

Smartphone is now 'the place where we live', anthropologists say

Vocabulary

anthropologist	じんるいがくしゃ 人類学者	physically	ぶつりてき 物理的に	reconnect	さいせつぞく 再接続する
no longer	もう～でない	alone	ひとり ひとり 一人、一人ぼっち	possession	しょゆうぶつ 所有物
lead to	～につながる	users	りようしゃ 利用者	humanity	にんげんせい 人間性
death	し 死	represent	しめ あらわ 示す、表す	disturb	じゃま 邪魔する
proximity	ちか 近さ	exchange	か す こうかん 交わす、交換する	refuge	ひなんじょ 避難所

Sentence Ondoku

1. What do you think about this whole "living on Mars" thing?

I'm actually really looking forward to life on another planet!

じつ ほか わくせい せいかつ たの
実は他の惑星で生活するのをすごく楽しみにしているんだ！

2. Alex lost the game? I thought he was good. How did that happen?

I think he was the better player, but luck just wasn't in his favor this time.

かれ ほう せんしゅ おも こんかい うん みかた
彼の方がうまい選手だと思ったけど、今回は運が味方してくれなかったね。

3. Are we skipping the song today?

Because it makes us late for recess every day, we will no longer be singing a song before lunch.

まいにちやす じ かん おく
毎日休み時間に遅れてしまうので、ランチの前にもう歌は歌いません。

4. Ugh! I've been working on this problem for over an hour and you solved it so fast.

Being a genius like me is a blessing and a curse!

ぼく てんさい よ わる
僕みたいに天才でいるのは、良いことも悪いこともあるよ！

5. Dinosaurs must have been so cool! I want to see one!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like if dinosaurs were still alive?

もしまだ 恐竜 が生きていたらどんな感じなのかって 考えたことある？

6. What in the world is "blooming?"

It's a new dance that's been making waves in schools across the country.

あたら
新しいダンスのことで、全国の学校で話題になってるんだ。

7. How'd your pokemon battle with Zoe go?

I thought I had the win, but her Caterpie wiped out my whole team!

か おも
勝てると思ったんだけど、ゾーイのキャタピーが僕のチームを全滅させたんだ！

8. Why's your house all so...yellow?

Colors can trigger strong emotions, and yellow makes people happy.

いろ つよ かんじょう ひ おこ
色って強い感情を引き起こすことができ、黄色はみんなを 幸せな気分させるの。

Writing prompt

Do you have a smartphone? Do you think elementary school students should have smartphones? Why?

example:

Yes, I have a smartphone and I use it every day. I don't think that elementary school students need smartphones. They are really useful for looking up complicated information, finding directions and keeping in touch with people, but can be too distracting and addicting and young kids don't need those things.