

GAZETTE

H o l l y w o o d & W e s t w o o d

A decorative graphic featuring several watermelon slices and scattered seeds. The slices are in various sizes and orientations, some showing the red flesh and black seeds, others showing the green rind. The seeds are small black dots.

POPULAR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Watermelon smashing (suikawari) is a traditional summer game that is popular in Japan. The contestants are blindfolded and try to smash a watermelon with a stick, relying on the voices of those around them. It's like "piñata," and it's funny and enjoyable for the audience, too. My favorite spring and summer activities in Los Angeles include BBQ, hiking, scuba diving, and going to the beach. Because there's little rain and it's not cold in Los Angeles, I can enjoy these outdoor activities throughout the summer.

My favorite summer food is shaved ice (kakigori) because the shaved ice shops are only open in the summer.

My favorite summer song is "Water" by Tyla, who is a singer who was born in South Africa.

This song makes me feel the rhythm of her native country and makes me want to dance.

*By Reina*

POPULAR SUMMER ACTIVITIES



My favorite summer activity is going to the beach. Normally, I stroll along the sand on the beach, which is fun and makes me feel happy. In Los Angeles, my favorite activities are looking at flowers growing in nature and working. My favorite summer food is fruit salad. In July, Brazilians celebrate a party called “junina,” which is a special event and even Catholics party in the streets. My favorite summer song is “Garota de Ipanema,” by Antonio Jobim and, in America, it is called “The Girl from Ipanema.”

By Dulce

One of my favorite summer songs is “What Was I Made For?” sung by Billie Elish. I have such a good memory of this song because I first heard it when I went to a movie theater to see Barbie with my friend last summer in LA. At the time, I couldn’t really follow the story because I couldn’t understand English very well but it was the first time that I watched a movie in a theater in the US. So, whenever I listen to this song, I remember that time and it makes me happy. In Japan, Eurovision isn’t very well known and I’m not really familiar with it, but I will try to watch it in the future and listen to the national song entries. Do you have any recommendations for me?

By Izumi





POPULAR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

My favorite summer activity is riding a bicycle and going to the beach. It is a good time to enjoy the sun, friends, and drinks. The summer lasts for three months, and people tend to travel inside the country during this period. My country has three regions, and each area is different and amazing. Ecuador is beautiful. For fun, I go to the beach, where there are some fun activities to enjoy with my family or friends. The food is delicious and the sea and sun are incredible. I love it! The people are very friendly and enjoy dancing on the beach. During this fantastic season, people practice water sports such as surfing and swimming. My favorite spring activities in Los Angeles are having barbecues, beach activities, and visiting the city. Personally, I don't like winter, but spring is fascinating, which is why it is my favorite season in L.A. My favorite summer food is barbecue ribs with salad and some drinks, especially beer. I love it! In my country the independence day isn't in July, but instead, is in August on the 10th. On Independence Day, the people are free from work and enjoy their day with family, friends, and neighbors. People practice some sports or meet to cook something special like ceviche. My favorite summer song is "My Own Summer" by the Deftones. I like rock music, especially "Nu Metal." This song is from my favorite band and I like it because it reminds me of good moments with my friends in high school.

