

## Lesson 3: Meeting your homestay family

### Introduction:

1. What do you imagine when you hear the word, "homestay"?
2. Will you take a gift for your homestay family? If so, what?
3. What kind of things will you talk about with your homestay family?

### Vocabulary / Phrases:

souvenir	do my laundry	jet lag	take a nap
take a shower	allergic to	wash up	housework

No, thanks. I'm full.	That's enough, thanks.	A little more, please.
I'm sorry, I didn't know.	Sorry, could you say that again?	Can I help you?

### Conversation:

Helen: Welcome Maki, you made it! How was your flight?  
Maki: Hello. Nice to meet you! It was fine, thank you.  
Helen: You must be tired, please come in.  
Maki: Thanks. Oh, I have these souvenirs for you.  
Helen: Why thank you! They look wonderful!  
Maki: It's my pleasure.  
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Helen: Let me show you around the house. This is the kitchen.  
Maki: Oh, it's so big!  
Helen: Feel free to help yourself to the fridge. And here's the washing machine.  
Maki: Okay, when should I do my laundry?  
Helen: Oh, just put your things in the basket there and I'll do it.  
Maki: Really? Are you sure?  
Helen: Yes, it's no problem.  
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Maki: Where can I put my suitcase?  
Helen: Bring it to your room. Follow me upstairs... Here, this is your room.  
Maki: Wow, it's really nice! Are there any rules I should know about?  
Helen: Well, we tend to go to bed before 11, so keep the music down if you stay up later. And the bathroom is yours between 8:00 and 8:30 in the morning.  
Maki: Okay, got it. This is really nice. Thank you so much.  
Helen: Oh, you're very welcome. We hope you enjoy your stay. Dinner will be ready at 7, so why don't you get unpacked and join us later?  
Maki: Thanks, I'll do that.

### What to expect:

It's important to make a good first impression, so be sure to smile and speak up. Be polite, so use "please" and "thank you" often. Phrases such as "Where should I...?", "What should I...?" and "Do you mind if I...?" will be useful. Also, "Could you tell me how to...?" is another good one.

Try role-playing dinner conversations, talking about your own family, town, etc. And also, asking your homestay family about how to do things, e.g. use the microwave, get to your school, etc.