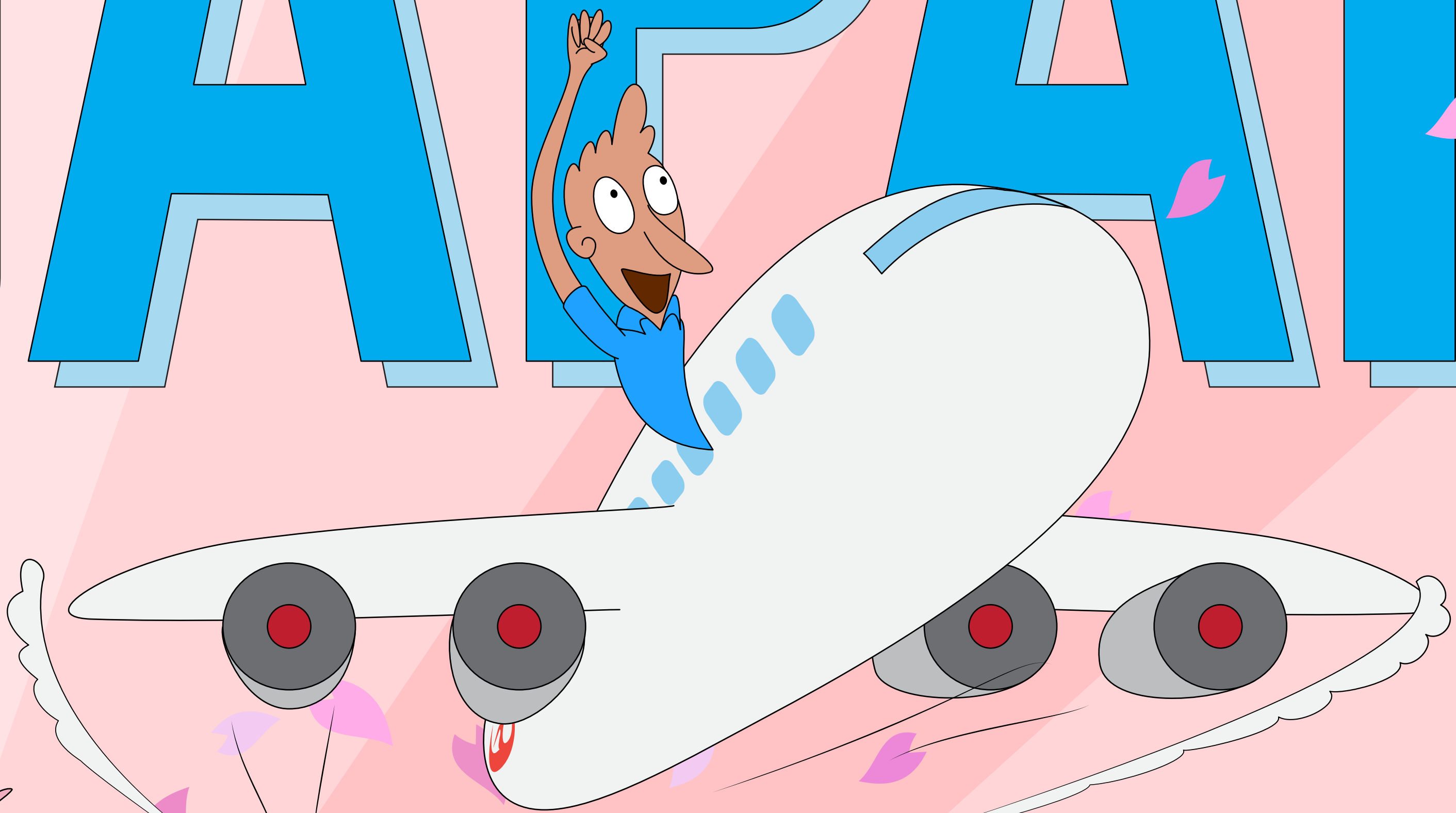
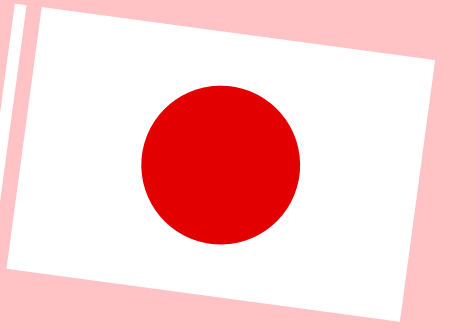
