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1st MM – FF Interactions

Set 1. A. Share information about classes, hobbies, preferences   :   information-gathering
         B. Discuss the question: how are you both different?   Shared interests
         C. Compare schedules. Who is busier?   Cognitive loading

Set 2. A. Share as much information about family, friends, major   :   information-gathering
         B. Discuss the question: what do you both have in common   Shared interests
         C. Compare parents. Whose parents are stricter?   Cognitive loading

Set 3. A. Share information about your activities, books, movies   :   information-gathering
         B. Discuss the question: What kind of food do you both dislike   Shared interests
         C. Compare personalities. Who is more social and outgoing?   Cognitive loading

Set 4. A. Share information about your ideas about 3 dream jobs   :   information-gathering
         B. Discuss the question: What kind of pets would you like?   Shared interests
         C. Compare dreams. How are your future dreams different?   Cognitive loading

Set 5. A. Share your ideas about your 3 favorite teachers   :   information-gathering
         B. Discuss the question: what are your four favorite class?   Shared interests
         C. Compare spending habits. Who is a saver or a spender?   Cognitive loading

Set 6   A. Share information about trips, clubs, and food   :   information-gathering
         B. Discuss the question: What are your four favorite movies?   Shared interests
         C. Compare histories. What was your favorite children's book?   Cognitive loading

2nd MM – FF interactions

Set 1. A. Share information about what you like to buy this year : information-gathering
B. Discuss the question: do you buy similar items and products? Shared interests
C. Compare viewing habits. Who has watched more anime? Cognitive loading

Set 2. A. Share 3 events you have heard on the news : information-gathering
B. Discuss the question: what do like watching on TV? Shared interests
C. Compare viewing habits. Who watches more TV? Cognitive loading

Set 3. A. Share information about sports you like or have done : information-gathering
B. Discuss the question: What kind of sports are the dullest? Shared interests
C. Compare personalities. Who is more active? Cognitive loading

Set 4. A. Share information about current events. What's new? : information-gathering
B. Discuss the question: Who keeps the most up-to-date? Shared interests
C. Compare interests. Who has more "interests" regarding news? Cognitive loading

Set 5. A. Share your ideas about how you have changed in 5 years: information-gathering
B. Discuss the question: Who has had more problems in life? Shared interests
C. Compare musical tastes. Which groups do you both dislike? Cognitive loading

Set 6 A. Share information about your most important memories. information-gathering
B. Discuss the question: What was your most important event? Shared interests
C. Compare past family and school trips. Who saw more of
Japan or the world? Cognitive loading

3rd MM – FF interactions

Set 1. A. Share information about pets you have had or would like to have: information-gathering
B. Discuss the question: what kind of animals do you both like? Shared interests
C. Compare outside interests? Do you like hiking, camping, mountain
   Climbing? Are you outdoors people or indoors people? Cognitive loading

Set 2. A. Share 3 of your best memories: information-gathering
B. Shared interests: what do you do for fun? Shared interests
C. Discuss the question: are your friends more important or family? Cognitive loading

Set 3. A. Share information games you both like. information-gathering
B. Discuss the question: who has more fun? Why? Shared interests
C. Compare levels of shyness? Who is more shy? Why? Cognitive loading

Set 4. A. Share information about famous people you like: information-gathering
B. Discuss the question: Who do you both admire? Shared interests
C. Do you think that you will be famous one day? Why or why not? Cognitive loading

Set 5. A. Share information about social issues you care about: information-gathering
B. Who kind of problems do you both care about? Shared interests
C. Discuss the question: Who is more active in the community
   Events and problems. Who cares the most about the poor? Cognitive loading

4th MM – FF Interactions

Set 1.   A. Share your experiences on club / school activities
                that you both have had.   Information-gathering
                B. Discuss the question: who has had accomplished
                the most in life?   Shared interests
                C. Compare happy and sad memories.   Cognitive loading

Set 2.   A. Share information relating to schedules. Information-gathering
                B. Discuss the question: who is busier?   Shared interests
                C. Compare stress levels. Who, what gives you
                the most stress.   Cognitive loading

Set 3.   A. Share information about teachers.
                B. Discuss the question: who has had the best
                and the worst teachers?   Information-gathering
                C. Compare experiences with homework
                 and overall school experiences.   Shared interests

Set 4.   A. Share information about one's favorite
                dishes.   Information-gathering
                B. Discuss the question: what was the most
                delicious dish that you have ever tasted?   Shared interests
                C. Compare cooking skills.   Cognitive loading

Set 5.   A. Share financial problems and issues.
                B. Discuss the question: who spends the most?   Shared interests
                C. Compare ideas about the future: will it be
                easier or harder?   Cognitive loading

5th MM – FF Interactions

Set 1.   A. Share ideas about the future: what will life   Information-gathering
           be like in the next 5 to 10 years?
           B. Discuss the question: will you be very   Shared interests
           successful or just average? Why?
           C. Compare information that you have heard   Cognitive loading

           about what you might expect after graduation
Set 2.   A. Share problems that one has had with family   Information-gathering
           members or relatives.
           B. Discuss the question: who gives you more
           headaches: friends or family members?   Shared interests
           C. Compare ideas about how to get new
           friends. What is the best way?   Cognitive loading

Set 3.   A. Share stories that you really liked that
           you read in some manga or fictional story   Information-gathering
           B. Discuss the question: what do you like
           and dislike about today's manga?   Shared interests
           C. Compare manga characters: which ones
           are the most uplifting and inspirational?   Cognitive loading
Set 4.   A. Share information about products and
           things (machines/computers, etc) that you
           have in your home.   Information-gathering
           B. Discuss the question: who has more stuff?   Shared interests
           C. Compare quality of life. Are Japanese richer
           today than 10 and 20 years ago?   Cognitive loading

Set 5.   A. Share ideas about new musical groups
           that you like and dislike.   Information-gathering
           B. Discuss the question: has music gotten
           any better?   Shared interests
           C. Compare western and Japanese music.
           What are some key differences?   Cognitive loading

6th MM – FF Interactions

Set 1.   A. Share ideas exercising. What kind of
exercises do you like?   Information-gathering
B. Discuss the question:
Shared interests: If you were getting fat,
Would what you do to lose weight?   Shared interests
C. Compare expectations that you both   Cognitive loading

Have about the future "you". Will you exercise
a lot in the future, or will you be a couch potato?

