

## Nice to Meet You – Answers Key & Transcripts

### Unit 2 – Name

	Conversation 1	Conversation 2	Conversation 3
First name	Tomomi / Kyle	Kyle / Jessica	Umidahon
Last name	McGruther / Yoshida	McGruther / Robison	Ashurova
Nickname	Not mentioned	Jess	Umida

#### Conversation 1 (Track 26)

A: Hi, I'm Tomomi.

B: I'm Kyle.

A: Sorry?

B: Kyle.

A: How do you spell that?

B: K-Y-L-E.

A: What is your family name?

B: It's McGruther.

A: How do you spell that?

B: It's M-C-G-R-U-T-H-E-R. How about you? What's your family name?

A: Yoshida.

#### Conversation 2 (Track 27)

A: Hi, I'm Kyle McGruther.

B: Hi, I'm Jess Robison.

A: Robinson?

B: Er, no, Robison – R-O-B-I-S-O-N.

A: What's Jess short for?

B: Oh, um, Jessica.

#### Conversation 3 (Track 28)

A: Hi, I'm Umida.

B: Is that your first name, or your surname?

A: Actually, it's my nickname. It's short for Umidahon – U-M-I-D-A-H-O-N. That's my first name.

B: So, what's your surname?

A: It's Ashurova.

B: How do you spell that?

A: A-S-H-U-R-O-V-A.

B: Okay. Nice to meet you, Umida.

### Unit 3 – Hometown

	Conversation 1	Conversation 2	Conversation 3
Born	Okinawa	California / Seattle	Kariya
Lives now	Nagoya	New York / Seattle (probably)	Kariya
Information	Okinawa is beautiful, but hot in summer	None given.	Industrial city; lots of factories

#### Conversation 1 (Track 40)

A: Tomomi, are you from Nagoya?

B: No, I was born in Okinawa. I moved to Nagoya when I was ten.

A: Really, Okinawa? What's that like?

B: It's a beautiful place, but it's really hot in the summer.

#### Conversation 2 (Track 41)

A: Where are you from?

B: I'm originally from California, but now I live in New York. How about you?

A: Well, I was born and raised in Seattle.

#### Conversation 3 (Track 42)

A: Where are you from?

B: I'm from Kariya.

A: Kariya? Where's that?

B: It's about thirty minutes south of Nagoya.

A: What's it like?

B: It's an industrial city. There are lots of car factories.

### Unit 4 – Occupation

	Conversation 1	Conversation 2	Conversation 3
Current occupation	Works for electric company in R&D department	English teacher	Student
Past occupations	Student	Worked in a bank.	Not mentioned
Other information	Likes job, but wants more free time.	Teaching for five years. Hated previous job. Teaching JHS now, moving to HS next year. Likes teaching, but wants more free time.	Studying Japanese language. Wants to work for Japanese company or be Japanese teacher in the future.

#### Conversation 1 (Track 52)

A: What do you do?

B: I work for an electric company in the R & D department. I test products.

A: How long have you been doing that?

B: For about seven months.  
A: That sounds interesting. Is it difficult?  
B: Yes. Actually, I'm still training.  
A: What did you do before that?  
B: I was a student.  
A: Right. So how do you like working life?  
B: The job is interesting, but I wish I had a bit more free time.

### Conversation 2 (Track 53)

A: What do you do?  
B: I'm an English teacher.  
A: Really? What kind of students do you teach?  
B: I teach at a junior high school at the moment, but next year, I'm moving to a high school.  
A: I see. How long have you been teaching?  
B: Let me see, um, for five years.  
A: What did you do before you became a teacher?  
B: Actually, I used to work in a bank, but I hated it.  
A: So do you enjoy teaching?  
B: Yes, because my students are really nice. I wish I had a bit more free time, though.

### Conversation 3 (Track 54)

A: What are you doing in Japan?  
B: Oh, I'm a student at Central University.  
A: Oh, what are you studying?  
B: I'm studying Japanese language.  
A: Really? What are you going to do after you go back home?  
B: Oh, I haven't decided yet, but I'm thinking of either working at a Japanese company or becoming a Japanese teacher.

## Unit 5 – Family

	Conversation 1	Conversation 2	Conversation 3
Brothers / sisters	Two older brothers, one older sister	One brother; had a sister, but she died of cancer	Kazuki, 17, high-school student
Husband / wife	Married to Keiko	Yes. Wife's name not given	Not mentioned
Children / grandchildren	One son – Kai, nine years old	Three children: Kento, Anika, Erina	Not mentioned

### Conversation 1 (Track 67)

A: Do you have any brothers or sisters?  
B: Yeah, um, I've got, er, two older brothers and an older sister.  
A: Wow, four children!  
B: Yeah, yeah.  
A: What do they do?  
B: Erm, my er, well, they work. My elder brother is in housing, my other brother works for Boots the Chemist, my sister's a teacher.