By Javier



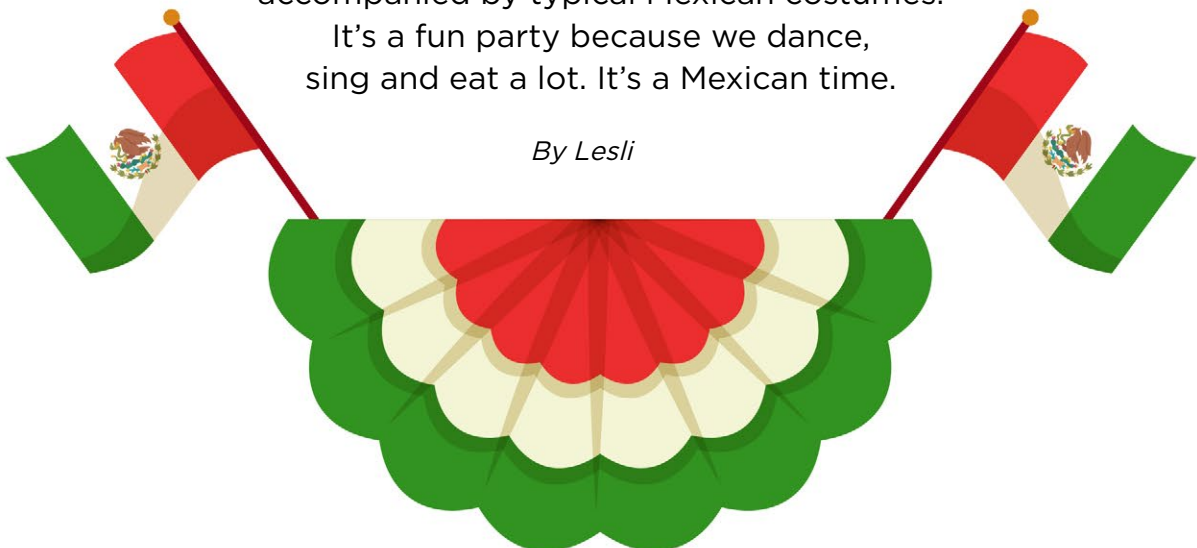
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In Mexico, every year we have a large event on the beach where we play outdoor games and enjoy incredible music accompanied by the sound of the waves from the sea at night. This event lasts four days and I have many cherished memories of previous events from my childhood. I don't really have any favorite summer songs because, normally, we Mexicans listen to salsa and cumbia every day. Now that I'm in Los Angeles, I honestly don't go to the beach in the summer because it's always too cold, but this year is different because my family and I are planning to go camping. It's my first time and I'm very excited. Another one of the fun things we do in Mexico is celebrate our independence day, which is called Mexican Independence Day and is on September 16th. We have a big party where we cook a lot of Mexican dishes called "antojitos" (like tlayudas, quesadillas, tacos, etc.). Also, we enjoy beautiful folk music accompanied by typical Mexican costumes.

It's a fun party because we dance,
sing and eat a lot. It's a Mexican time.

By Lesli



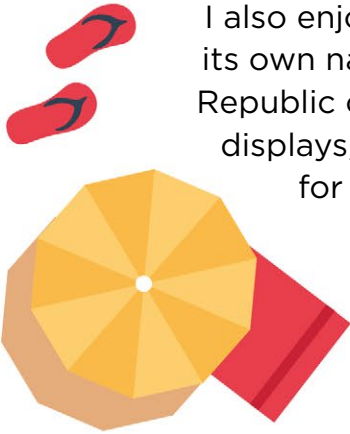


POPULAR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

In China, my favorite summer activities are trying out delicious dishes of street food at the night markets, and attending traditional festivals with my friends. The reason why I enjoy these activities so much is because they are a great way to immerse myself in the local culture and I can enjoy them with family or friends. In Los Angeles, my favorite summer activity is to go to the beach and soak up the sun at iconic spots like Malibu, and go for a hike in the nearby mountains—because the weather here is good during

the summer months. My favorite summer food is watermelon, but I also enjoy gelato from the Salt and Straw shops. China does have its own national holiday, which is the National Day of the People's Republic of China. It's on October 1st each year, and we have fireworks displays, and cultural performances on TV. Since this holiday lasts for seven days, many people also take the opportunity to travel.

My favorite summer song is "Summertime" by Beyoncé featuring P. Diddy. I enjoy this song because the rhythm makes me happy every time I hear it when I'm driving in my car through Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, or especially Malibu.



