

What we Learned at IU-Connect Cafe Today

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応答

Today's question was "What do you like and dislike about your hometown?"

First, what is the meaning of the word "hometown" :

- Where you have memories and connections
- Where you grew up
- The sensations that make you feel comfortable

Where are people from?

- Koenji
- San Francisco
- Boston
- Toyama
- Enoshima

What do you like or don't like about your hometown?

- I love the nice people in Koenji
- I don't like all the homeless people in San Francisco.
- I love the history in Boston
- I miss the ocean smell in Enoshima

Another question came up in discussion today: "What makes you nostalgic more than anything else?"

- Skittles: they remind me of my time in the USA.
- Photos from my childhood.
- Anime and Music.
- Sailor moon
- Reunion parties
- When I see my nephew's face
- When I see children walk around.

単語

English	Explanation	Example
Transient	Moving around, not having a local place	Tokyo is a transient place, everyone is from somewhere else.
Literal	The direct meaning of something	The song "puff the magic dragon" is literally about a drag named Puff

English	Explanation	Example
Euphemism	A nicer word or phrase used to refer to an uncomfortable topic	"Puff the magic dragon" is a euphemism for marijuana
Social group	Similar to the word 族 in Japanese	Everyone belongs to a specific social group
Shallow	When used with people, means people who do not care about deeper things.	She is so shallow, she just cares about looking pretty
"What's eating you?"	"What's bothering you?"	Hey, are you ok? What's eating you?
Swindle	To cheat someone out of money	I was swindled and lost \$100.
Catalyst	きっかけ	Anime was the catalyst for me to learn Japanese
Deal with it	我慢する	I hate going to work, but I just have to deal with it.
"Be in the wrong place at the wrong time"	Used before telling about something bad that happened to someone	I was in the wrong place at the wrong time, and almost got run over by a car.
Sketchy	怪しい	That guy is so sketchy. He's looking at me weird.
Comfortable in (one's) own skin	To be confident and be happy with who oneself is, not wishing to be different.	I used to think I was ugly, but now I'm comfortable in my own skin.

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Puff The Magic Dragon	It is a children's song. The literal meaning of the song about a dragon named puff.	The figurative meaning is that it is about marijuana.

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Social Groups	There are many social groups in Japan, like ギャル, ロリータ	In America, an interesting social group is called hipster .
Urban areas vs. Suburbs	Urban areas tend to be transient	Suburban, rural areas tend to be more local

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