



Sightseeing abroad vs in Japan

Dialogue

Please read the dialogue.

Person 1 : I love **discovering** new places abroad, it`s so exciting.

Person 2 : Not me! I`m don`t want to spend my vacations **getting lost** somewhere.

Person 1 : So what do you do on your vacations?

Person 2 : I stay in Japan. **At least** if I get lost, I can **ask for direction** in Japanese and understand the reply.

Person 1 : **Why not just** learn the language a little and then you can go abroad?

Person 2 : It`s not just that, the cost of going oversees nowadays is **ridiculous**.

Person 1 : It`s **not as expensive as you think**. You can find **affordable excursions**.

Person 2 : Those tours normally just go to museums, **sculptures** and **cathedrals**. I`m more interested in local culture and traditions.

Person 1 : **But what`s the attraction of** learning about Japanese culture? You know most of it anyway.



Vocabulary

Please match the English to the Japanese.

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| 1. discover | a) 道を聞く |
| 2. get lost | b) 彫刻 |
| 3. at least | c) 発見する |
| 4. ask for directions | d) 手ごろな「価格」 |
| 5. ridiculous | e) 大聖堂 |
| 6. affordable | f) 小旅行 |
| 7. excursion | g) 少なくとも |
| 8. sculpture | h) 可笑しい |
| 9. cathedral | i) 迷子になる |

Practice

Please fill in the gaps with the above words then answer the questions.

1. Where did you go on your last _____ ?
2. Do you tend to buy _____ or expensive phones?
3. Can you think of a famous _____ and _____ ?
4. Have you ever _____ on vacation before?



Fill in the Dialogue

Please fill in the gaps in the dialogue.

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Person 1 : So what do you do on your vacations?

Person 2 : I stay in Japan. **At least** if I get lost, I can _____ in Japanese and understand the reply.

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Person 2 : Those tours normally just go to museums, _____ and **cathedrals**. I`m more interested in local culture and traditions.

Person 1 : **But what`s the attraction of** learning about Japanese culture? You know most of it anyway.

Comprehension

Please answer the following questions about the dialogue.

1. What is a good thing about going on vacation in Japan?
2. Where do tours usually visit?



Debate Phrases

Please rearrange the words to make a debate phrase.

1. 少なくとも _____ { least / at }

2. どうして _____ はしないの? { just / why / not }

3. あなたが思っているほど _____ ではない { as / as / it`s / think / you / not }

4. _____ の魅力はなに? { attraction / what`s / of / the }

Debate Practice

Please use the above phrases to make rebuttals to these statements.

Person 1: I love spending money on fancy hotel rooms.

You: _____

Person 1: I`m scared to go to Europe because of the many crimes.

You: _____

Person 1: You spend so much on holidays, you should save money like me.

You: _____



Opinion Points

Please make two points to support each side of the debate.

Useful Language

World heritage site	世界遺産	scenery	景色
historic sites	旧跡	atmosphere	雰囲気
exchange rate	為替レート	culture	文化
strong yen	円高	experience	経験する

Sightseeing Abroad

1.

2.

Sightseeing in Japan

1.

2.



Debate

Please use the vocabulary and phrases from this lesson to have a debate about `Sightseeing abroad vs Sightseeing in Japan`.

Preparation

- Evenly divide the students into *Team abroad* and *Team Japan*.

Debate Format

- *Team abroad* says reason 1.
- *Team Japan`s rebuttal*.
- *Team abroad* replies.

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- *Team abroad`s rebuttal*.
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- *Team abroad* says reason 2.
- *Team Japan`s rebuttal*.
- *Team abroad* replies.

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- *Team abroad`s rebuttal*.
- *Team Japan* replies.

Rebuttal Recap

at least ____
少なくとも ____

Why not just ____ ?
どうして ____ はしないの？

It`s not as ____ as you think
あなたが思っているほど ____ ではない

What`s the attraction of ____ ?
____ の魅力はなに？



Optional Extension

Here are some other suggestions for similar debates.

**Shopping
abroad**

vs

**Shopping
in Japan**

**Summer
vacations**

vs

**Winter
vacations**

**Active
vacations**

vs

**Relaxing
vacations**