

Rural and Urban Japan



Teacher Instructions

1. Print these cards onto A4 paper. You will need multiple sets, depending on the size of your class and your planned activity.
2. Cut each page in half to separate the two sections (one for each image).
3. Give a set of the cards to each group. The recommended group size to share one set of cards is 4 students. Groups can sort the cards into rural versus urban and/or use them as prompts for the other activities.



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Fun Fact: Traditional Japanese homes have tatami mats, made from straw, which cover the floor.





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Fun Fact: Bullet trains are called shinkansen in Japan. They can travel up to 199mph!

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Fun Fact: Tall buildings and skyscrapers in Japan are specially designed so they are safe during earthquakes.

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Fun Fact: Convenience stores are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.





Fun Fact: Shrines are a Shinto place of worship. Shinto is Japan's very own religion.

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Fun Fact: This is Izumo Grand Shrine, it is one of the oldest and most important shrines in Japan.

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Fun Fact: The plant growing behind these vending machines is bamboo!



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Fun Fact: Japanese children eat lunch in their classroom. Students take it in turns to serve lunch to their classmates.



Fun Fact: Japanese children clean their schools. Each student is assigned a space to clean.

Fun Fact: The water in hot springs (onsen in Japanese), is naturally hot from the ground! Bathing in hot springs is very relaxing.



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Fun Fact: This restaurant specialises in noodle dishes. The sign to the left of the door means noodle.



Fun Fact: Mos Burger is a fast food restaurant in Japan. The menu includes a teriyaki burger and buns made of rice instead of bread.