

UNIT 68

Education



I. Express Yourself



II. Vocabulary

Match the word with its correct meaning.

pick up

a. move or progress at the same rate as someone or something else

keep up with

b. a private teacher, typically one who teaches a single student or a very small group

tutor

c. to acquire by study or experience; learn

III. Conversation Practice

Practice the conversation with your teacher by doing a role play.

Shinji: Steve, as you know I'll be moving to New York with my family and we have two young children. Can you give me some advice in schooling? I have two boys ages 10 and 8.

Steve: Sure. So, they'll be going into 5th and 3rd grade. Is that correct?

Shinji: Yes, that's correct. We're going to be living in Port Washington, on Long Island. Do you recommend public or private schools?

Steve: The public schools in Port Washington are very good and highly rated, so you can feel comfortable with them. Private schools are very expensive and not necessary.

Shinji: We want them to keep up with their Japanese language studies. Are there any after-school programs or should I hire a tutor?

Steve: Port Washington has a lot of Japanese families in town. There's even a Japanese weekend school nearby which should work for you.

Shinji: That's great. Do American students go to weekend classes or cram schools?

Steve: Usually not. Sometimes there are religious study classes on the weekends but not regular academics. There are a lot of sports activities after school and on weekends that the boys might enjoy. Do your sons speak English now?

Shinji: They know a little but they are not so good.

Steve: They'll pick it up quickly. There might be some after-school English classes available for them. Kids pick up languages very quickly.

Shinji: Yes, and they're both good students so hopefully it'll be no problem for them.



Key Points

<p><u>Can you give me some advice on schooling?</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can you give me some suggestions on / about...? - Can you give me some information on / about...? - Can you give me some tips on / about...?
<p><u>Private schools are very expensive and not necessary.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ...are very costly and not necessary / needed. - ...are very high-priced and not necessary / needed. - ...are very pricey and not necessary / needed.

IV. Role-play

**Your colleague wants to send her daughter to a cram school in your area.
Give her the information that she needs.**



Part 2

I. Introduction



Give a piece of advice to parents who are contemplating whether to send their children to a public school or a private school.



Cite two or three reasons why private schools can be very costly.

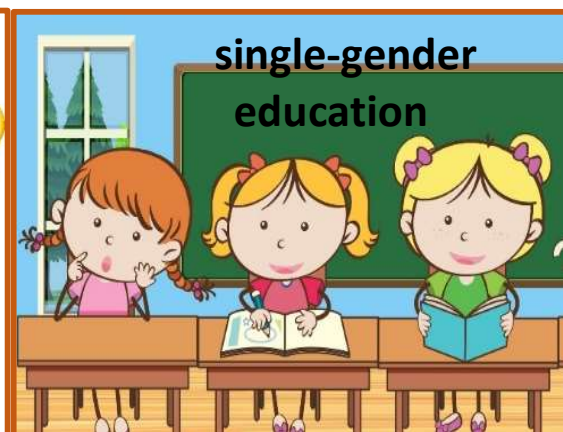
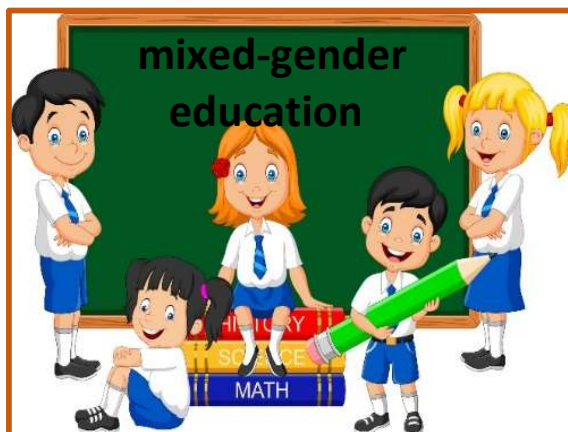


Suggest some ways on how Japanese students can keep up with their English language studies.

II. Discussion

 Exercise A

Which do you prefer?



 Exercise B

Role-play

**Your expat friend wants his children to study in Japan.
Give him some information about it.**

Tell him:

- the differences between a public school and a private school
- tuition fees
- quality of education
- school subjects
- others

