

### PROGRESS TEST 1



K = Kim      S = Sam

- K Hey, Sam! Welcome back from your trip!  
How was Tokyo?
- S It was incredible, Kim. My parents and I loved it.  
We went to two spring festivals there.
- K Oh, that's right! You can see trees with beautiful  
pink flowers on them. Which festivals did you  
go to?
- S One festival was in a neighborhood called  
Nakameguro, and the other one was in a park  
called Ueno. That's U-E-N-O. Those are two of  
the most famous festivals in Tokyo.
- K Wow! What were they like?
- S Well ... the trees and flowers were beautiful.  
The atmosphere was calm, but also lively.  
And there was delicious street food!
- K Mmm! I love street food. What did you have?
- S I had sushi. Sushi was my favorite! But I liked  
some rice cakes and cookies, too.
- K Yummy! So which festival was your favorite?
- S Hmm ... I think I liked Ueno Park more.  
The weather wasn't as cold as in Nakameguro.  
But both festivals were wonderful!

### PROGRESS TEST 2



A = Alex      S = Sandra

- A Hi, Sandra.
- S Hi, Alex.
- A What are you reading?
- S I'm reading a book about a type of mural.  
The murals are called ghost signs.
- A Ghost signs?
- S Yeah. Ghost signs are old advertisements on  
the sides of buildings. Sixty years ago or more,  
people painted signs by hand. They were  
usually names of products, like bread or milk.  
Not many of these ads had pictures.
- A Interesting! Hey, why are they called ghost  
signs?
- S I guess it's because they're from the past. Also,  
some of the products probably don't exist now.

- A It makes sense. Look, I like this ghost sign here.  
Where is it? It looks really old.
- S This sign is in a small city in the United States.
- A I see. Hmm ... I can't read the ad well. Is it for  
a restaurant?
- S Hmm ... No, it doesn't advertise a restaurant.  
It advertises a furniture store, I think.

### MID-YEAR TEST



J = James      M = Marie

- J Hi, Marie!
- M Oh. Hi, James!
- J Hey, I have a question. Do you know anything  
about Burning Man?
- M Burning Man? No.
- J It's a festival in the United States, out in  
the desert.
- M Is it an old, traditional festival or something?
- J No, it began in the nineteen eighties.
- M That's different. Most festivals have really old,  
traditional origins. What is Burning Man, then?
- J Every year, people build a city in an empty  
place in the desert.
- M They build a city?
- J Yep! It's crazy. And they build a giant figure of  
a man. Now, on the last night of the festival,  
they set the figure on fire!
- M Oh! I understand now. That's why it's called  
Burning Man. So what does it celebrate?
- J Each year has a different theme, but Burning  
Man is mostly about art and community. It's  
really popular now, with thousands of people.  
A lot of celebrities go, too.
- M Hmm. Is it expensive?
- J Yeah, some tickets are more than a thousand  
dollars!

## PROGRESS TEST 3



2.04

**P = Presenter      W = William**

- P** Good morning, everyone, and welcome to *The Community Speaks*! Today we're talking to William Jones, a nurse from a local hospital. Welcome, William!
- W** Good morning! Hello, everyone!
- P** William, what qualities do you need to be a successful nurse?
- W** Hmm. In my opinion, a good nurse is reliable. Nurses work at all times of the day and night. We cannot make mistakes, even when we have too many things to do.
- P** That can be difficult sometimes. And you need to be helpful and kind, right?
- W** Yes. I always try to be friendly, and cheerful!
- P** That's great! So how do you know that you're suitable for this profession?
- W** Well, you need to have those qualities. You need to like helping people. And there aren't enough nurses, so it's a great profession to study. It's also a flexible profession. Some nurses work in hospitals. Other nurses help people in their homes.
- P** Thank you so much for being on the show today, William.
- W** Thank you for having me!

## PROGRESS TEST 4



2.05

**H = Henry      E = Elizabeth**

- H** Hey, Elizabeth. Are you busy right now?
- E** Hi, Henry! No, not really busy. I'm at my brother's soccer game. It just finished. What's up?
- H** I'm having a birthday party on Friday. Would you like to come?
- E** Sure! I'd love to. I didn't know your birthday is on Friday.
- H** It's not. It's my little sister's birthday, but I think I'll need some help. All her friends – about fifteen kids – will be there!
- E** Oh! I can still go.
- H** Great! We're making sandwiches and my mom is buying a big chocolate cake – my sister's favorite!

- E** Sounds good! Would you like me to bring anything? I have some party games that we used for my brother's birthday.
- H** No, thank you. We have everything ready.
- E** What time do I need to be there?
- H** Friday at 4, and the party starts at 5:30.
- E** Great! I need to go. I'll talk to you later!
- H** OK, bye!

## END-OF-YEAR TEST



2.06

**M = Matt      A = Ava**

- M** Hey, Ava. Look at this! This woman has a video channel about her cat, Suzie. Her cat can communicate with her!
- A** Hmm. Are they real videos, Matt? I don't believe it.
- M** Yes, they're real! Would you like to watch one? I'm sending the link now. Look. There are different buttons on the floor. When the cat presses a button, the button says a word. You see?
- A** I see! The cat presses the button that says, "play." Then the woman knows that the cat wants to play!
- M** Exactly!
- A** Cool! What do the other buttons say? Are there any buttons for "go out" or "sleep," or maybe "help"?
- M** Hmm. No, there aren't. But there's a button that says "food," and a button that says "Mom." The cat uses that button to call the woman.
- A** Oh, that's cute! Do you think my dog Cookie can learn to communicate like that?
- M** You can try. I think it will be a lot of work with a dog!
- A** You're right. Cookie's very impatient, but I'll buy those buttons. You never know!