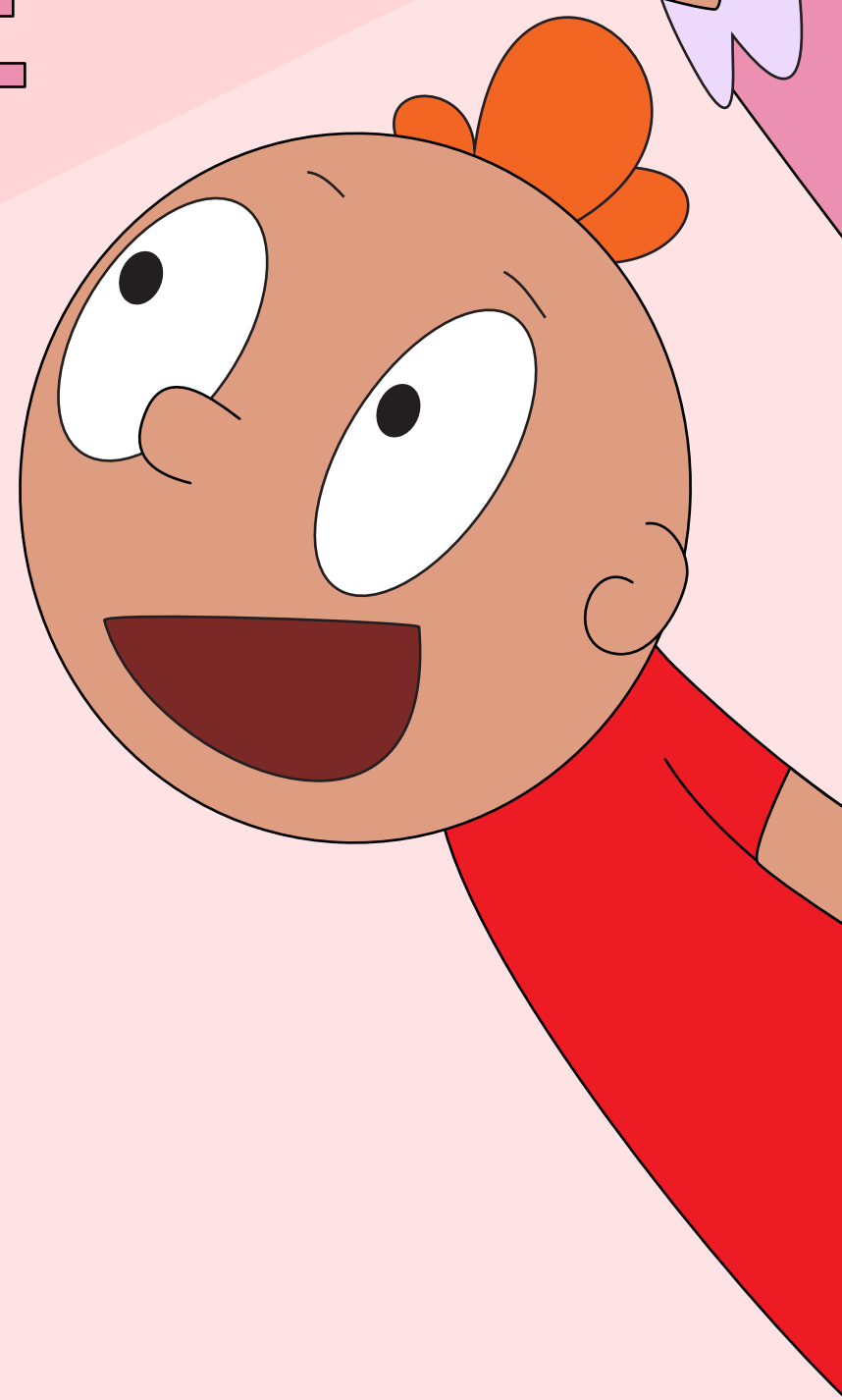


