

## Lesson 9



## Reading 9-A

ベスさんは2000年1月12日に生まれました。ニュージーランド人ですが、お父さんが東京とうきょうのインターナショナルスクールで働はたらいていたので、日本で生まれました。お父さんの学校がっこうの先生たちはみんなよろこんで、ベスさんとお母さんのおみまいに、びょういんにきてくれたそうです。ベスさんのお父さんもおにいさん三人も、女の子が生まれてよかったと思ったそうです。でも、ベスさんのお母さんが一番、むすめができてうれしかったようです。

おみまい to visit an ill person

**Besu san wa nisennen ichigatsu jūninichi ni umaremashita. Nyūjiirandojin desu ga, otōsan ga tōkyō no intānashonaru sukūru de hataraitte ita node, nihon de umaremashita. Otōsan no gakkō no sensei tachi wa minna yorokonde, besu san to okāsan no mimai ni, byōin ni kite kureta sō desu. Besu san no otōsan mo oniisan sannin mo, onnanoko ga umarete yokatta to omotta sō desu. Demo, besu san no okāsan ga ichiban, musume ga dekite ureshikatta yō desu.**

## Questions 9-A

- Where was Beth born?  
(A. New Zealand, B. Japan, C. America, D. Korea)
- What is her birthday?  
(A. December 1, 2000, B. December 12, 2000, C. January 1, 2000, D. January 12, 2000)
- How many siblings does Beth have?  
(A. one younger sister, B. one younger brother, C. three older sisters, D. three older brothers)
- What was Beth's mother most thrilled about?  
(A. Beth was born in the year 2000, B. Beth was a girl, C. many people came to visit her in the hospital, D. Beth was born the same month as her mother)



## Reading 9-B

トッドさんはアメリカ人で、ニールさんはカナダ人ですが、二人ともお父さんの仕事のために、日本にすむことになりました。二人が中学二年生の時に、東京にある私立校で同じクラスになり、友だちになりました。去年、トッドさんは、家族とアメリカに帰りました。でも、今年のなつやすみに二しゅう間、ニールさんに会いに東京に行きました。トッドさんとニールさんは、今はちがう国にいますが、今でもよくイーメールをしています。来年、ニールさんは、トッドさんに会いにアメリカにいくつもりです。

**Toddo san wa amerikajin de, Niiru san wa kanadajin desu ga, futari tomo otōsan no shigoto no tame ni, nihon ni sumu koto ni narimashita. Futari ga chūgaku ninensei no toki ni, tōkyō ni aru shiritsukō de onaji kurasu ni nari, tomodachi ni narimashita. Kyonen, Toddo san wa, kazoku to amerika ni kaerimashita. Demo, kotoshi no natsuyasumi ni nishūkan, Niiru san ni ai ni tōkyō ni ikimashita. Toddo san to Niiru san wa, ima wa chigau kuni ni imasu ga, ima demo yoku iimēru o shite imasu. Rainen, Niiru san wa, Toddo san ni ai ni amerika ni iku tsumori desu.**

## Questions 9-B

- When did Todd and Neale meet?  
(A. 6th grade, B. 7th grade, C. 8th grade, D. 9th grade)
- To where did Todd's family move?  
(A. Canada, B. New Zealand, C. America, D. Australia)
- When did Todd visit Neale?  
(A. winter vacation, B. spring break, C. summer vacation, D. fall holiday)
- When will Neale visit Todd?  
(A. next month, B. next year, C. in two months, D. in two years)



### Reading 9-C

ちえさんは大学で英<sup>えい</sup>文学をべんきょうしながら、時々大学の文学ざっしに  
 きじ<sup>か</sup>を書いていました。大学をそつぎょうして、何年かはたらいた<sup>あと</sup>後で、  
 三十さいでけっこんして、三人の子どもをうみました。子どもが英語を話  
 せるようになってほしいと思っていたので、子どもを英会話きょうしつにつ  
 れて行<sup>い</sup>っています。ちえさんは、まだアメリカに行ったことがないけれど、  
 いつか<sup>か</sup>家<sup>ぞく</sup>族をつれて行きたいと思っています。

きじ article

そつぎょう graduation

**Chie san wa daigaku de eibungaku o benkyō shinagara, tokidoki daigaku no bungaku zasshi ni kiji o kaiteimashita. Daigaku o sotsugyō shite, nannen ka hataraita ato de, sanjussai de kekkon shite, san nin no kodomo o umimashita. Kodomo ga eigo o hanaseru yōni natte hoshii to omotte ita node, kodomo o eikaiwa kyōshitsu ni tsurete itte imasu. Chie san wa, mada amerika ni itta koto ga nai keredo, itsuka kazoku o tsurete ikitai to omotteimasu.**

### Questions 9-C

1. What did Chie study in college?  
 (A. Japanese literature, B. English literature, C. education, D. international business)
2. When did Chie get married?  
 (A. at age 23, B. at age 28, C. at age 30, D. at age 38)
3. What did Chie do so her children would learn English?  
 (A. she hired a private tutor, B. she enrolled her children in an English class, C. she taught them English at home, D. she let them watch English language TV programs)
4. What are Chie's plans regarding travel to the United States?  
 (A. she wants to travel there alone, B. she wants travel there with friends, C. she wants to travel there with her husband, D. she wants to travel there with her family).





