

Nishiko English Chat



Dear third years (三年生),

You have worked so hard this year! I'm so impressed by all of you! I wish that I could talk to you all! Every time I talk with you I am very happy!

In December, many children write letters to Santa Claus, asking for presents and making wishes.

This year, I hope you all have fun with your friends and families! And I wish you good luck with life after senior high school!

If you need anything or want to practice English please message me!! Anytime is okay. My email is juliajoyshelton@gmail.com and my instagram is [@joyperjulia](https://www.instagram.com/joyperjulia).

I'm so happy to have met you all. Thank you!!

-- Julia

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LET'S PLAY SECRET SANTA

A Christmas Gift Game to play with friends



PICK A NAME

Write down your friends names on pieces of paper. Then, everyone picks 1 name. Keep the name you picked a secret.

BUY A GIFT

Buy a secret present for your name picked person.



SECRET SANTA PARTY

Plan a Secret Santa party with your friends and exchange your secret gifts! It's fun to see who bought you a secret present!

Current Events in America

This month Joe Biden officially became the next President of America and Kamala Harris became the first Woman, Black, and Asian Vice-President
Kamala Harris gave a speech that was very moving.

I recommend watching her speech. My favorite part of her speech was:

私がこのオフィスで最初の女性ですが、最後ではありません。なぜなら全ての少女たちが今夜の光景を見て、この国は可能性の国だということを見ているからです。そしてアメリカは我々の国子どもたちへ、そのジェンダーに関わらず、明確なメッセージを送っています。ただ単に他の人がこれまで見たことがないという方法でも、私達があなたたちの一步一步に喝采していると、確信に導かれ、野望とともに夢みてほしい。

But while I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last.

Because every little girl, watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities. And to the children of our country, regardless of your gender. Our country has sent you a clear message: dream with ambition, lead with conviction and see yourselves in a way that others may not simply because they've never seen it before, but know that we will applaud you every step of the way.

Current Events in India

Indian Farmers Lead Historic Strike & Protests Against Narendra Modi (India's Prime Minister) and Inequality

250 million farmers and Indian workers are now protesting in New Delhi. This is the largest protest/strike in history against the Modi government's labor reforms. The government passed 3 new laws that are very harmful to farmers. With these new laws, farmers and their families have been devastated as crop prices have been lowered. These families have no money to support themselves, so they are risking Corona infections to save their livelihood.

Protests are now happening around the world in support of Indian farmers.

Source: [Democracynow.org](https://www.democracynow.org)

CURRENT EVENTS

Here's a list of cool, famous people I am obsessed with this month:

Toni Morrison: A Black, American writer who wrote about discrimination. Her best quotes:

"If you can only be tall because somebody else is on their knees then you have a serious problem."

"If you are free, you need to free somebody else.
If you have some power, then your job is to empower someone else."

Rupi Kaur: She is a South Asian, American writer and social activist. Her books have been translated into Japanese.

Thomas Moore: British author who wrote a book I love. The book title is "Utopia" This book is fiction about an island society.

Matt Haig: A British Writer and mental health/men's issues activist.

Setsuko Thurlow: She was 13 years old when she survived the bombing of Hiroshima. Now, she has a Nobel Peace Prize and tours the world.

American slang:

**Pressed (プレスト) (adjective, 形容詞) –
stressed, annoyed, busy**

"I'm pressed today. I didn't do my homework."

**Sus (サス) (形容詞) –
short for suspicious/guilty.**

"You look really sus. What did you do?"

Merry Christmas!
**I hope you all have fun
holidays and stay safe!**
**Great job with your final
tests! You worked hard
and you are so amazing!!**