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FOREWORD

Working in Tokyo, I see my little niece just once a year when I go home to England. She'll soon be old enough to start asking questions and I won't be there in person to answer them, so I wanted to give her a mini Japanese culture class in my absence.

The result is this little book, designed to help traveling mums, dads, family and friends in explaining things better to their young loved ones. I hope it can also give kids from any background a broader view of the world outside their home countries.

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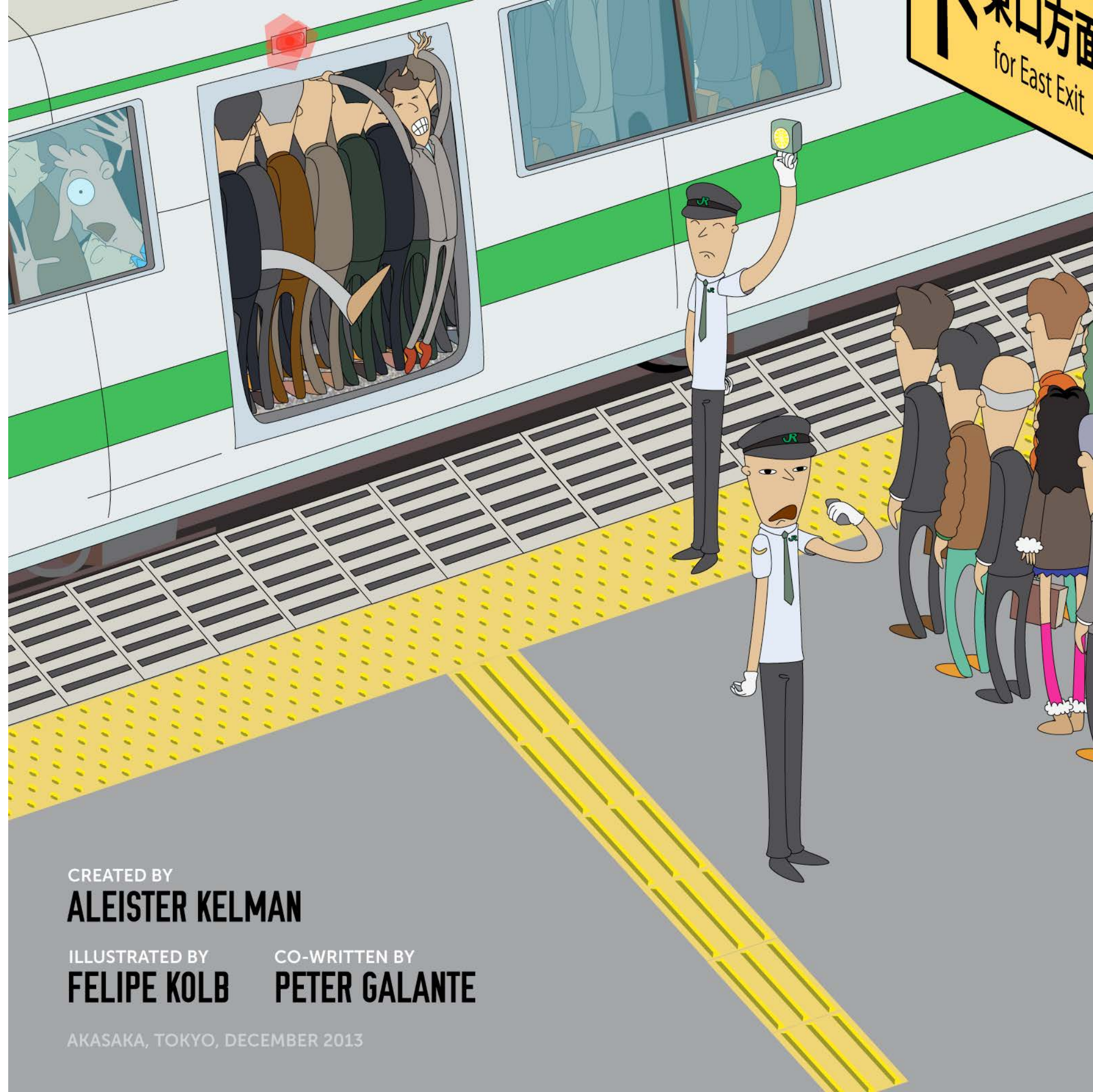
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Mum, where
is Dad today?

