

高校生英語 休講期間中の課題⑨～4月23日用～

●次の英文を読んで、あとの問いに答えなさい。

“Can you *guess my *blood *type?”

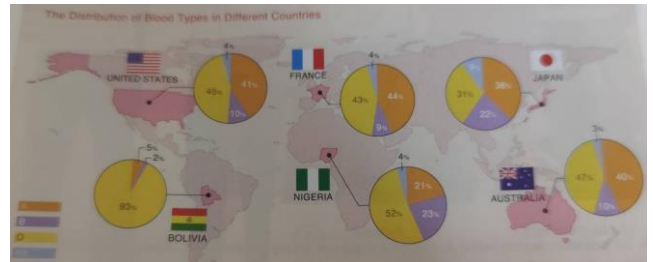
“Well, you’re a very *serious person, so I think your blood type is A.”

“Wow! Good guess!!”

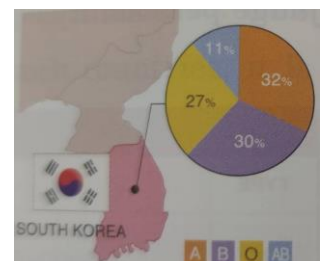
This is a *common *conversation in Japan. Talking about a person’s blood type is very popular among many Japanese people. They like *judging a person’s *personality by his or her blood type. Many books about this *topic become *best-sellers every year. People often find *articles about it in magazines. Many Japanese people think that blood type *has something to do with their personality. However in most other countries, blood type is not a common topic. A lot of people think it is *nonsense to judge personality by blood type.

Why do Japanese people like judging personality by blood type? There are two *possible reasons for this. One reason is the *distribution of blood types in Japan. Japan has a more *even distribution of blood types than other countries. *Take a look at the *data *below. Each blood type is found in a *range of 9–38% (percent) of the *population.

So it is easy to *group personalities into four groups by blood type. *On the other hand, in other countries, the distribution of blood types are not very even. The *rates for some blood types are very high or very low. For example, in *Bolivia, 93% of people have type O blood. In such countries, it is difficult to judge personality by blood type.



In Japan, most people know their blood types, so it is easy for them to talk about them. This is the other reason. In other countries, many people do not know their blood types. *In fact, they first *learn about them when they need a blood *transfusion. If you ask a person from the United States or Europe, “What’s your blood type?” he or she may say, “Why do you want to know? Are you a doctor? Only doctors want to know that.” If people do not know their blood types, they will not use blood type to judge personality.



For these two reasons, blood type is a popular way to judge personality in Japan. *Interestingly, we also see this in South Korea.

There is an even distribution of blood types there, and most people know their blood types.

Also, people there are very interested in judging personality by blood type.

What do scientists think? Most scientists believe that there is no *relationship between blood type and personality. Some scientists *researched the relationship, but they could not find any *scientific *evidence. *Yet some Japanese people still think that blood type is an interesting topic. Do you think that blood type can tell you something about your personality?

※ guess ～を推測する blood 血、血液 type 型 serious 真面目な
common よくある、共通の、一般的な conversation 会話 be popular among ～の間で人気がある
judge ～を判断する personality 性格、個性 topic 話題
best seller ベストセラー(よく売れた商品のこと) article 記事
have something to do with ～ ～と関係がある nonsense 意味をなさないこと、ナンセンス
possible ありそうな、可能な distribution 分布 even 均等な take a look at A Aを見る、一覧する
data データ、資料 below 以下の range 範囲、広がり population 人口
group A into B AをBに分ける on the other hand その一方で rate 割合 Bolivia ボリビア
in fact 実際は learn about ～のを知る transfusion 輸血 Europe ヨーロッパ
interestingly 興味深いことに relationship 関係 research 調査する scientific 科学的な
evidence 証拠 yet けれども、しかし

Q1 What is very popular among many Japanese people?

Q2 Why do Japanese people like judging personality by blood type?

Q3 What are people in South Korea interested in?

Q4 Do most scientists believe there is a relationship between blood type and personality?

Q5 Fill in the blanks with the words below.

Judging (1) by blood type is very popular in Japan. However, it is not in other countries. Why? For one reason, Japan has a more even (2) of blood types. For other reason, most Japanese people know their blood types. However, scientists believe that there is no (3) between blood type and personality. They could not find any (4) evidence of such a relationship.

Words

[scientific / distribution / personality / relationship]