

★THE J-POP 102 HANDOUT! LET'S GET "IN"FORMED!

MUSIC

J-Pop (female): Utada Hikaru, Koda Kumi, _____
J-Pop (bands): Mr. Children, Orange Range, Bump of Chicken, _____
Boy-bands: Johnny's (SMAP, _____), _____
J-Rock: Gackt, L'arc-en-Ciel, _____
J-Urban: m-flo, Seamo, _____
Others: _____

CELEBRITIES

Female: Nagasawa Masami, Aragaki Yui, _____
Male: Oguri Shun, Tamaki Hiroshi, _____

COMEDIANS

Solo: Kojima Yoshio, Edo Harumi, _____
Group: Odori, Hanya, _____

TV DRAMAS (Summer 2009)

Fuji TV: (<http://www.fujitv.co.jp>) Buzzer Beat, _____
TV Asahi: (<http://asahi.co.jp>) Dandy Daddy, _____
Recent: Mr Brain, Mei-chan no Shitsuji, _____

TV SHOWS

Variety: SMAP X SMAP, HEYx3, Music Station, _____
Quiz/Game: Hexagon, Nep League, _____
Others: Red carpet, _____

ANIME & MANGA

Anime: Doraemon, Anpanman, Chibi Maruko-chan, Crayon Shin-chan, _____
Manga: Naruto, One Piece, _____

SPORTS & ATHLETES

<u>Baseball:</u>	Ichiro, _____	<u>Figure skating:</u>	Ando Miki, _____
<u>Judo:</u>	Tamura Ryoko, _____	<u>Soccer:</u>	Nakamura Shunsuke, _____
<u>Table Tennis:</u>	Fukuhara Ai, _____	<u>Golf:</u>	Ishikawa Ryo, _____
<u>Tennis:</u>	Nishikori Kei, _____	<u>Volleyball:</u>	Koshikawa Yuu, _____
<u>Handball:</u>	Miyazaki Daisuke, _____	<u>Swimming:</u>	Kitajima Kousuke, _____

Others: _____

IMPORTED J-POP

Harry Potter, Major League Baseball, Disney, _____

INTERESTING TRIVIA

In a recent survey, Elementary School children in Japan were asked the question "Who would you like to become when you grow up?"
The most popular replies were (1) _____, (2) _____, (3) Kitajima Kousuke (Swimming).

J-POP INFORMATION TREASURE TROVE

Link	Description
http://www.tvguide.or.jp	(J) Internet TV guide with TV listings for every prefecture in Japan. Easily find programs by genre, TV station or time. In Japanese but not too difficult to learn how to use.
http://tv.yahoo.co.jp/	(J) Yahoo's version of a similar internet TV guide.
http://www.nhk.or.jp/bscinema/	(J) BS (Broadcast Satellite) TV guide. Most areas have 2 free BS channels.
http://jpopjapan.com/	(E) Stream of current music news.
http://www.oricon.co.jp/	(J) Offers lots of information regarding music as well as movies, books and manga. Also has ranking charts for music, etc.
http://www.japanvisitor.com/index.php?CID=366&PID=406	(E) Information on music festivals in Japan.
http://music.aol.com/radioguide/world-radio	(E) Has a small but good selection of Japanese music.
http://www.live365.com/cgi-bin/directory.cgi?genre=japanese	(E) Large selection of Japanese music.
http://wiki.d-addicts.com/Category:JDrama	(E) A listing of all the Japanese dramas since 1960. Each page has a short synopsis of the story and list of characters and the actors/actresses who portray the characters.
http://www.d-addicts.com/forum/	(E) A super useful page about dramas all across south east Asia (Japan, China, Korea, etc.)
http://www.jpopasia.com	(E) A wealth of information on Jpop.
http://www.jdorama.com	(E) Listing of Japanese dramas by season, TV station with reviews and synopsis.
http://www.coolslang.com/	(E) Basic but useful source on popular Japanese slang which you can't learn from textbooks.
http://www.japantimes.co.jp/	(E) Online news in English! There are sections on popular culture, media and people.
http://www.japantoday.com/	(E) Online news in English! There are sections on popular culture, media and people.

J-POPULAR LINGO

Phrase (romaji)	Phrase	Origins	Definition
K.Y.	K.Y.	"Kuuki Yomenai". Unable to read the atmosphere.	Applies to people who say things or react out of context.
chou	超		Super, Ultra, Very. Usually a prefix to adjectives.
sugoi / suge	凄い/スゲ	sugoi, sugokku.	Can mean terrible (terribly) or wonderful (wonderfully) depending on context.
mecchakuccha	メッチャクツチャ	Excessive, Absurd.	Extremely. Used in place of "chou" for emphasis.
iketeru / ikemen	イケテル/イケメン	"ikeru". To be able to.	"iketeru" means cool or attractive/desirable. "ikemen" describes guys who are cool/attractive/desirable.
kimoi	キモイ	"kimochi warui".	Gross, grotesque.
mazui	まずい	Bad.	Usually used to describe a situation that will have a negative outcome. Also used to describe something that tastes bad.
masaka	まさか		"No way!", "Don't tell me...", "No kidding!"
uso	嘘	A lie.	"No way!", "Seriously?", "Unbelievable".
majide / maji	まじで/まじ	"majime". Serious.	A very exaggerated "No way!" / "Seriously?"
yabai / yabe	ヤバイ/ヤベ	Risky, dangerous.	"Oh shoot!". Can also be used to describe something extremely good (eg. food or people).
yappari	やっぱり	"yahari".	"(Just) as I thought.", "I knew it!"
tarento	タレント	Talent.	Male or female personalities / artistes / stars.
purikura	プリクラ	"Purinto Kurabu".	Print Club. The photo stickers that every student sticks all over their stationery and mobile phones.
omoroii	オモロイ	"omoshiroi". Interesting.	Interesting or funny.

TOA J-POP RADIO RECOMMENDATIONS

Artist / Group	Song
Arashi	Love so sweet
SMAP	Sekikai ni hototsu dake no hana
EXILE	Choo-choo train
Bump of Chicken	Tentai Kansoku
Hamasaki Ayumi	Blue bird
Mr. Children	Shirushi
Orange Range	Hana
UVERworld	Shaka beach ~laka laka la~
GReeeeN	Kiseki

Artist / Group	Song
YUI	Again
Kanjani 8	Sukiyanen, Osaka
Southern All-Stars	Tsunami
Elle Garden	Salamander
Radwimps	Futarigoto
Aoyama Thelma	Soba ni iru ne
NEWS	Koi no ABO
B'z	Ocean
Utada Hikaru	First love, Hikari