By Lin

In my country we go to some lake or sea, cook food on a fire, go swimming, and go camping. I like to play volleyball, go to the pool or walk to a park and chill there, ride a bike or go rollerskating. In Los Angeles, I like to do the same summer activities as in Russia, but one thing I really enjoy here is hiking because we don't really have a lot of hills for this in Russia. I love seafood and I love going to restaurants close to the ocean, with beautiful views. In Russia, our day of independence is the 12th of June. The center of the cities become very beautiful with many decorations, and there are many concerts with famous singers. My favorite summer song is "Summertime Sadness" by Lana del Ray because the tune is beautiful.



By Kate

POPULAR SUMMER ACTIVITIES



My favorite summer activity in my country is attending summer festivals. I usually find food and game stands, and many people wear a casual kimono called a “yukata.” Some types of summer festivals involve bon-odori, which is a traditional type of folk dance in my country. My favorite spring or summer activity in Los Angeles is eating barbecue because I love drinking outside. In Japan, my favorite summer food is kakigori, which is basically a dessert made of shaved ice, and then topped with different flavored syrups. I really enjoy this dessert because it’s so refreshing and perfect for beating the heat. In my country, February 11th is a national holiday called National Foundation Day and it’s similar to the Fourth of July, but really, it’s nothing special. My favorite summer song is “I Gotta Feeling” performed by the Black Eyed Peas. Whenever I hear this tune, I get excited.

By Yuka

My favorite summer activities in my country are going to night festivals and seeing fireworks. I eat street foods like takoyaki or yakisoba at night festivals because there are many stalls. They are so delicious. In addition, Japanese fireworks are so beautiful, so I go to night festivals every summer. In Los Angeles, my favorite spring activity is hiking. I like hiking here because I like exercise and feel good. My favorite summer food is watermelon because it is sweet. I like eating fruits which are seasonal. My favorite summer song is “Cruel Summer,” which is sung by Taylor Swift because I like Taylor Swift and the song’s sound.

