

## Highlights of Pop Culture References



### Sports

**Soccer** - Honda Keisuke (CSKA Moscow); **Sumo** - Hakuho Sho; **Baseball** - Suzuki Ichiro (Seattle Mariners); **Figure skating** - Asada Mao (2010 Winter Olympic silver medalist); **Golf** - Ishikawa Ryo

### Music

**Male Artists** - EXILE, GReeeeN, w-inds., Shimizu Shota; **Female Artists** - AKB48, Nishino Kana, Kato Miliyah, Koda Kumi; **Johnny's** - Arashi, SMAP, NEWS, Hey Say! Jump; **Bands** - Mr. Children, Radwimps, Acid Black Cherry, Asian Kung Fu Generation; **Other** - Jero, Big Bang, Lady Gaga

### Anime/Manga

One Piece, Naruto, Hagane no Renkinjutsushi (Fullmetal Alchemist), Detective Conan, Nodame Cantabile, NANA

**Adaptations** - SLAYERS series, Suzumiya Haruhi no Yuuutsu (Melancoly of Haruhi Suzumiya), Durarara!!



**Studio Ghibli** - Karigurashi no Arrietty (The Borrower Arrietty)

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## TV Shows

**Variety shows** - Shabekuri 007, Waratte Iitomo!, Odoru Sanma Goten;  
**Owarai/Manzai** - Mecha x 2 Iketeru, Lincoln, Haneru no tobira, Gaki no Tsukai; **Quiz shows** -Nep league, Hexagon, Q-suma, Heisei Kyouikuiinkai, Otameshi ka!; **News/social commentary** - Asa Zubat, Zoom-In, NHK news, Mezamashi TV  
**Geinoujin** - Beat Takeshi, Akashiya Sanma, Tamori, Shimada Shinsuke

## Drama

**Long running drama/ daytime drama** - Mitokoumon, Aibou; **Current popular drama** - Tsuki no Koibito, Hotaru no Hikari 2; **Foreign drama** - Lost, 24, Bones, Heroes, Prison Break; **Movie adaptations** - ODORUDAI SOUSASEN THE MOVIE 3, Gokusen, Trick  
**Regular faces- Male:** Oguri Shun, Karasawa Toshiaki, Kimura Takuya, Matsumoto Jun, Abe Hiroshi; **Female:** Inoue Mao, Nakama Yukie, Horikita Maki, Ayase Haruka, Amami Yuki



## NOTES:

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