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1 Generation gap

Relationships between young people and adults

Bridging the generation gap

2 The media

Advertising in the media

The role of the media in everyday life

3 Education

The ideal school curriculum

The role of language learning

4 The developing world

Daily life in developing countries

The attitude of the developed world towards the developing world

5 Cultural life/heritage

The preservation of national culture

Characteristics of Japan's national culture/heritage

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