

<b>Title:</b>	Bath time	<b>Level:</b> lower
<b>Text:</b>	<p>This morning, Yukiko talked about a national survey in Japan, which asked about the length of time people spend in a bath.</p> <p>Apparently, Kyushu people stay in a bath the longest; 15.2 minutes, on average. Chubu residents stay in a bath for the shortest time; 13.9 minutes.</p> <p>From that we can say that the average time people spend in a bath across Japan is very similar.</p>	
<b>Discussion:</b>	How long do you stay in a bath, and what temperature do you prefer?	
<b>Words and usage:</b>	<p>Spend time  'Spend' is used to say we are active in a time period. 'Pass' time is used for more passive activities, and 'kill' time where the emphasis is more on time than the activity.</p> <p>For example, I spend my Sunday mornings gardening. I pass the time by reading books and doing puzzles. I kill time waiting to pick up my son by listening to music.</p>	
<b>Resources:</b>	<a href="https://translate.weblio.jp">https://translate.weblio.jp</a> <a href="http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com">Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</a> <a href="https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org">The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</a>	
<b>Practice idea:</b>	Describe the culture of bathing in Japan, including the etiquette.	
<b>Listening link:</b>	<a href="#">Bath time - audio</a> 	
<b>Quiz Me! Conversation card:</b>	<a href="#">Available at englishbooks.jp, Amazon and Rakuten</a>	