

じしん地震にじしん自信を！

Japan is country renown for earthquakes にほん日本はじしんたいこく地震大国です。

The following website shows the depth, size and location of every quake since March 11. You can really see that there have been a lot. (<http://www.japanquakemap.com/>)

Emergency Training

What are the students doing?



In Japan, where there are lots of earthquakes, emergency training (ひなんくんれん避難訓練) takes place every year in schools, offices, and local communities throughout the country. You can see pictures and get more information about emergency training at a primary school in Japan from the following site: http://www.tjf.or.jp/shogakusei/6-1/donna/gyouji_j.htm (Select 1 1月).

Discuss

Does your school have any emergency training? Is it similar or different to Japan's?

O-ka-shi-mo?

Not knowing how to act in a disaster situation can lead people to cause more harm. As you saw in the task above, emergency training is regularly conducted at schools to help students be prepared to act responsibly. The calm and organised response by the Japanese people to the earthquake and tsunami on 3/11/11 drew much praise from people all over the world. Perhaps they were all remembering the following action acronym that they were taught and had practised at school.

おかしも

お is for おさない (Don't push)

か is for かけない (Don't run)

し is for しやべらない (Don't speak)

も is for もどらない (Don't go back)

1. What do you notice that all these phrases have in common? What do you think it might mean?
2. Practise these words with your teacher until you have memorised them. They just might come in handy one day!

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じしん地震にを！ Have confidence in an Earthquake!

1. Study the pictures below from the Tokyo Fire Department website. Discuss as a class what is happening in each situation.
2. Which do you think is the most important thing to do first? Working with a partner number the pictures 1-10 (1 is the thing you would do first).



3. Look at the Tokyo Fire Department website and compare the order they suggest to the one that you made. http://www.tfd.metro.tokyo.jp/lfe/bou_topic/jisin/point-01.htm

Act

地震です！

It's an earthquake! Imagine you are experiencing an earthquake at school. Based on what you have learnt today, how would you respond? Prepare a response and practise it in a group. If you have time, act out your response in front of the class. The class will judge you on how well you responded!