



## National Language Advisor for Japanese

### Relief resource 3:

# Small Talk in Japanese

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This is designed as a series of activities for students to do independently. The focus is on how to use small talk in Japanese in different situations. It is aimed at Y7-10 students and should take about 2 periods to complete all the activities.

- 1 This video introduces the concept of small talk in Japanese. Watch the video here:  
<https://edpuzzle.com/media/5efa76c8b3cace3fb4c7baf2>
- 2 Watch the video again and copy any new language into your exercise book.
- 3 Watch this video about weather related small talk:  
<https://edpuzzle.com/media/5efa76f26eacf93f917705a2>
- 4 Follow this link for some pronunciation practice of small talk phrases to do with weather:  
<https://drmoku.com/small-talk/>
- 5 Read this short article that describes how obsessed Japanese people are with the weather:  
<https://www.japan-talk.com/jt/new/5-signs-Japan-is-obsessed-with-weather>
- 6 Watch this video for another version of small talk:  
<https://edpuzzle.com/media/5efa7724efe8133f98b5f918>
- 7 Use the cards to match the phrases to the pictures and check that you have written the correct language into your exercise book.
- 8 Play memory with the cards – say the phrase correctly to win the pair.
- 9 Click on this link to help you learn the new words: <https://learningapps.org/display?v=p59w3y6ak20>
- 10 Put the conversation into the right order: <https://learningapps.org/display?v=pzui9fk5k20>
- 11 Using StoryboardThat (<https://www.storyboardthat.com/>) create a manga about meeting someone casually in Japan and having to use small talk. Use as much new language as you can.
- 12 やった!

