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<b>Text:</b>	<p>Yukiyo went to see her daughter's high school graduation this month and was surprised by how quiet the ceremony was. Also, she couldn't understand why people were crying when she felt it should have been a time of great celebration.</p> <p>She also told us about a high school leaving custom know as 'second button'. She described how in mixed sex schools, female students ask the male graduates to cut off the second button down on their jackets to give to them.</p>
<b>Discussion:</b>	Do you remember any customs from your graduation day?
<b>Words and usage:</b>	<p>Cut off (something), or cut (something) off.</p> <p>The object of a transitive action can usually be placed between the verb and adverb particle or after the adverb particle. For example ' I picked up a coin' or 'I picked a coin up' are both fine.</p> <p>However, a pronoun can <b>only</b> be placed between the verb and adverb. 'I picked up it' is not acceptable.</p>
<b>Resources:</b>	<p><a href="https://translate.weblio.jp">https://translate.weblio.jp</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com">Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</a></p> <p><a href="https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org">The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</a></p>
<b>Practice idea:</b>	Write about a school you attended, including the building, the teachers, the uniform and your daily routine.
<b>Listening link:</b>	<p><a href="#">Second Button - audio</a></p> 
<b>Quiz Me! Conversation card:</b>	<p><b>Card number A8 below is from Flashback pack 1, available early April 2018 at <a href="http://englishbooks.jp">englishbooks.jp</a>, <a href="#">Amazon</a> and <a href="#">Rakuten</a></b></p>  <p>Recall a phrase one of your school teachers often used to say.</p> <p><a href="http://quizme.jp">quizme.jp</a></p>