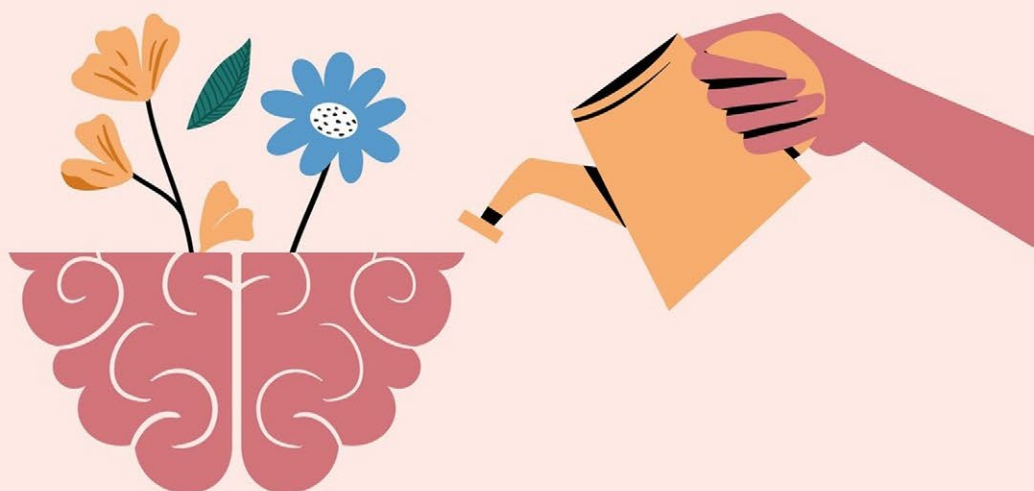
By Naoto



MY DREAM JOB

My dream job is to become a psychologist because mental health is just as important as physical health. In Western countries, it's common for people to go to see a psychologist when they have some mental problems. However, in Eastern countries, sometimes it can be shameful for people to talk about their mental issues to other people. They think it's private and shouldn't be shared with anyone, even a medical professional. Indeed, solving mental problems and maintaining good mental health can make our lives better. Firstly, psychological counseling must be provided in schools. In the Chinese education system, students are highly competitive and experience a lot of daily pressure. Every year, there are cases of students self harming and committing suicide. If they get timely psychological help, these tragedies can be avoided. Secondly, make regular psychological counseling available to employees. There was a news story about the Apple contractor Foxconn in China which has set up protective nets outside its employee dormitory buildings to prevent its employees from jumping off the buildings to commit suicide. It's insane to hear that. And so many other companies have the same problem. Therefore, employees deserve to get free psychological counseling services to reduce their mental problems. Last but not least, bring psychological counseling into communities and families. By promoting the importance of mental health in the communities, people can gradually reduce their burdens and can realize that seeing a psychologist is as normal as a regular physical check-up, and it will assist people in building good interpersonal relationships. To sum up, psychologists can help people devote themselves to work, to studying, and to enjoying their lives with a better mental state. Thus providing people with a higher quality of life and forming a more harmonious and stable society. I love my dream job.

By Ying





YUKA M.'S DREAM JOB

My dream job is to become a flamenco dancer. For five years, I've trained and danced flamenco, which makes me excited and happy. One of the most important benefits is if I were a professional flamenco dancer, I would be able to exercise every day and be healthy.

Another benefit is that I could dance and work anywhere in the world, one day in Spain, another day in Japan, etc. Finally, if I had more time to practice, I would be a professional flamenco dancer.

By Yuka

KAZUYA'S DREAM JOB

My dream job is to be an entrepreneur, but, actually, it is better to say I want to be a community owner. I have a role model whom I respect and she is the CEO of a company which produces fashionable products like leather bags, jewelry, and clothes made from developing countries. This business is involved in not only making and selling the products, but also creating job opportunities in developing countries and sharing the great arts, cultures, and products of these developing economies. Because her business makes a lot of benefits for the world, there are many fans of the company, almost like a community. Unfortunately, she probably doesn't earn a great deal of money from the business, but I think she receives some priceless experiences. Now my passion is in the sports industry. I think sports have the possibility to make the world more interesting and make people healthier. Therefore, I would like to be a sports community owner.



By Kazuya

REINA'S DREAM JOB

When I was a kid, being a pastry chef was my dream job. But right now, my dream job is to be an investor. An investor invests their assets in various financial products and makes a living from trading profits and dividends. The financial products they invest in are varied, including stocks, bonds, real estate, investment trusts, FX, and virtual currencies. There are four main benefits. The first is that you are not bound by time or place. As long as you have a computer and internet access, you can invest anywhere. The second is that there are no restrictions based on age or illness. Even people who become ill or are at an age where it is difficult to change jobs can start investing right away, and they can continue investing even after retirement. The third is that you can increase your assets through the compound interest effects. By investing the profits you earn from investments, your principal will continue to increase and the returns you receive will be larger. Finally, In Japan, you can receive tax benefits. For example, with stock investments, the tax you pay is constant regardless of how much profit you make. However, Bitcoin is not considered a financial product in Japan, so it cannot receive tax benefits. There are two main disadvantages. First, your income is unstable. Not only will you not be able to earn a living by investing, but there is also a possibility that your assets will decrease. Second, it is difficult for investors to gain credibility. There is a possibility that you will fail the income screening when renting a house or apartment or taking out a loan. According to the Japan Securities Dealers Association, the average annual income of individual investors is 4.39 million yen (\$28,535), with 67.7% of individual investors earning less than 5 million yen. The average annual income has increased slightly by 140,000 yen (\$910) from 2007. In the current environment, this dream job has more benefits than disadvantages, and I can contribute to society through investment. However, it is not popular in Japan because many people consider investing to be gambling and it is not trusted.



