

Lesson 5: Introducing My Country

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

John: Do you think that China and South Korea are catching up with Japanese technology?

Aiko: I think so. But Japan's economy is quite stable.

John: It **sure** is. It's the second most developed country in the world.

Aiko: If Japan could work out the lack of natural resources in the country,
it would be a much richer country.

John: I wouldn't worry about it. Being the largest creditor nation, the whole world has a lot of
catching up to do with Japan. But then, some big Japanese companies have been in
the news lately.

Aiko: What was it about?

John: Well, for one, Nintendo has stopped the production of its game console.
Now Sony says it's not making televisions anymore.

Aiko: That's true. Nintendo seems to have been overpowered by more advanced
video gaming brands. It's a good thing that Sony's Play Station is doing well.

John: Let's not forget that Japan is also well-known for its robotics technology.

Aiko: Not to mention, Japan has made a big contribution to the medical field and aeronautic research.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. A: Do you like sushi and sashimi? B: I **sure** do.
2. Junko ate all the rice cakes. She **sure** does like them.
3. I **sure** would like to stay in Japan for a month.

* sure / 確かに

3. Your Task

You are a salesperson and you are selling a famous product from Japan (such as a Sony smart phone or camera).
You need to convince your teacher that Japanese products are the best in the world.

4. Let's Talk

What makes Japan stand out from other countries?
Do you think other Asian countries have a chance to catch up with
Japan's economy and technology? Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words.



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