Set 2.   A. Share ideas about what you value in life.   Information-gathering
Money? Memories? Trips? Possessions?
B. Discuss the question: how important is it
to help one's "fellow man"?   Shared interests
C. Compare ideas about who is more "giving"
and charitable.   Cognitive loading

Set 3.   A. Share information about friends.   Information-gathering
B. Shared interests: Do you know each other's
friends?   Shared Interests
C. Discuss the question: what is a true friend.   Cognitive loading

Set 4.   A. Share information your high schools.
Did you have similar classes, routines, levels
of homework?   Information-gathering
B. Discuss the question: Are high schools
in Japan all the same? Are they any good?   Shared interests
C. Compare quality of life. Did your high
school education make you more creative
and smarter? What exactly was the real
benefit?   Cognitive loading

Set 5.   A. Share ideas teachers you liked and
disliked? And why?   Information-gathering
B. Discuss the question: How does one
react and deal with a bad teacher?   Shared interests
C. Compare western (foreign) and
Japanese teachers? What is the difference?   Cognitive loading

7th MM – FF Interactions

Set 1. A. What do you think about your appearance?
What do you think of each other?   Shared interests.
B. What strengths and weaknesses do you
have? Are you good in cleaning? Poor in
organizing? Etc.   Information-gathering
C. How have you changed over the past 5
years?   Cognitive loading

Set 2. A. What do you think about Japanese cities?
What is your favorite city?   Shared interests.
B. What are some good points and bad
points to living in this city?   Information-gathering
C. If you were to change this city to make
it really better, what would you do?   Cognitive loading

Set 3. A. Can you "relate" (understand) your
fellow classmates? Do they really
understand you?   Shared interests.
B. How smart are you? What are your
weak points? Are you naïve? Are you
poor in math? Are you bad in languages?   Information-gathering
C. Are students who are good in
science have trouble communicating
with each other? Can they really
Express themselves very well?   Cognitive loading

Set 4. A. How social are you, as compared
to your classmates and friends?   Shared interests.
B. How many of your friends are dating?
How many have girl/boyfriends? Are they
happy or under stress?   Information-gathering
C. What would be the ideal date for you?   Cognitive loading

Set 5. A. How well do you manage money? Are
you a spender or a saver?   Shared interests.
B. How much do you spend each month?
What is your biggest expense?   Information-gathering
C. Do you think you will be in debt a lot
later on in life? Why or why not?   Cognitive loading

8th MM – FF Interactions

Set 1.   A. What do you think about other countries?
Which ones would you like to visit first?   Shared interests.
B. How many times have you traveled,
either in Japan or abroad?   Information-gathering
C. Do you see yourself as a traveler? Why or why not?   Cognitive loading

Set 2.   A. What are some good restaurants? How
about bad ones?   Shared interests.
B. What do you look for in regards to a
good restaurant? What are some signs of
a good place to eat?   Information-gathering
C. If you were to take a "date" to a really
good restaurant, which one would it be
and what would you order for her / him?   Cognitive loading

Set 3.   A. What do you think are the three top
most serious problems in the world?   Shared interests.
B. What are some "problematic current
events" that you have heard about lately?   Information-gathering
C. Is the world getting better or worse?
Explain.   Cognitive loading

Set 4.   A. Talk about your best and worst memories.
Do they involve similar issues?   Shared interests.
B. Are you having better times (and memories)
this year?   Information-gathering
C. Do your friends ever talk about their best
and worst times to you? Why or why not?   Cognitive loading

Set 5.   A. Are you very like your own parents?
Clones? How are you different?   Shared interests.
B. Which parent do you "take after," that
Is resemble the most?   Information-gathering
C. Do you think you will become more
and more like your own parents or more
and more different from them? Why?   Cognitive loading

9ᵗʰ MM – FF Interactions

Set 1.   A. What kinds of pets do you like and why?   Shared interests.
           B. What kinds of pets do your friends have?   Information-gathering
           C. What would be the most interesting pet to
           ever have?   Cognitive loading

Set 2.   A. What are your favorite musical
           instruments and why?   Shared interests.
           B. What do you look for in a musical group?
           Is it good lyrics? Good rhythm? Good looks? Information-gathering
           C. Has music gotten better or worse over the
           past ten years?   Cognitive loading

Set 3.   A. What do you think are the most scenic and
           peaceful places that you know about?   Shared interests.
           B. What kinds of pollution do you most
           dislike: noise, visual (litter), water, air
           pollution?   Information-gathering
           C. Are you happier and more at peace with
           yourself than in the past? Explain.   Cognitive loading

Set 4.   A. Talk about your classes in your high school.
           Were they very helpful and did you *really* learn
           a lot?   Shared interests.
           B. Are your classes here better than those
           in your high school?   Information-gathering
           C. Are your classes getting more and difficult? Cognitive loading

Set 5.   A. Talk about festivals. Which ones do you
           like the most?   Shared interests.
           B. Which festival is the most interesting
           In Japan? Why?   Information-gathering
           C. Do festivals really help out the economy
           and local culture?   Cognitive loading