

Comparing British and Japanese work culture

Have you ever worked with people from another country? (Yes, I have. I worked with...)

Vocabulary Match

1. overtime 2. initiative 3. independently 4. commitment 5. balance 6. efficiency

___ action ___ alone ___ extra work ___ harmony ___ quickness ___ dedication

Conversation

Yuki and Emma discuss the differences between British and Japanese work cultures, focusing on work-life balance, teamwork, and meeting styles.

Yuki: Hi, Emma. I've been reading about British work culture. How does it compare to Japan?

Emma: Hi, Yuki. Well, in the UK, having a good work-life ___ is important. People usually leave work on time.

Yuki: That sounds nice. In Japan, many people do long hours. It's quite normal to stay late to show ___.

Emma: Yes, I've heard that. In the UK, ___ isn't so common. People really value their personal time.

Yuki: I see. In Japan, teamwork matters a lot. We usually make decisions together.

Emma: That's interesting. In the UK, people are encouraged to take ____. A lot of work is done ____.

Yuki: That's quite different. Do British companies have as many meetings as we do in Japan?

Emma: We have meetings too, but they're usually shorter. ___ helps keep things balanced.

Quiz

1. What is important in British work culture?
2. How do Japanese people show commitment at work?
3. What do British people value about their personal time?
4. How are meetings different in the UK compared to Japan?

True or False

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| 1. Yuki thinks British people work long hours. | True False |
| 2. Emma says British people often work independently. | True False |
| 3. Yuki believes teamwork is important in Japan. | True False |

Discussion

1. What is your ideal work schedule?
2. Do you prefer working in a team or independently?
3. How do you balance work and personal life?
4. What do you think about having long meetings?
5. What's your favorite way to relax after work?