Dad's in a
place far
away.



A country in
East Asia, a
distant land.

Dad is in a
place called
Japan.



You can go
by boat, but
Dad took
a plane.

Japan's an
island, so you
can't go by
train.



The people of Japan are unique, in the things that they do and the way that they speak.

Did you know Japanese people bow when they meet?



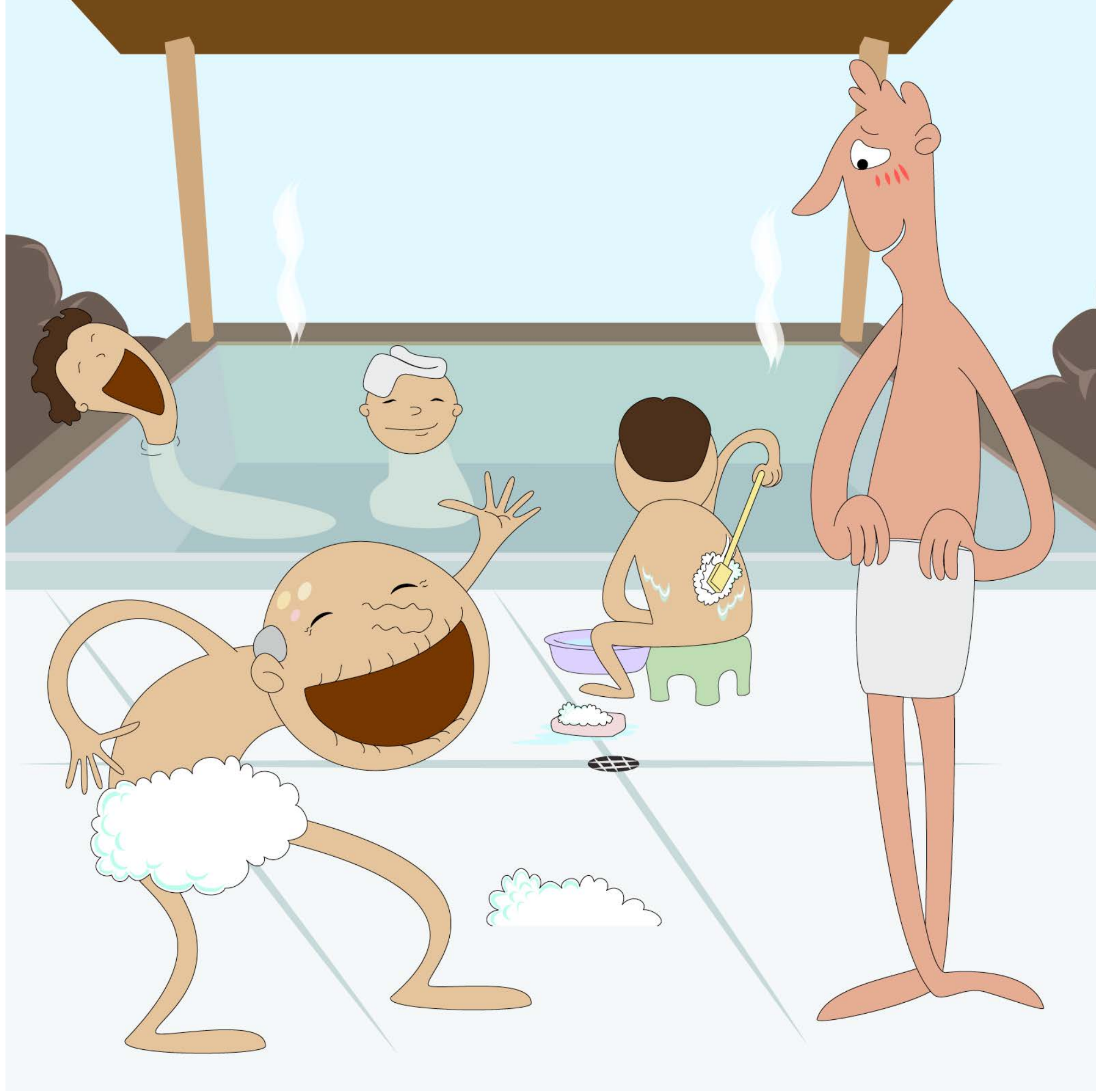
And when
going inside,
you take the
shoes off
your feet.



