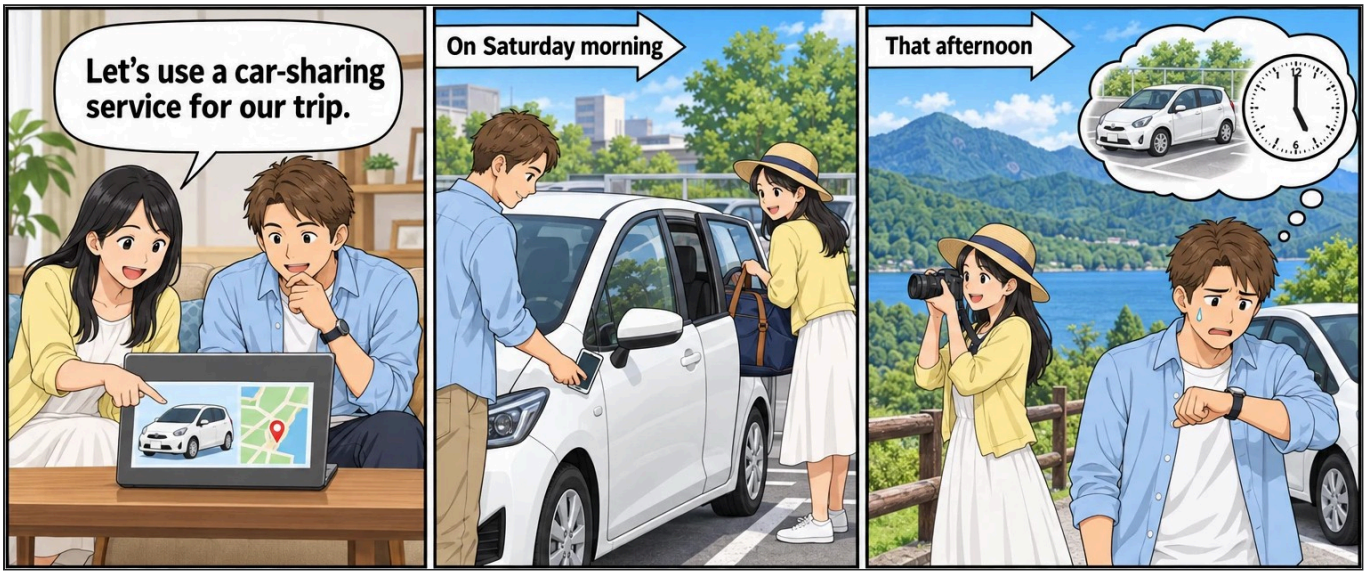
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Yes. → Why?
— Many companies want workers who can speak foreign languages. Also, there are more programs that help students study in other countries.
No. → Why not?
— Studying abroad costs a lot of money. Also, students can now take online classes from foreign schools without leaving Japan.