## Reading 9-E

まささんのりょうしんは日系一世で、まささんはハワイでそだちました。今、大学三年生で、ハワイの大学でべんきょうしています。日本語の文法は少しむずかしいと思いますが、日本語が好きです。とくに日本の文化に対して、きょうみを持っています。今年、まささんは、日本語スピーチコンテストに出て、しょうをもらいました。まささんも家族もとてもうれしそうでした。

にっけいいっせい

日系一世 first generation Japanese immigrant

**Masashi san no ryōshin wa nikkei issei de, Masashi san wa hawai de sodachimashita. Ima, daigaku sannensei de, hawai no daigaku de benkyō shite imasu. Nihongo no bunnpō wa muzukashii to omoimasu ga, nihongo ga suki desu. Tokuni nihon no bunka ni taishite, kyōmi o motte imasu. Kotoshi, Masashi san wa, nihongo supiichi kontesuto ni dete, shō o moraimashita. Masashi san mo kazoku mo totemo ureshisō deshita.**

## Questions 9-E

- Where are Masashi's parents from?  
(A. Hawaii, B. Japan, C. Singapore, D. Malaysia)
- What does Masashi think about Japanese grammar?  
(A. it is very difficult, B. it is a bit difficult, C. it is not very difficult, D. it is not difficult at all)
- What does Masashi seem to have an interest in?  
(A. Japanese culture, B. working in Japan, C. moving to Japan, D. Japanese business)
- When did Masashi enter the speech contest?  
(A. in high school, B. last year, C. this year, D. he did not enter a speech contest)



## Reading 9-F

はなさんは、<sup>こうこう</sup>高校三年生で、文学にも化学にもきょうみがあります。よく  
<sup>としょかん</sup>図書館へ行って、文学の本をよみますが、文学のレポートを書くのはあまり  
 好きではありません。はなさんは、文学より、化学の方がもっと好きです。  
 化学クラブに入っていて、<sup>きょ</sup>去年、<sup>とうきょう</sup>東京大学の化学のコンテストにさんか  
 しました。楽しかったし、とても勉強<sup>べんきょう</sup>になったので、大学で化学を勉強  
 したいと思うようになりました。

さんか to participate

**Hana san wa, kōkō sannensei de, bungaku nimo kagaku nimo kyōmi ga arimasu. Yoku toshokan e itte, bungaku no hon o yomimasu ga, bungaku no repōto o kaku nowa amari suki dewa arimasen. Hana san wa, bungaku yori, kagaku no hō ga motto suki desu. Kagaku kurabu ni haitte ite, kyonen, tōkyō daigaku no kagaku no kontesuto ni sankā shimashita. Tanoshikatta shi, totemo benkyō ni natta node, daigaku de kagaku o benkyō shitai to omou yōni narimashita.**

### Questions 9-F

- Where does Hana often spend her free time?  
 (A. the Senior Lounge, B. the library, C. the high school athletic field, D. the science lab)
- What is Hana's preference between chemistry and literature?  
 (A. she does not like literature class or chemistry class, B. she likes literature class better than chemistry class, C. she likes chemistry class better than literature class, D. she likes both literature class and chemistry class about the same)
- Which does Hana like more, reading or writing?  
 (A. she likes reading books and writing essays for literature class, B. she likes reading books, but does not like writing essays for literature class, C. she does not like reading books, but likes writing essays for literature class, D. she does not like reading books or writing reports for literature class)
- What club did she join?  
 (A. the chemistry club, B. the literature club, C. the drama club, D. the book club)



## Reading 9-G

はるさんは、十五さいです。最近、早く大人になりたいと思っています。そこで、かみのけをみどりにそめてみました。先週友達と公園へいったら、かみのけがとても目立ったようです。公園にいる人にじろじろ見られたり、子ども達に話しかけられたりしました。でも、はるさんは、気にしませんでした。

さいきん  
最近 recently

そめる to dye

**Haru san wa, jūgosai desu. Saikin, hayaku otona ni naritai to omotte imasu. Soko de, kaminoke o midori ni sometemimashita. Senshū tomodachi to kōen e ittara, kaminoke ga totemo medatta yō desu. Kōen ni iru hito ni jirojiro miraretari, kodomotachi ni hanashi kakeraretari shimashita. Demo, Haru san wa, ki ni shimasen deshita.**

## Questions 9-G

- How old is Haru?  
(A. 15 years old, B. 16 years old, C. 17 years old, D. 18 years old)
- Who did Haru go to the park with?  
(A. her family, B. her sister, C. her friends, D. her brother)
- What was the response of the people at the park who saw her dyed hair?  
(A. they looked at her strangely, B. they mostly ignored her, C. the children mostly ignored her, D. no one else was at the park)
- What does Haru think about others' opinions?  
(A. she worries too much about what others think, B. she tries to please her family too much, C. she does not mind what others think about her, D. she tries to please everyone)