Aichi Prefectural University students are taking this quiz to see who has the most international knowledge!
You can download the quiz answer sheet at http://www.waoe.org/steve/aichi.docx and e-mail mccarty@mail.goo.ne.jp if you would like to have your score checked.
Fun Quiz

Just guess, listen carefully, or look at the hints to be a winner!

First, do you know what Western people (Europe, U.S.A., etc.) look like?

Choose the right answer on the handout

1. What is the most common hair color of Westerners?
   a) blond or light brown  b) dark brown or black  c) red

2. Most common eye color?  a) blue  b) brown  c) black

3. Is it possible to have green eyes if one parent has blue eyes and the other parent has brown eyes?  Yes  No
Language Shift

My Grandparents
Italy -> Boston
Language: Italian

My Mother
Boston, etc.
Languages:
English native speaker / Italian
(hearing only)

My Father
Boston, etc.
Language: English

My Grandparents
Northern U.S.
Language: English

Me
Boston -> San Francisco -> Honolulu -> Western Japan -> Osaka
Languages: English / Japanese / French (a little)

My Sons
Western Japan -> Nikki in Osaka / Kiley in Tokyo
Languages: Japanese native speakers / English / in the future: ?
Levels of Bilingualism

There is some overlap in the levels. For example, language shift can happen at any of the levels.

*Remember these levels for the next fun quiz questions.*
Fun Quiz questions about the Levels of Bilingualism

4. Raising a child to be bilingual is what level?  
a) Individual bilingualism  
b) Family bilingualism  
c) Societal bilingualism  
d) Bilingual Education

5. A type of bilingual, for example, dominant in one language and weaker in the other language, is what level?  
a) Individual bilingualism  
b) Family bilingualism  
c) Societal bilingualism  
d) Bilingual Education

6. Attitudes of powerful groups that affect schools are what level?  
a) Individual bilingualism  
b) Family bilingualism  
c) Societal bilingualism  
d) Bilingual Education
Jenkins is from “a poor community in North Carolina, where he dropped out of school, aged 15, to join the US Army.” After he, Belinda and Mika went to Japan, “Soga's dream had finally come true, but the transition to life in Japan has been a struggle. Jenkins speaks no Japanese, and relies on Korean to communicate with his family, a situation he describes as ‘difficult’. ‘I’ve spoken more Korean than I have English; I've spoken it for 40 years. Sometimes I even think in Korean. I’ve got to learn Japanese,” he says. His daughters have quickly become fluent [in Japanese] and are settling down in Sado” - The Independent, 7 March 2006

In North Korea, Hitomi Soga never told her daughters that she was Japanese.
Questions about the Jenkins-Soga family

7. Are all of the Jenkins-Soga family members bilingual (or multilingual)?
   Yes  No

8. In North Korea, did Hitomi Soga speak to her daughters in Japanese?
   Yes  No

9. According to the 2006 article, could all of the Jenkins-Soga family members speak Japanese?
   Yes  No

10. Compared to their father, the daughters could quickly learn to speak Japanese mainly because they were a) already educated in Japanese b) in top schools in Japan c) much more intelligent than their father d) much younger than their father
International Marriages in Japan

Warm-up questions

11. Which have more international marriages? a) Japanese men b) Japanese women

12. The partners of Japanese people in international marriages are mostly a) Asians b) Westerners

13. The number of ‘haafu’ children of international marriages born in Japan every year is now about a) 200 b) 2,000 c) 20,000 d) 200,000

Study the next article to see some of the reasons for this trend
“Country kids need language support: Growing educational diversity not limited to urban areas” - *The Japan Times*, 14 March 2006

“Ji Young was 13 when she moved from Seoul to a small village in Yamagata in 1999. Her mother had arrived from Korea a few months earlier to marry a Japanese man. Entering the local high school, she struggled at first with the language, cultural differences, and relations with friends, though quickly picked up spoken Japanese. ... Today, one in 17 (6.1 percent) of all marriages in [Yamagata] prefecture are international marriages, compared with around one in 20 nationally.”

14. According to this 2006 article, what percent of marriages in Japan are international?  
   a) 1%  b) 5%  c) 6.1%  d) 20%

15. According to the title of the article, do Ji Young and foreign kids all over Japan get enough support in Japanese as a Second Language to keep up in Japanese schools?  
   Yes  No

16. What is the main reason for many international marriages in Yamagata?  
   a) Globalism  b) Internationalization  c) Farmers are popular with foreigners  
   d) Farmers are not popular with young Japanese women
“Kids learn and forget quickly” – Daily Yomiuri, 20 July 2004

“The rapid language learning for which children are famous is associated with a rapid forgetting of unused forms. Both learning and forgetting happen quickly in the beginning and decrease with age.”

“There appear to be no negative consequences of students’ exposure to English in Japanese primary schools. Instead there are advantages that have to do with eventual mastery, including pronunciation, automatic production of correct forms, and a feeling of ease with the language.”

Last Fun Quiz Questions

17. If a small child sees a zebra and says “horse,” should parents worry? Yes  No

18. Can a second language harm the development of a first language? Yes  No

19. When is the best age to start two languages? a) 0  b) 3  c) 6  d) 9  e) 12

20. In 2013 international marriages in Japan have increased to 1 in 18 couples. ‘Haafu’ Christel Takigawa represented Japan in its successful 2020 Olympics bid. In conclusion, how is Japan changing? a) more crime & higher taxes  b) loss of Japanese culture  c) more open-minded & diverse  d) English instead of Japanese
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Thank you!