People eat with chopsticks, two small pieces of wood. It's no problem for Dad, as he's actually quite good.



But at the
public bath,
Dad would
wear shorts
if he could.





Tokyo's the capital,
an exciting but orderly place.

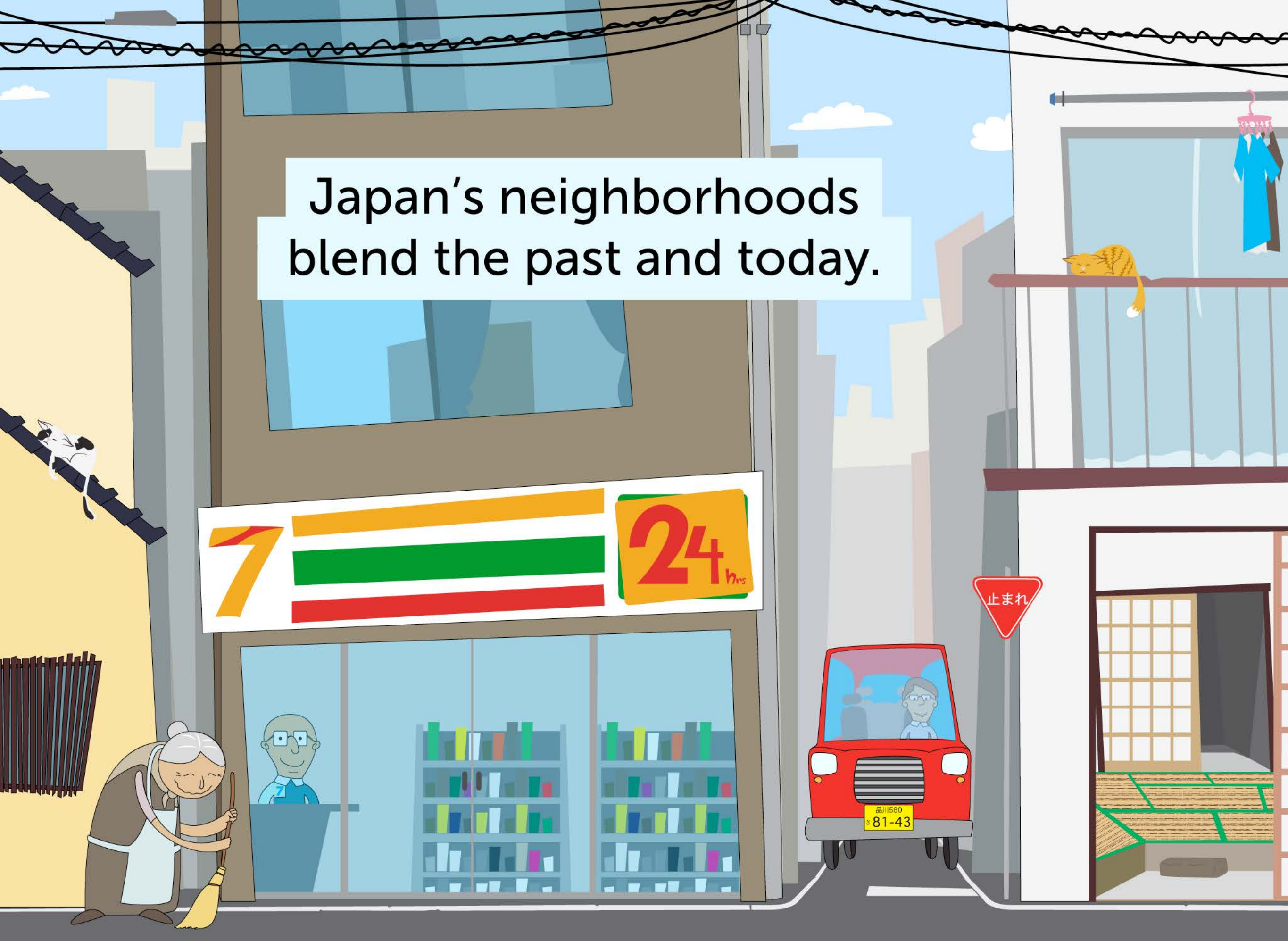


There are a lot of people
but not too much space.

