

Take two teenagers ... east and west

Teacher's Notes

Aim

This lesson looks at blogs (Internet diaries) about the lives of two teenagers – one from Japan and one from the USA. Students read the blogs, and then write their own blog, giving information about themselves.

Warmer

Ask students if they know what a “blog” is (an online journal that one person starts and other people reply to). Ask students if they have ever started a blog, or if they have written on one.

1 Reading

- Tell students they are going to read two blogs started by teenagers in Japan and the USA. Check understanding of the global reading task – whose life is most similar to theirs – Fumiko's or Danny's?

2 Comprehension

- Students answer the comprehension questions.

Answers

- 1 She gets up at 6:00 a.m.
- 2 She wears a school uniform – a blue skirt, long white socks, a white shirt, and a blue sweater.
- 3 She puts on her school slippers.
- 4 She has rice with fried chicken, fish, boiled vegetables, or eggs.
- 5 She goes to her sports club, three days a week she goes to evening school, she does her homework, and then watches TV.
- 6 He takes the bus.
- 7 He plays basketball and video games, and sees his friends.
- 8 He goes to camp with his friend Ryan.
- 9 Eminem.
- 10 Yes, he has a dog named Toby.

3 Vocabulary

- Students match the words with the pictures.

Answers

1 e 2 g 3 b 4 f 5 a 6 h 7 c 8 d

4 Speaking

- Students work in pairs. If necessary, go through the new question forms with the whole class before starting the activity (e.g. *What time do you get up? What do you wear to school? etc.*) Students then ask each other the questions.

5 Writing

- Students write a blog like Fumiko's and Danny's. They can use the questions from exercise 2 to give them ideas.

Websites

www.blogger.com/start – a website that helps you set up a free blog.

www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/guides/how-to-get-a-blog