A: Are they in Japan?  
B: No, they're all in the UK.  
A: Are you married?  
B: I am, yeah.  
A: To a Japanese woman?  
B: To a Japanese woman, yeah. We've been married for twenty years.  
A: Really? What's her name?  
B: Keiko.  
A: Do you have any children?  
B: I have one son, yeah. His name's Kai.  
A: How old is he?  
B: He's nine years old.

### Conversation 2 (Track 68)

A: Do you have any brothers or sisters?  
B: I have one older brother. Actually, I had a sister too, but she died of cancer a few years ago.  
A: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that.  
B: It was a very difficult time for my family. Fortunately, my brother still lives in our hometown, so that's nice for our parents.  
A: What does he do?  
B: He works in the construction industry. He builds mostly schools.  
A: Do you have family here in Japan?  
B: Yes, I'm married, and I have three wonderful children.  
A: How old are they?  
B: Well, Kento is twelve, Anika is ten, and Erina is eight.  
A: Eri-KA?  
B: No, Eri-NA.  
A: Oh, that's a beautiful name.  
B: Thanks. My wife chose it.

### Conversation 3 (Track 69)

A: Do you have any brothers or sisters?  
B: Yes, I have a younger brother – Kazuki.  
A: How old is he?  
B: Hmm, let me think... He's seventeen.  
A: Seventeen? So he's a high school student?  
B: Yes, he's a second-year high school student.  
A: Do you get along with him?  
B: Yes. We sometimes go swimming together.  
A: Oh, that's nice.

## Unit 6 – Free Time

Conversation 1	Conversation 2	Conversation 3
Likes to hang out in cafes, usually with friends from work. Used to swim, but not recently. Wants to get back in shape.	Likes to go shopping with her sister or watch movies. Watched Mission Impossible last weekend. Thought the plot was very simple. Used to be in badminton club, but doesn't play now.	Goes hiking in Gifu and Nagano. Has also been to Fukui and Mt. Fuji. Recently climbed Mt. Haku. Wants to go again in the winter.

### Conversation 1 (Track 83)

A: What do you do in your free time?

B: I don't have much free time these days, but on my days off, I like to go to cafes and just hang out.

A: By yourself, or with friends?

B: Usually with friends from work, but I sometimes go by myself.

A: Do you play any sports?

B: I used to swim a lot, but I haven't been for a while. I need to get back in shape.

### Conversation 2 (Track 84)

A: What do you do in your free time?

B: My free time? Er, well, I don't have much free time, but on my days off, I like to go shopping with my sister or go to a movie.

A: Have you seen any movies recently?

B: Yes, actually, I watched the new Mission Impossible movie last weekend.

A: How was it?

B: It was okay, but the plot was very simple.

A: Do you do any sports?

B: I used to be in the tennis club in high school, but I don't play very often these days.

### Conversation 3 (Track 85)

A: What do you do in your free time?

B: Well, I spend most of my free time with my family, but if I have a day to myself, I like to go hiking.

A: Where do you go?

B: I live in Nagoya, so I usually go to mountains in Gifu and Nagano, but I've also been to mountains in Fukui, and of course, Mt. Fuji.

A: When did you climb Mt. Fuji?

B: Er, about fifteen years ago, when I first arrived in Japan.

A: Where have you been recently?

B: Recently, I climbed Mt. Haku, which is *Haku-san* in Japanese.

A: How was that?

B: It was great. I'd love to go again, but next time, I want to go in the winter.

## Unit 7 – English

	Conversation 1	Conversation 2	Conversation 3
Years of study	Ten	Since she was two	Six
Conversation school	Yes	Don't know	No
Study abroad	No	Lived abroad	No
Other information	Conversation school twice a week. It's fun. Wants to study abroad, but thinks it's too expensive.	Lived in Kentucky in the US for 9 years. Didn't want to come back to Japan.	Never been abroad. Studies by herself. Listens to NHK radio

### Conversation 1 (Track 97)

A: How long have you been studying English?

B: Um, let me see, for ten years.

A: Ten years? That's a long time. Your English is quite good. Have you ever studied abroad?

B: No. I'd like to go, but it's too expensive.

A: I understand. Well, do you go to an English conversation school?

B: Yes, twice a week.

A: Do you like it?

B: Yes. It's a lot of fun.

### Conversation 2 (Track 98)

A: Your English is really good. How long have you been studying?

B: Since I was two.

A: Since you were two?

B: Actually, I lived in the States for nine years.

A: Oh. Where did you live?

B: In Kentucky.

A: How was it?

B: I loved it. I didn't want to come back to Japan.

### Conversation 3 (Track 99)

A: How long have you been studying English?

B: For about six years.

A: Oh, your English is really good. Did you live abroad?

B: No. I've never even been abroad.

A: Oh really? Do you go to a conversation school?

B: No. I'd like to go, but it's too expensive.

A: Well... how did you learn English?

B: I studied by myself, and I listen to NHK radio every day.

A: Really? That's interesting!