



# World Times *The November Number*

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今回はイギリスの今についてお伝えします！

お話はイギリス出身の方にメールで伺い、以下の文はその内容を抜粋したものです。現地の英語がどのようなものか体感してみましょう！！



☆コロナ禍における学校生活では、生徒たちに距離を取らせることが難しく、また**ほとんどの生徒がマスクをしていない！**

—*What is going on with school in Covid-19 pandemic?*

Schools are currently open in the UK. I have asked my friend who work as a primary school teacher, she said they are trying to maintain distance between the students, however it is difficult to achieve. And most students are not wearing any masks.

☆リモートワークは様々なアプリを使って行われている！

—*Is remortwork common in the UK?*

Remote working was very common during lockdown, which started in March and ended in September. Some businesses have continued to do so, and some are returning to work. We usually communicate through Zoom, Whatsapp, Skype and email.

☆公共の場でのマスク着用は、法律によって義務されている。しかし**11歳以下の子供たちは、この法の対象外**になっている！

—*How the British think about wearing face masks?*

There are some places where you must wear a face covering by law. For example public transport, shops and supermarkets, banks and etc. However this doesn't applied to children under the age of 11. Also, some people take off their masks when they are on the street.



☆六月に再開したレストランでは、**グループ同士を2メートル開ける**などの対策を行っている。また、営業を支えるための政策もある。

—*What is done as measures against Covid-19 at restaurants or other public facilities?*

Restaurants in the UK have been reopened since July, and have increased the frequency of handwashing and surface cleaning in workplaces. The regulations require that all businesses including restaurants, bars and pubs must not accept a table booking for a group of more than 6 individuals both within indoor and outdoor settings. Also they have to ensure that tables of different groups are spaced 2m apart, or plus mitigations, such as screens or barriers. In August, the UK government promoted a "Eat out to help out" scheme to encourage people to eat out in order to help businesses. Under the Scheme customers get 50% off the cost of food and non-alcoholic drinks eaten-in at participating businesses UK-wide. It applies all-day Monday to Wednesday from 3 to 31 August 2020. And the discount is capped at a maximum of £10 per head.



↑ 自動ドアには人々に距離をとるよう促すポスターが、店内には感染対策についてのボードが置かれている。

☆イギリス国内では**ビーガン(完全菜食主義者)**が増加中！

—*What is booming in the UK recently?*

Living more sustainably is the current trend in the UK. For example, more and more people are becoming vegan who only consume plant-based products. Fast-food chains are also expanding their vegan-option menus. For example the KFC vegan burger. Moreover, many people have now made some simple switches in their daily life, for example not to use drinking straws, bring their own takeaway coffee cups and shopping bags.

## Extra questions

☆好きな日本文化は**お祭り**！

—*What's your favorite culture in Japan?*

One of my favorite cultures in Japan is summer festivals. They are very exciting as thousands of people gather to celebrate and enjoy fireworks together. Apart from fireworks, food and amusement booths are also very intriguing.

☆日本に初めて来たときに、**24時間やっているコンビニがとても多い**ことに驚いた！

—*What did you think when you came to Japan?*

When I first arrived in Japan, I was amazed by the number of convenience stores. In the UK, convenience store doesn't exist and only a small number of shops are open for 24 hours.ard working and polite, which may possibly linked to the idea of them holding back themselves as you've mentioned.

☆日本人は**勤勉**で**礼儀正しい**！

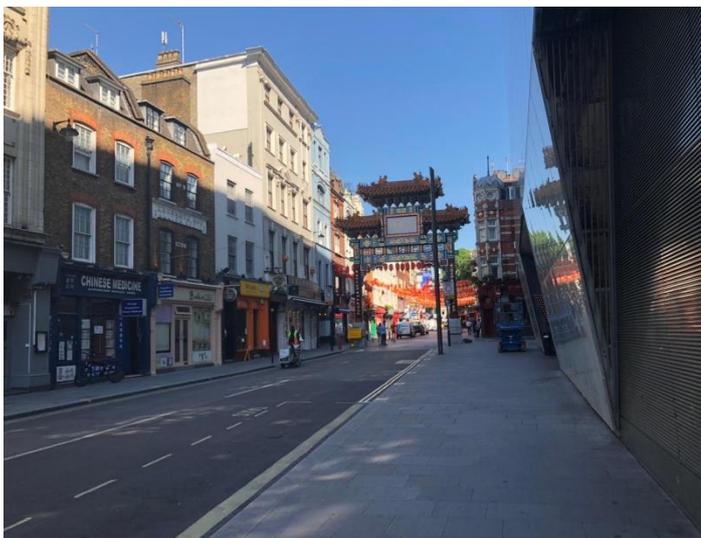
—*What kind of ethnic group do you think the Japanese are?*

In my opinion, people from Japan are very hard working and polite, which may possibly linked to the idea of them holding back themselves as you've mentioned.

☆イギリスにはたくさんの史跡があるので、旅行ができるようになったらぜひ**遊びに来てください**！

—*What do you want to tell about the UK to Japanese?*

There are many historical landmarks in the UK that are worth visiting, so please visit if you have the opportunity and when it is safe to travel.



←外出制限の影響で人がいなくなってしまった中華街。普段は多くの人で賑わっていた

Special thanks!

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