

Compliment Style

- Your response to 歌が上手ですね → _____
- Your response to “your English is improving” → _____
- What happens if you simply say, “Yes, I am good at singing” ?

Japanese Style

- say “no, I am not good”
- compliment strangers
- 元気な子ですね

Western Style

- say “thank you”
- give explanation
- do not compliment strangers

Writing Exercise

What do Japanese people do? Why do they prefer that method?

What do Westerners do? Why do they prefer that method?

Eye Contact

Questions for Eye Contact Exercise

一回目：どのような気持ちがありましたか。また、それはどうしてですか。

二回目：どのような気持ちがありましたか。また、それはどうしてですか。

- Japanese emphasize humility, and therefore see long eye contact as **NEGATIVE**
- Westerners emphasize confidence and openness, and therefore see long eye contact as **POSITIVE**

Check your understanding: Below are two lists of meanings, one for sort eye contact, and one for long eye contact. First, for each one decide if it is a thing or a bad thing. Label each one as either “+” or “-”. Second, some of these are Japanese. Some are Western. Label each one as either J or W.

LONG

生意気である __ __
自信がある __ __
興味がある __ __
反省する __ __
抵抗する __ __

SHORT

遠慮する __ __
何か隠している __ __
面白くない __ __
謙遜する __ __

Physical Contact

- Amount of touching differs greatly from one culture to the next
- Based on the table showing touching during President Obama’s greetings (on the back of this page) rate the following countries according to amount of touching during a greeting. Write the numbers 1, 2 or 3 in the boxes, with 1 meaning very little touching and 3 meaning a lot of touching. You will need to use some of the numbers more than once.

CANADA

FRANCE

INDIA

CHINA

BRAZIL

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