

Pre-Tasks

I Awareness Raising

1. The title of this movie is 「しあわせ家族^{かぞく}計画^{けいかく}」 'Happy Family Plan'.
What is your definition of a 「しあわせ家族^{かぞく}」 'happy family' and why do you think so? Exchange your opinion with your classmates.
2. This movie is based on a Japanese TV show.
Have you watched Japanese TV shows? What do you think about them?
Share your impressions about Japanese TV shows with your classmates.
3. What social issues are there in Japan today?
4. This is a photograph of the two families in this film. Can you guess who's who?
Imagine their characters from this photo.



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おじいさん、おばあさん、おとうさん、おかあさん、おにいさん、おねえさん、おとうと、
いもうと、むすめ、むすこ、おじさん、おばさん、いぬ、ねこ、

II While watching the film – Noticing

Here are some specific items to focus on while watching the film. You can discuss them with your classmates after viewing.

1. What kinds of greeting words can you pick up in this film?
2. This family runs a small shop. Can you catch the conversation between the customer and shopkeeper in Japanese?
3. There are many signs and advertisements written in Kanji, hiragana and katakana in this film. Where are they found? Can you understand or guess what they mean?
4. What do the family members call each other?
5. The language of the women is different from that of the men in this film. Can you notice some differences?
6. Can you notice the difference when the mother speaks with their family and when she talks with the guest? What is different?
7. The main family in this film lives in a ‘traditional’ Japanese house. What do you notice about this traditional house?
8. They are living in a suburban city of Tokyo. What do they have in the city?
9. There are many eating scenes in this movie. What do you notice about food or eating customs in Japan?
10. This movie is based on a Japanese TV show. What do you think is interesting about this TV show? Why do you think so?



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