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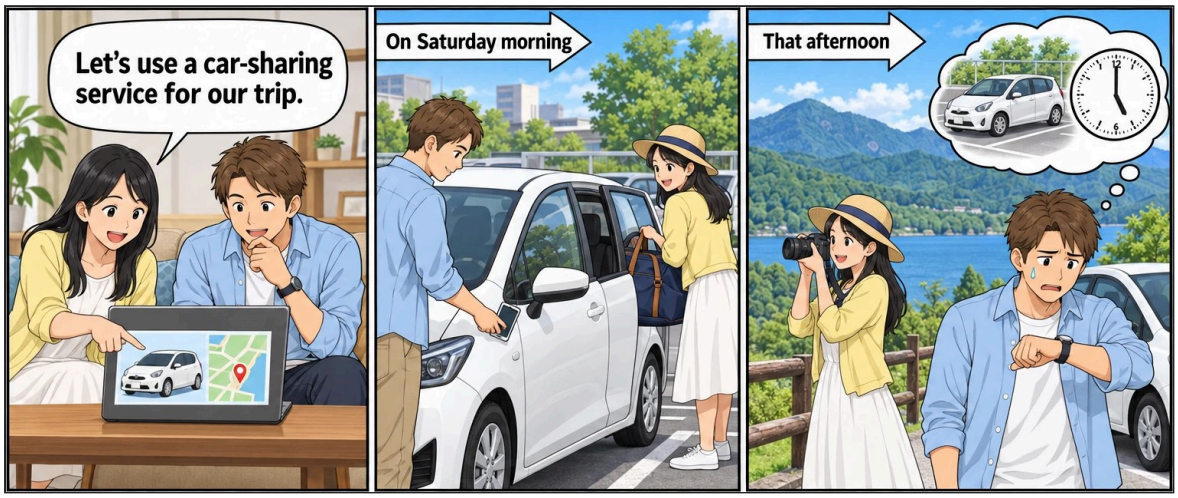
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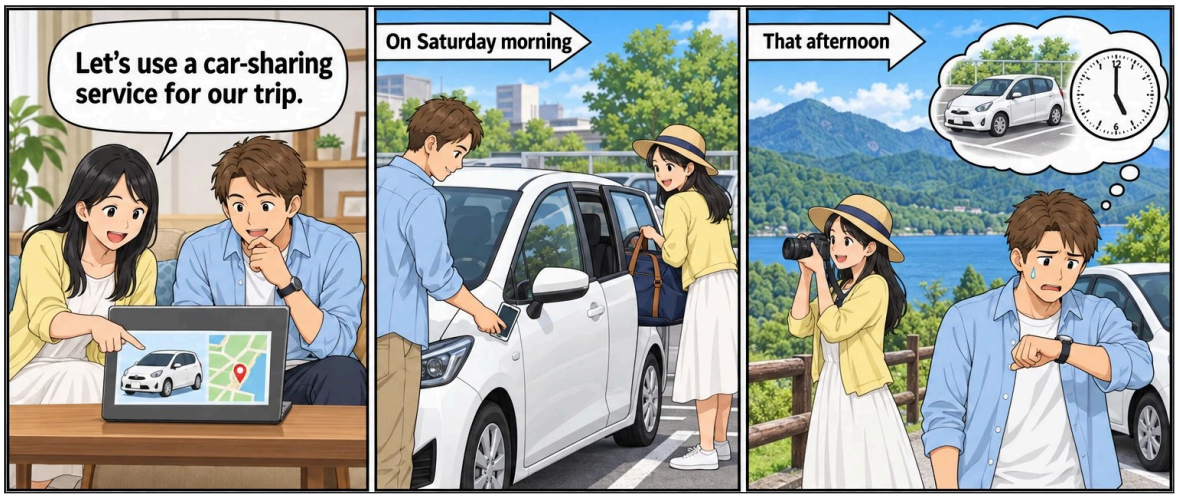
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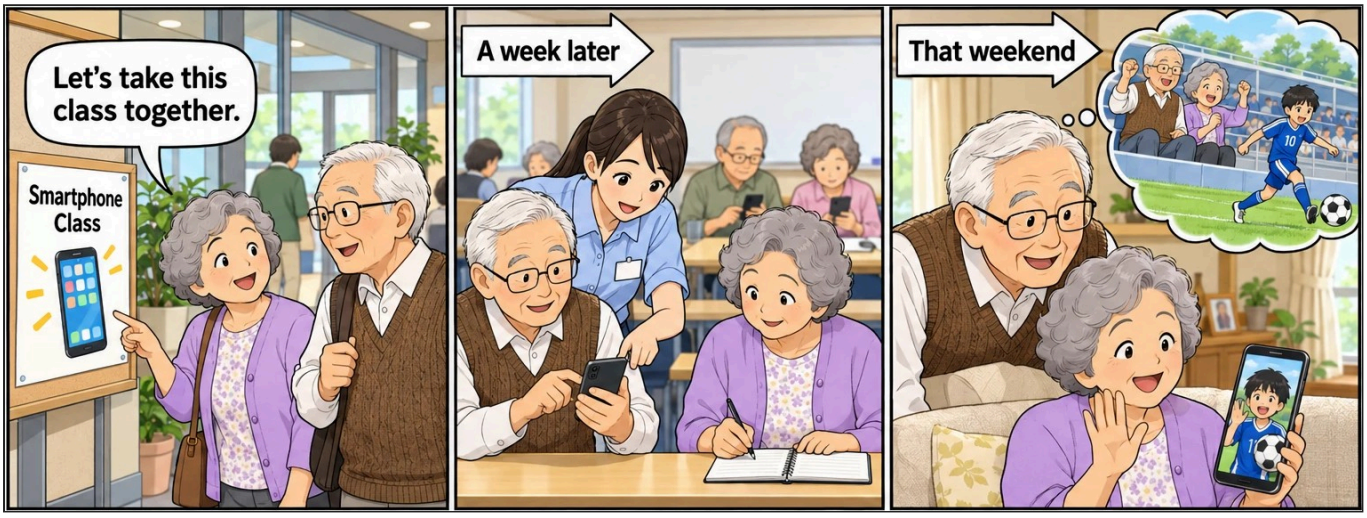
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Yes. → Why?