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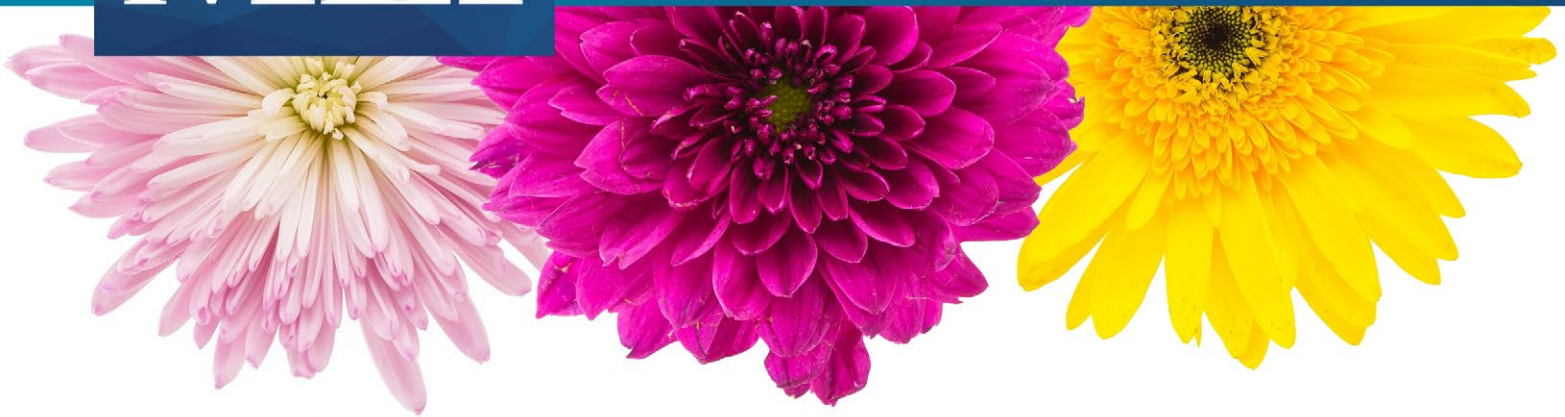
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By Reina



GLORIA'S DREAM JOB

My dream job is to be a flower photographer around the world and take snapshots of various types of flowers in bloom in each country and discover their roots, names, colors, and histories. The best benefits are having freedom and enjoying my hobbies of photography and flowers. Since I have worked all of my life to earn money, now I want to do something that I enjoy and have a true passion for. Actually, my city, Medellin, is called “eternal spring” and we celebrate the flowers in the fall each year and amateur and professional photographers take their pictures.

By Gloria

IZUMI'S DREAM JOB

First of all, I respect all workers because we need every occupation in our lives, but I'm really interested in becoming a good grandmother! I always respected my grandmother because she was so nice and enjoyed her life. I loved to spend time with her. She worked a lot for her family her whole life and that was her true happiness. Now I'm trying to be like her, remembering her now ... But my grandmother would tell me that I would need to be a mother and wife first! So, I need to become those before ever dreaming of becoming a grandmother. Mothers raise their children with so much love, humor, and respect. And they protect their kids from danger and from making bad choices. That means they believe in their kids completely so their kids can live responsibly and happily. When I imagine the best mothers, I have two role models, my mother and of course, my grandma.



By Izumi

LESLIE'S DREAM JOB

My dream job is to become a businesswoman like a digital marketer as I can do my job anywhere in the world since my tools are simply a phone/laptop and the internet. The internet is advancing every day, so this job has become one of the most popular in the world. First, digital marketing has grown because people buy more on the internet because it is a faster way to acquire something. Second, the money you generate during a month depends on the amount of work you perform and another bonus is that you don't have a boss. I would like to share my business knowledge with people to help them in the USA. Reading a book I found a phrase that says "if you help enough people to reach your next highest level then you will automatically end up at your next highest level too."



By Leslie

LIN'S DREAM JOB

Actually, I have two dream jobs, one is being a gourmet. Since I was a little girl, I have had a dream to taste delicious food from all over the world. As a foodie, I could explore diverse culinary cultures, experimenting with flavors, and sharing my passion through blogging and vlogging. Since I like to take good photos of food too, I might immerse myself in food photography. Nowadays, in the era of self-media, as far as I know, the profession of a foodie doesn't have a salary. It mainly depends on collaborations with businesses. My other dream job is to be a fashion designer for women's clothing, because I always have quick, creative ideas, and I really want to implement them right away. However, I don't know how to sketch or tailor yet, and there are so many things to learn, including design, researching fabrics, and pricing, etc. Anyway, I have to learn English well first, because I want to realize my dreams in America! Wish me luck!



