

3 Dear Kei,

4 I watched a TV program about Japan yesterday.

5 It said that recently, more mothers are choosing to work instead of staying home  
6 to look after their children.

7 What do you think is the reason for this?

8 The program also said some parents make their children study things like math  
9 and English when they're only 3 or 4 years old.

10 Do you think this is too young for children to start studying?

11 A friend of mine lives in Tokyo and her son goes to an all-boys school.

12 In your opinion, is it a good idea for boys and girls to attend separate schools?

13 Write back soon.

14 Joanne

### Further Questions&Sample Answers

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### 20 EXAMPLE

21 Dear Joanne,

22 Thanks for your e-mail.

23 I think the recent poor economic conditions in Japan are forcing more mothers to  
24 work.

25 Many fathers' salaries have dropped, so it's become necessary for mothers to  
26 work in order to help their families live comfortably.

27 Regarding your second question, I don't think it is good for children to start  
28 studying at such a young age.

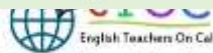
29 Playing outside with their friends is more important because it teaches them  
30 social skills.

31 In my opinion, it's good for boys and girls to attend separate schools.

32 I've heard they learn in different ways, so it's more effective to teach them  
33 separately.

34 I hope that answers your questions.

Kei



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35. **“Review Questions”**

36. **1) What did the TV program about Japan say?**

37. *It said that more mothers are choosing to work instead of staying home to look after their children.*

39. **2) How old did the program say children begin studying things like math and English?**

41. *The program said some parents make their children study things like math and English when they're only 3 or 4 years old.*

43. **3) What sort of school does Joanne's friend's son go to?**

44. *He goes to an all-boys school.*

45. **日本語訳付**

4[A] – **Dear Kei**



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AP1E 10-2

46. Dear Kei,

見(み)た テレビ番組(ばんぐみ) ~について

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47. **Write back soon.**



58. Joanne

**Further Questions&Sample Answers**

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60. そのテレビ番組は日本について何と書いていましたか。

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61. *It said that more mothers are choosing to work instead of staying home to look after their children.*

62. **2) How old did the program say children begin studying things like math and English?**

63. そのテレビ番組は何歳から数学や英語のような勉強を始めると書いていましたか。

何人(なんにん) 両親(りょうしん) ~させる 彼(かれ)らの 子供達(こどもたち)

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66. ジェニファーの友人の息子さんは、どんな学校に通っていますか。

67. *He goes to an all-boys school.*

68. **\*Read the message**

69. **\*Imagine you are Kei. Write an appropriate response to Joanne in your notebook.**

70. **EXAMPLE**

71. *Dear Joanne,*

72. *Thanks for your e-mail.*

73. *I think the recent poor economic conditions in Japan are forcing more mothers to work. Many fathers' salaries have dropped, so it's become necessary for mothers to work in order to help their families live comfortably.*

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 だから ~になる 必要 (ひつよう) ~にとって ~にするために 彼 (かれ) らの  
 家族 (かぞく) 生活 (せいかつ) する 快適 (かいてき) に  
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 たった

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