— Japanese food and culture are popular around the world. Also, many cities are making signs and websites in different languages.
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— Some popular tourist spots are already too crowded. Some towns are starting to limit the number of visitors.

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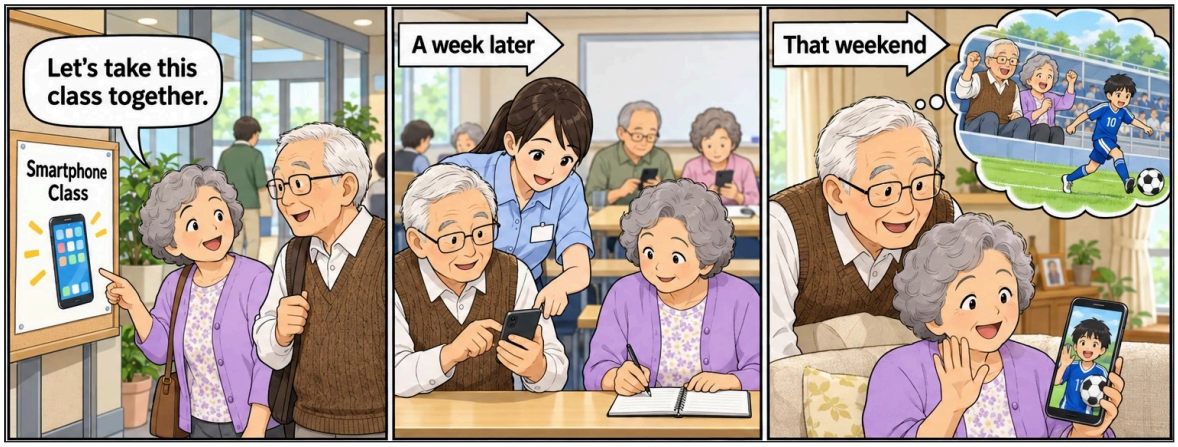
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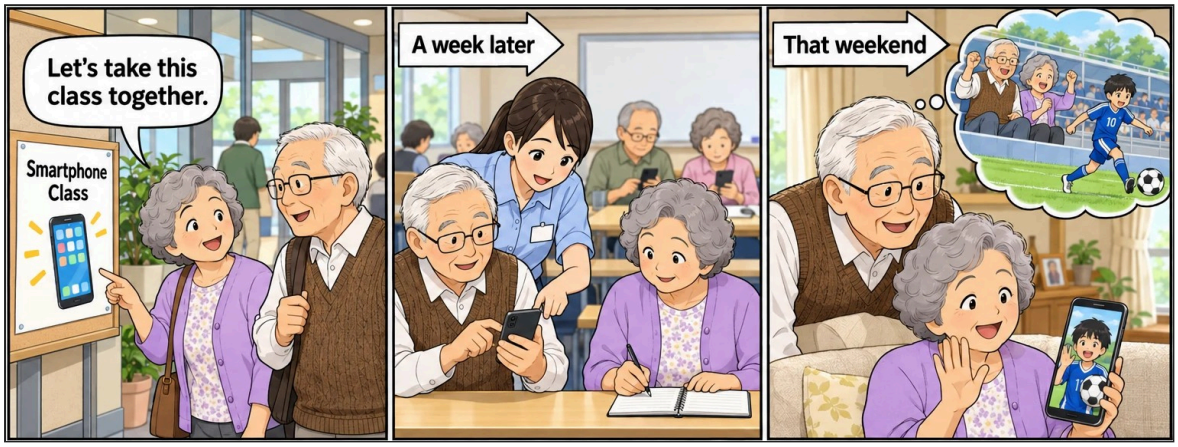
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Yes. → Why?
— Plastic waste is a serious problem for the environment. A lot of plastic ends up in the ocean and hurts sea animals.
No. → Why not?
— Plastic products are cheap and useful in daily life. Also, many of them can be recycled after they are used.