



MY JAPANESE SCHOOL FRIEND

Here are some words from the story. Read the definitions and then complete the sentences below.

- **international** (adj.) /in-ter-NASH-uh-nul/ - including people from many different countries.
- **curious** (adj.) /KYOOR-ee-us/ - wanting to know or learn something.
- **kyushoku** (n.) /kyoo-SHOH-koo/ - a special school lunch system in Japanese schools.
- **aprons** (n.) /AY-pronz/ - clothes worn over others to keep clean, especially when cooking or cleaning.
- **serve** (v.) /serv/ - to give food or drinks to people.
- **waste** (v./n.) /wayst/ - to use or throw away something carelessly; unwanted material.
- **souji** (n.) /SOH-jee/ - a Japanese word for the student-led cleaning time in schools.
- **sweep** (v.) /sweep/ - to clean a floor with a broom.
- **responsible** (adj.) /re-SPON-suh-bul/ - being able to be trusted to do what is right; having a duty.
- **proud** (adj.) /prowd/ - feeling happy and pleased about something you or someone else has done.

Complete the sentences using the vocabulary words above:

1. Leo was very _____ about Riko's school.
2. At the camp, Leo met students from many _____ countries.
3. Riko and her friends wear _____ when they help with lunch.
4. In Japan, students do _____ after eating lunch.
5. It is important not to _____ food; we should eat it all.
6. The students are _____ for keeping their classroom clean.
7. Riko feels _____ after they finish cleaning the school together.
8. The students work together to _____ the floor every day.
9. Riko helps to _____ the food to her classmates during _____. (Use two words)

Activity: Synonym Match!

Match the word on the left with its closest meaning on the right.

Words	Meanings
1. _____ curious	a. throw away
2. _____ serve	b. happy about something
3. _____ waste	c. interested
4. _____ responsible	d. group
5. _____ proud	e. give food
6. _____ team	f. trustworthy

Teacher's Key

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9. Riko helps to **serve** the food to her classmates during **kyushoku**.

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| 1. c. curious | interested |
| 2. e. serve | give food |
| 3. a. waste | throw away |
| 4. f. responsible | trustworthy |
| 5. b. proud | happy about something |
| 6. d. team | group |