By Lin

YUKA'S DREAM JOB

My dream job is insurance sales, which is what I actually do for work. In my position, I'm able to meet the presidents and managers of different companies and hear different stories from customers, colleagues, and other business people. I appreciate that I always get a base salary which is enough money for me to live on. However, if I have a good sales performance for a quarter, I can earn more. When unexpected events happen to my customers, the insurance my company provides can protect them. For this reason, I think it is a good and popular job.

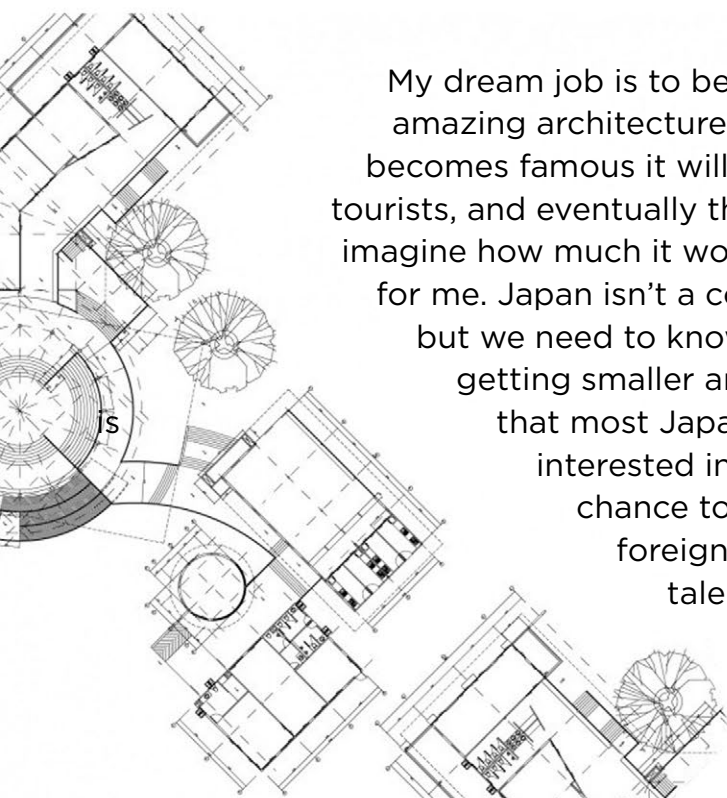
By Yuka



MANAMI'S DREAM JOB

My dream job is to be the greatest architect in the world and build amazing architecture in Japan for foreigners. If my architecture becomes famous it will make Japan better because it'll attract many tourists, and eventually that will be my final achievement. Actually, I can't imagine how much it would cost specifically because it's a huge dream for me. Japan isn't a cosmopolitan country compared to others, but we need to know about other countries because the world is getting smaller and more global in perspective. The problem that most Japanese people don't want to go abroad or aren't interested in going to other countries. So, we don't have a chance to form relationships with people, cultures and foreign countries. Consequently, I'd like to use my talent as an architect to help facilitate that.

By Manami



MARLENA'S DREAM JOB

My dream job is to open my own company which will allow me to help many people fulfill their dreams or help organize their lives. I love helping and directing people, so running my own business is, in my opinion, an option that will help me earn good money and provide me with many benefits. These days more and more creative and brave individuals decide to run their own businesses and reject performing duties for their employers in favor of individual success in their own startups. Most dream jobs are attractive to us because they require skills we already have or even use for fun. To find your dream job, you need to take a hard look at your interests and strengths, and then look for careers or positions that intersect with them. Once you find a job or field that potentially suits your dreams, reach out to people working in that industry and ask them about their daily responsibilities and workload. There's nothing worse than investing a lot of time and money into getting your dream job and then discovering that the reality is significantly different from your expectations. Good luck to me and you!

By Marlena

