

Randall: Hello. Today I'm interviewing Joshua on his experiences going to a Japanese school. Now Joshua, what time do you go to school?

Joshua: Eight O'clock.

Randall: Eight O'clock. And do you go by yourself, or on a school bus?

Joshua: No, I have a group that goes with me.

Randall: So you go with a group?

Joshua: Uh-huh.

Randall: Now what kinds of things do you take to school?

Joshua: I take my **taiso fuku**, that is gym clothes, and I take my backpack and my books [*Oh, okay.*] and stuff like that.

Randall: Okay and what is the first thing you do when you get to school?

Joshua: We do "kiritsu, rei."

Randall: "Kiritsu" and "rei." Now what are those?

Joshua: It means "stand up, bow."

Randall: Stand up and bow.

Joshua: Uh-huh.

Randall: And what do you study at school?

Joshua: We study **kokugo**, that is writing and reading and stuff like that [*Okay*], and **sansu**, that's math. [*Okay.*]. And, let's see . . . , we do gym too.

Randall: Okay, and where do you eat lunch? Do you have a lunchroom or cafeteria?

Joshua: No, we eat in our classroom.

Randall: You eat in your classroom! [*Yeah.*]. Oh wow. That is very interesting. Now what time do you come home from school?

Joshua: We come home sometimes at 3:00 and sometimes at 2:00.

Randall: Okay, well thank you very much Joshua.

Joshua: You're welcome.

Vocabulary and Sample Sentences

- **stuff** (*noun*): things
 - Please put your stuff in your backpacks.
- **bow** (*verb*): bend your head and waist to show respect and thanks to another person
 - You should bow in Japan when you meet people in formal situations.
- **math** (*noun*): mathematics
 - I don't like math. It's hard for me.