

Bowing in Japan

Trace the text in the maze and answer the questions.



B o w i n a l l t h e t i m e e t u r n
t h o f g w o b e l J n i m M r w o b a
s e g r i s a n i p a a p o o o J a p a
e f n e g a p o m o p J a t s t e s e n
s e i s n i d l p e a n n s t t p e o p
s e l p i m n o o p e s e u c o l
e t c e k p a g r t a n t c o n e
r t h a n o t i z i n g g r m e m a
p t n a t r n e i a s d n e m t
x c u s t o m t n c t m a e o i e b y
e t I o S u o o e o I o g t n l u n c
a n e r s a y l v n e r n i l o o
m y n r n y k e r g y e h t y p m i m
s f o y a T n a e i n g i n s t e s w f
a u n a c h a r e w o b y b r e a i o o
h n i n u o Y n t e a c h o t h d t b r
g c s d m o r e w i t d n a h f o I e t
n t n o f l a c i s h s h a k i n g l a
i i o r m s o f c y j u s t a s i n g b
w o B t c a t n o h p y n a h t i w e l



QUESTIONS:

- How do Japanese greet each other? By
a) **handshaking** b) **bowing** c) **Smiling**
- What is the polite thing to do when someone bows to you?
a) **kiss them** b) **shake their hands** c) **return the bow**
- Why do Japanese people not hug and kiss every time they meet each other?

- Bowing shows respect. What other feelings does bowing express?

Bowing is an important custom in Japan. Japanese people bow all the time. Most commonly, they greet each other by bowing instead of handshaking. It is impolite not to return a bow. Japanese people may be uncomfortable with any physical forms of contact. Bowing has many functions in one. It expresses the feeling of respect, thanking, apologizing, greeting and more. It's a convenient and important custom to learn. You can say 'Thank you', 'Sorry' and more with just a single bow.