



1 次は、Ayaka が書いた作文です。これを読んで、問1～問4に答えなさい。 507110203

Last summer twenty students from a sister city in Australia visited Japan. They went to Tokyo and then came to my city. For the last three days each student stayed with a Japanese family. Diana stayed with us. My family welcomed her and enjoyed talking with her. Her Japanese was very good because she was learning Japanese in her school. She was interested in Japanese culture.

When we had dinner, Diana asked us a question about hotel room numbers in Japan. She stayed at a hotel in Tokyo. Her room was 203 and the next room number was 205, not 204.

She tried to find room 204 but she couldn't. She asked us why there was no room 204. My father answered, "Some Japanese think number four is a bad number. They don't like the number because it is pronounced the same as the word for death. So, some hotels and hospitals don't have room numbers ending in four in Japan." Diana said, "That's interesting. I didn't learn that in my Japanese class."

The next morning Diana and I got up and went to the living room. My parents were drinking green tea. Diana was a little surprised and said, "I thought Japanese people always drink green tea in a special way." My mother said, "You are talking about a tea ceremony but this is not a tea ceremony. We usually drink green tea as you drink tea or coffee."

In the afternoon, I took Diana to the summer festival in my town. A lot of people were walking through many kinds of shops along the street. Diana said, "Many girls are wearing kimonos. They are so beautiful. I learned that many years ago Japanese people wore kimonos every day but today most people don't wear them. Why are those girls wearing kimonos today?" I answered, "They are wearing yukata, a kind of kimono. Many young girls like wearing yukata at summer festivals."

Before Diana left us we took her to a park near my house. We walked around and played on the grass. Diana found a four-leaf clover in the grass and said, "In my country it's a good thing to find a four-leaf clover. But it's really sad to find it on my last day with you, because four is a bad number in Japan." My father said to her, "Don't worry, Diana. Four-leaf clovers are good in Japan too." Diana said, "That's great. I'm happy now."

When we had to say good-bye to Diana, we gave her a present. I said, "You can open it now." Diana opened the present and said, "Oh, it's a yukata. I really like it. Thank you very much. I learned a lot about Japanese culture before I came here, and I thought I knew many things. But there are some things people don't know about a country until they visit it. I've found out new things about Japanese culture. Three days are very short but staying with you has been more interesting than visiting some famous Japanese places."

[注] welcomed～……～を歓迎した is pronounced……発音される the same as～……～と同じように death……死 ending in～……～で終わる special way……特別な方法 tea ceremony……茶道 wore～……～を着ていた grass……草地 four-leaf clover……四つ葉のクローバー until～……～まで

問1 本文の内容に合うように、次の(1)と(2)の英文に続けるのに最も適切なものを、ア～エの中から1つずつ選び、その記号を書きなさい。

(1) Diana asked a question about hotel room numbers in Japan because

- ア she couldn't find room 204.
- イ she couldn't find room 205.
- ウ she couldn't find her room.
- エ she couldn't find her friend's room.

(2) Diana has found out

- ア that there are no hotels and hospitals in Tokyo.
- イ that she knows a lot about number four in Japan because she learned about Japan in her school.
- ウ that coffee is more popular than green tea in Japan today.
- エ that there are some things people don't know about a country until they visit it.

問2 Ayaka の両親がお茶を飲んでいるのを見て、Diana はどのようなことを言いましたか。具体的に日本語で書きなさい。

問3 本文の内容に関する次の質問に、英語で答えなさい。

Why was Diana happy after Ayaka's father told her about four-leaf clovers?

問4 次の英文は、日本から帰国した Diana が Ayaka に送ったEメールです。本文の内容をもとに、次の(1) ～ (4) にあてはまる英語を、1語ずつ書きなさい。

Dear Ayaka and family,

Hello! I hope you are all fine. Thank you very much for having me in your family. I had a good time with you. I was interested in Japanese culture before. But this time I've found out new things about Japan. I was very surprised to see many (1) in kimonos because I learned that most Japanese people don't wear kimonos today.

Oh, thank you for your (2). I was very glad to open it because it was a beautiful yukata. I really like it. I will (3) it as my most important thing from Japan.

I visited some famous places in Japan. They were beautiful. But (4) with your family was more interesting than visiting there. I want to see you again soon. Come and visit my house some day. I'd like you to meet my family. See you again.

Love Diana