

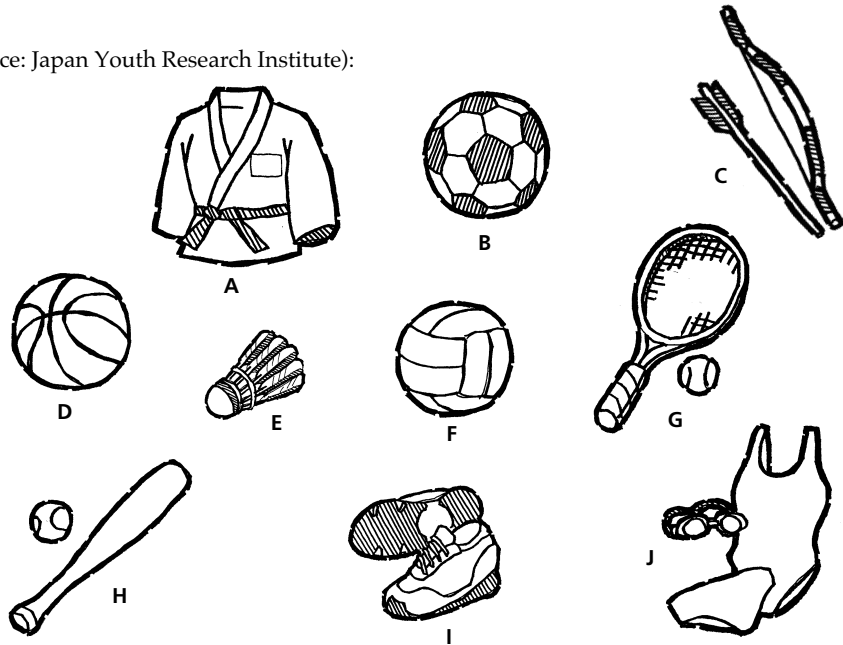
Activity 1:

Draw a line from each club name to the corresponding illustration.

(Objective: A warm-up activity to familiarize students with vocabulary they will need when talking about their own club activities.)

The ten most popular school club activities among Japanese high school students (source: Japan Youth Research Institute):

1. バレーボール .
2. バスケットボール .
3. テニス .
4. きゅうどう .
5. やきゅう* .
6. バドミントン .
7. サッカー .
8. りくじょう .
9. じゅうどう .
10. すいえい** .



* Hint: や means "field," きゅう means "ball"
 ** Hint: すい means "water"

Answers: 1. F (volleyball), 2. D (basketball), 3. G (tennis), 4. C (kyudo), 5. H (baseball), 6. E (badminton), 7. B (soccer), 8. I (track and field), 9. A (judo), 10. J (swimming)

Activity 2:

You have received a letter of self-introduction from a high school student at a sister school in Japan and are going to write a reply. Your letter may include information such as whether or not your school has club activities; whether or not you belong to any clubs and if so which one; what other things you are especially interested in if you are not in a school club and why.

(Objective: To gain an understanding of Japanese school clubs and to think and write about corresponding activities in one's own life.)

こんにちは。
 田村ゆきです。16才です。東高校の2年生です。
 クラブはバスケットボール部に入っています。先輩に教えてもらいながら、毎日2時間くらい練習します。練習はきびしいです。でも、バスケ*が大好きなので、毎日がんばっています。しゅらいはバスケの選手になりたいです。
 あなたは、何かクラブに入っていますか？あなたのことを教えてください。お返事を待っています。
 では、さようなら。

2000年8月3日
 田村ゆき

Hello. My name is Tamura Yuki. I am 16 years old and am a second-year student at Higashi High School.

I am a member of my school's basketball club. We practice for about two hours every day, with our *senpai* acting as coaches. The practices are pretty tough, but I stick with it every day because I really like basketball a lot. I hope to become a professional basketball player some day.

Do you belong to any school club? Please tell me something about yourself. I'm looking forward to your reply.

Bye for now.

Tamura Yuki
 3 August 2000

*バスケ: An abbreviation of バスケットボール.

Activity 3:

If you were to spend a year at a school in Japan...

- (a) 学校のクラブに入りますか？
 Would you join a school club?
- (b) どのクラブに入りますか？
 What club would you join?
- (c) どうしてそのクラブに入りますか？
 Why would you pick that club?

Compare your responses to those of your classmates. The class could then hold a vote to see which clubs are the most popular. (Note that, when counting the results of a vote, the tally can be kept using the kanji character 正 instead of 井.)

(Objective: To simulate moving from one's own culture into a different culture and choosing a course of action based on an understanding of that culture.)