

Hello everyone!

The topic for this week's class Friday, September 10th, is: **“Retirement”**

In today's class we will start with a presentation from Aiko and Yuko on retirement customs in Japan. Then, we will learn about one special aspect of American style retirement: The Retirement Party.

We will participate in two activities:

- 1) Presentation on retirement in Japan (Aiko and Yuko)
- 2) American Retirement Party – **Let's Party!**



What is a retirement party?

A get-together to honor the retiree

- An opportunity to express appreciation for their years of hard work.
- A time to wish the retiree a successful and enjoyable retirement.
- A fun event for the retiree and the guests.



Who usually hosts a retirement party?

- A company
- A work colleague
- A family member or friend



What do you bring to a retirement party?

It's generally expected that you'll bring a gift or at least a card to a retirement party.

Sample gifts:

- Personalized items such as coffee mugs, tee shirts, etc.
- Plants
- Travel Books
- Gift box of Wine, Scotch, Whisky, etc.
- Not money (cash)



What to write in a retirement card

- Share a favorite memory of the retiree.
- Write down something they have done that has influenced you.
- Speak about their best characteristics.



What do you say to someone at a retirement party?

- Happy retirement. You've earned it!
- Congrats on your retirement!
- Have a wonderful retirement!
- I wish you a happy and healthy retirement.
- Have fun in retirement!



Small talk questions for the retiree

- How many years did they work for the company?
- What will they miss most about work?
- What new hobby do they plan on trying?
- Do they have any travel plans?



What are some retirement party activities?

- Speeches – the retiree will be expected to give a speech.
Some of the guests will also give a speech.
- Games – including quizzes such as “How well do you know the retiree?”
- Food and drink – anything from a formal dinner to just snacks, but almost always a decorated cake.



What are some retirement party activities?

- A “Roast” – some of the guests agree to give a funny speech about the retiree.
 - a form of humor in which a specific individual (usually the guest of honor) is subjected to a combination of jokes, insults and praise.
 - It is supposed to be funny!



Would They Rather:

call	<i>or</i>	text
coffee	<i>or</i>	tea
book	<i>or</i>	movie
beach	<i>or</i>	mountains
get up early	<i>or</i>	sleep in
chocolate	<i>or</i>	vanilla
dogs	<i>or</i>	cats
cruise	<i>or</i>	road trip
drink beer	<i>or</i>	drink wine
salty	<i>or</i>	sweet

Who knows the retiree best?

Let's play the *"Would They Rather"* game



Vocabulary for Retirement

- **Retirement party** – a get-together hosted by co-workers, friends and/or family to honor the retiree. Can include speeches, toasts, games, food and drink.
- **Get-together** – a social gathering of people for a specific purpose such as a birthday, anniversary, retirement, etc.
- **Retiree** – a person who has stopped their working career, no longer goes to a job everyday.
- A **“roast”** – a funny speech about the guest of honor, usually includes jokes, insults and also praise.