

## Short Reading

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1            What is the color of the sun? Japanese children use a red \*crayon when they draw the sun, because  
 2 Japanese think it is red. But American children use yellow because Americans think it is yellow. How about a  
 3 rainbow? How many colors does it have? Many Japanese children will say, "Seven." But people from other  
 4 countries may say, "Six." There are some people who will say, "Three." People might see the same things, but  
 5 they don't always see them in the same way.

6            There are some differences in customs, too. In most countries, when they see a cute child, they touch his or  
 7 her head gently. But in India, if you do it, the parents will get very angry. It means the child is not clever or  
 8 wise. In Spain, children don't look at the eyes of older people when they are speaking to them. By doing this  
 9 they try to show respect to older people. But things are different in France or in the United States. In these  
 10 countries, they should keep good \*eye contact when they are talking to someone. For this reason, Spanish  
 11 people sometimes feel uncomfortable when they talk with people from these countries. Smiling sometimes has  
 12 different meanings, too. American people usually smile when they are happy, but Japanese sometimes smile  
 13 even when they don't know what to say or what to do. American people don't understand such smiles at all.

14           There are also some differences in manners. For example, when you are invited to dinner in Japan, it is  
 15 better to eat all the food on the dish. But in China, it is not good manners to eat all of it. It means that it is not  
 16 enough and you want to eat more. In Japan, people hold their \*rice-bowls in their hand when they eat rice, but  
 17 in Korea holding it is not good manners.

18           These days, many people go to foreign countries and many foreign people come to Japan. We have a lot of  
 19 chances to meet people from all over the world. When we see people with different customs, we should not  
 20 think their customs are strange. We can't tell which is better. Each custom has its own history. We should try  
 21 to understand that people are different from each other and also we should try to learn to respect each other.  
 22 This is the best way to forming international understanding and mutual respect.

crayon クレヨン    eye contact 目を合わせること    rice-bowl 茶碗

Question: 次の1~5の中で本文の内容と合っているものには○を、誤っているものには×をつけなさい。

1. The color of crayon children use to draw the sun differs from individual to individual.
2. Many Japanese children are most gifted with artificial talents because they can recognize more colors in the rainbow than any other children from foreign countries.
3. If you touch a child on the head gently in India, his or her parents will get angry to you.
4. In Spain, children don't make an eye contact with older people in talking with them because they are afraid of adults.
5. Japanese people smile not only when they are happy but also when they don't know what to say or do.

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