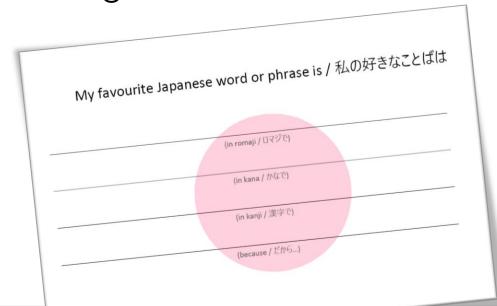




In 2019, besides the traditional wishes captured on tanzaku短冊 hung on bamboo, the organisers invited students of Japanese from Victoria University of Wellington and exchange students from Meiji Gakuin University to share their favourite Japanese words and phrases with each other on a 'virtual bamboo' on the Language Learning Centre noticeboard...





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1	omotenashi	おもてなし	表なし	Literally おもと (side,front)+ なし =ない	そして、誠実なsincere イメジがあるので、面 白いと思う。英語で: hospitality,のでー> sincere hospitality.
2	mada mada da ne	まだまだだね	n/a		xxヨーマの口癖だか ら笑
3	tomodachi	ともだち	友達	friend	Reminds me of the word tamagotchi
4	daijoubu	だいじょうぶ	大丈夫		understated
5	soo desu	そうです			A good response
6	egao	えがお	笑顔	smile	笑顔が一番だから

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7	gengo	げんご	言語	language	どんな国の人でも 用いる 複雑な制度。だからです。 各人にとっては、大事なこと でしょう?
8	otsukaresama	おつかれさま	お疲れ様		It is said after a hard day at work/after something that took effort.
9 + 15	yare yare daze	やれやれだぜ			だから、アニメのJOJOが 大好きです。I love it
10	desu	です			It just is
11	suisenjou	すいせんじょう	推薦状	Letter of invitation/r eference	この言葉の漢字が面白い

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12	shinrinyoku	しんりんよく	森林浴	Forest bathing	Spending time in the forest is so relaxing and rejuvenating. In fact scientists say it can reduce stress levels and blood pressure, strengthen the cardiovascular system, improve immunity, concentration, and help boost your energy, mood, and creativity
13	hesokuri	へそくり	臍繰り	Secret savings or 'stash'	Because we all need to have some money available to us that is hidden even from our nearest & dearest – to spend on something without the need to explain!
14	sasuga OR mondainai	さすが、もん だいない	問題な い		Easy way to sum up a person's character, not an easy equivalent in English, shows understanding of someone/something – similar feeling when said in English, can convey my character + personality similarly



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16	jinsei wa purasu mainasu zero	じんせいはぷ らすまいなす ぜろ	人生はプラ スマイナス ゼロ。		You may have bad time but you also have good time!
17	Narita rikon	なりたりこん	成田離婚	"Narita divorce"	Because it's humorous – it suggests that sometimes spending the honeymoon together is enough to realize that the marriage is not going to work out – so the couple gets divorced as soon as they land at Narita Airport
18	komorebi	こもれび	木漏れ日	Sunlight filtering through trees	Very poetic
19	tsujigiri	つじぎり	辻斬り	killing a passerby in order to test a new sword	Very samurai-esque

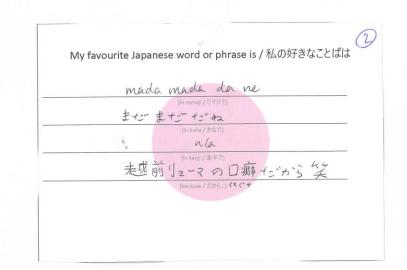


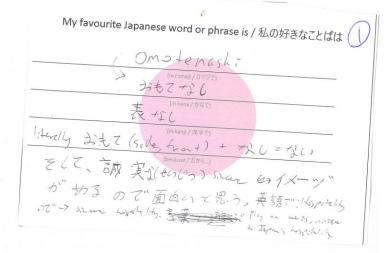
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20	shichimench ou	しちめん ちょう	七面鳥	turkey	Strange literal meaning, "seven face bird"
21	waku waku suru	わくわくする		to get excited or thrilled	It's exciting
22	Hahaha haha	ははははは	母ははは	My mother is laughing	I made it up, and it's funny!
23	dekichatta kekkon	できちゃっ たけっこん		Shotgun wedding (oops-we-did- it-marriage, implying an unintended pregnancy)	面白いです. It's interesting
24	warau	わらう	笑う	To laugh	I like to laugh!



