

Are there any specifically Japanese social problems, e.g. things that you only know the Japanese name for?

How would you explain these Japanese concepts?

Hikikomori	Freeter	Parasite singles
Karoshi	Power harassment	Sodai gomi

Which of these are the most serious issues in Japan? Are there any other issues which are more serious?

What do the terms "freeter", "power harassment" and "parasite singles" have in common linguistically?

What are the differences between these expressions?

Japanese "freeter"/ freelancer
Japanese "paato"/ a part-time job
gang/ gang member

Write the words that match these definitions. No abbreviations are possible in English.

prices rising

prices falling

health problems caused by bad diet, usually shown by excess fat around the waist

someone, e.g. a political prisoner or protester, refusing to eat as a protest

children not going to school or leaving school early without permission, maybe going to shopping centre with their friends instead or secretly going back home once their parents have gone to work

What are shorter and/ or more informal ways of saying these things in English?

environmentally friendly

homosexual

an intellectual

Explain what these "Janglish" terms mean:

base up	bed town	cashing	claimer
cool biz/ warm biz	cup ramen	doctor stop	game centre
girl hunt	goal in	Hello Work	high teen
idling stop	inside report	live house	low teen
manner mode	new half	no make	OB
OL	one man company/	one man president	
one room mansion	private time	range food	recruit suit
recycle shop	silver age	skinship	televi game

What are the differences between the Japanese and English meanings of these expressions?

cosplay

cunning

feminist

freshman

salaryman

talent

reform

The following expressions have two meanings in English. What are they?

demo

bubble

diet

slump

terror

Discuss some of the topics on this worksheet in pairs