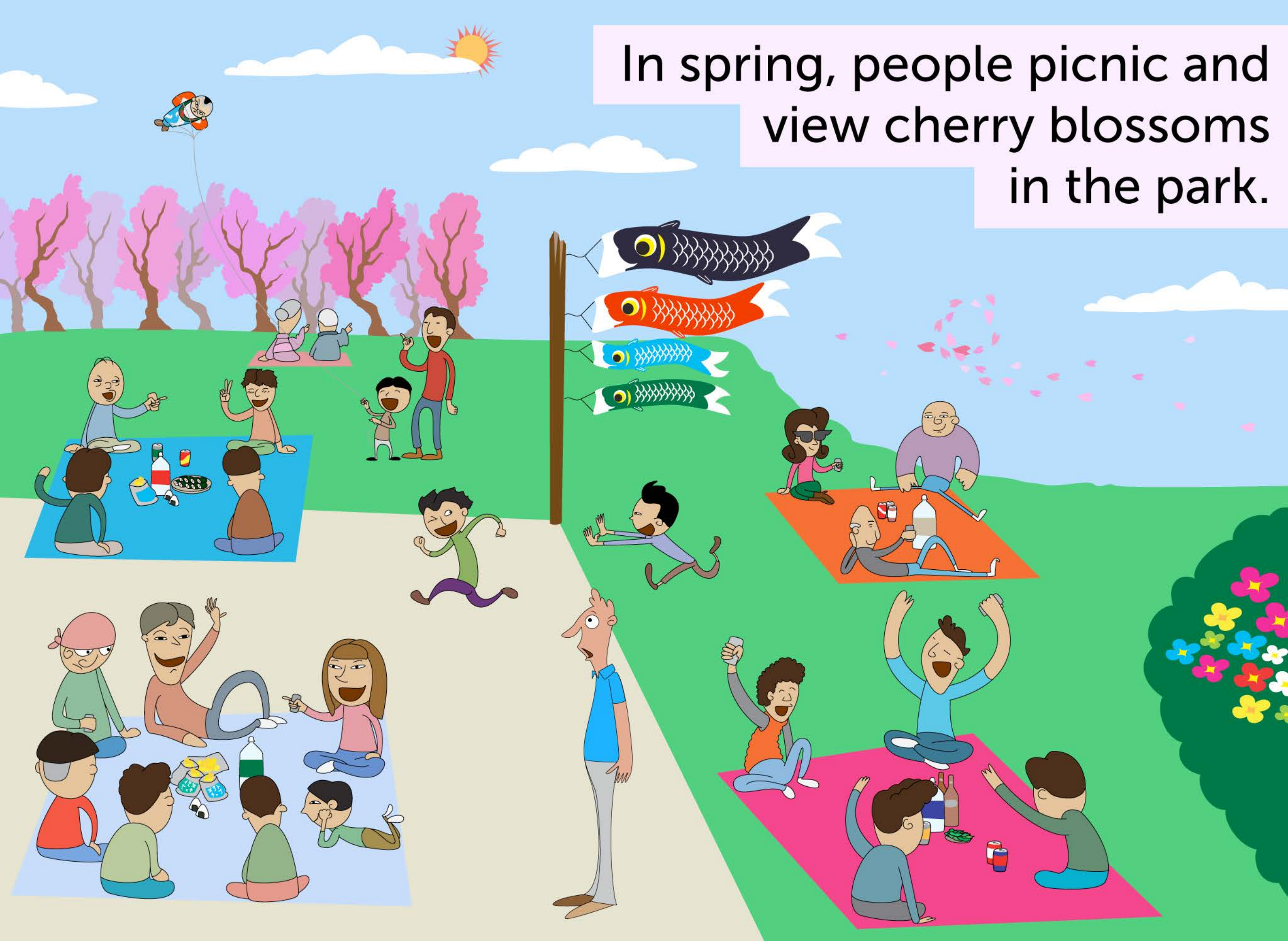


Old inside new, at city
shrines people pray.

Japan's neighborhoods
blend the past and today.



In spring, people picnic and
view cherry blossoms
in the park.



Summer days are hot, with
festivals and fireworks
when it gets dark.



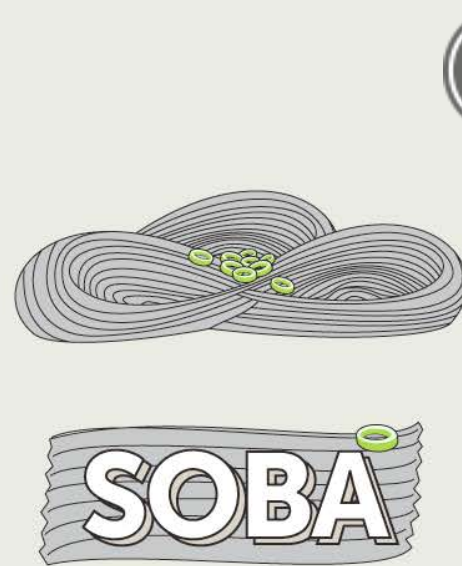
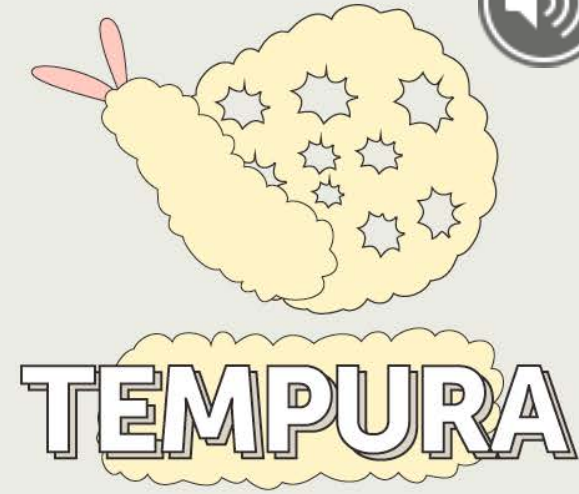
Autumn is cool, with colourful leaves, sports and play.



Winter brings snow and skiing, with a trip to the shrine New Year's Day.



The food is
delicious.
There is so
much to try.



Everything is
in Japanese,
so Dad
learned
enough to
get by.



Let's learn a few phrases to show Dad we care.

And make him smile while he is there.



Ohayō Gozaimasu

Good morning



Konnichiwa

Hello



Konbanwa

Good evening



A little
Japanese goes
a long way.
Let's be kind
and polite in
the things that
we say.



Arigatō gozaimasu

Thank you very much



Dōitashimashite

You're welcome

Now it's time
to say goodbye,
so let's give
Japanese one
more try.

We hope you
too will visit
one day, and
see all that Dad
has during
his stay.



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