

Lesson 5 Worksheet for the Pros and Cons Discussion

Theme: Japan has to support developing countries more actively.

Step 1 Write your opinions.

Opinions for Pros [賛成意見]

Ex. There are still nearly one billion people who are suffering from poverty in developing countries. As a member of the international community, Japan has to help to support these people.

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<Vocabulary Hints>

poverty 貧困 import ~を輸入する a variety of さまざまな~

make a strong tie with ~と絆を強める

have a responsibility to do ~する責任がある

provide funds 資金を提供する build infrastructure インフラを建設する

Step 2 Ask the Cons Team for their opinions.

*the Cons Team 反対チーム

Example Question to Start the Discussion



the Pros Team

Could you tell us your opposite views to the opinion that Japan has to support developing countries more actively?

The government should use money to support people who are suffering in Japan rather than those in other countries.



the Cons Team

Write down the Cons Team's opinions.

Ex. The government should use money to support people who are suffering in Japan rather than those in other countries.

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Step 3 Refute the Cons Team's points.

*refute ～に反論する

List facts and opinions that can be used to refute the Cons Team's points.

Ex. As Japan belongs to the international community, we have to support not only people who are suffering in Japan but also people who are suffering in developing countries.

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Example Responses to Start the Refutation

*refutation 反論



It sounds correct, but as Japan belongs to the international society, we have to support not only people who are suffering in Japan but also people who are suffering in developing countries.

<Expression Hints>

It sounds correct, but ... それは正しく思えますが、...

It may be true in a sense, but ... それはある意味では正しいですが、...

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<Vocabulary Hints>

suffer 苦しむ provide funds 資金を提供する fairly 公正に
 check ~を確認する how money is spent どのようにお金が使われているか
 cultural conflict 文化的衝突

Step 2 Ask the Pros Team for their opinions.

*the Pros Team 賛成チーム

Example Question to Start the Discussion



the Cons Team

Could you tell us your supporting views to the opinion that Japan should support developing countries more actively?

There are still nearly one billion people who are suffering from poverty in developing countries. As a member of the international community, Japan has to help to support these people.



the Pros Team

Write down the Pros Team's opinions.

Ex. There are still nearly one billion people who are suffering from poverty in developing countries. As a member of the international community, Japan has to help to support these people.

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Step 3 Refute the Pros Team's points.

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List facts and opinions that can be used to refute the Pros Team's points.

Ex. It is difficult to support all the people who are suffering from poverty. Since money is limited, Japan does not need to give more money.

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Example Responses to Start the Refutation

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the Cons Team

It sounds correct, but it is difficult to support all the people who are suffering from poverty. Since money is limited, Japan does not need to give more money.

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