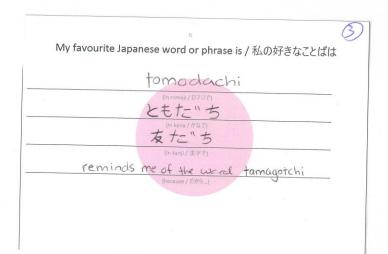
Favourite words challenge

The organisers are brainstorming ways to 'recycle' these favourite words in a creative way in 2020 by incorporating them into a student challenge – so watch this space お楽しみに!



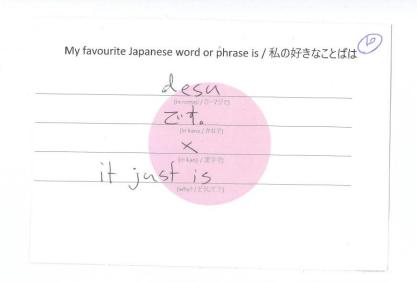


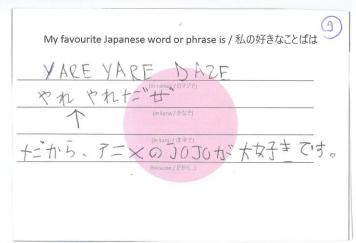
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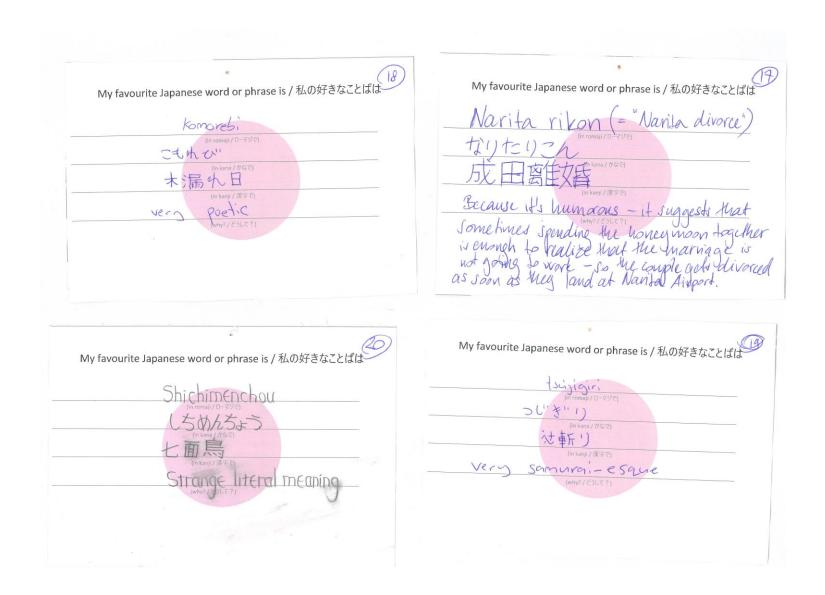
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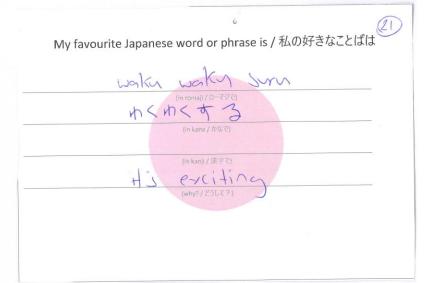
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