

For Teacher: After the student reads the instructions, help the student generate ideas and write an outline before writing an essay as described in the instructions. Correct any spelling, grammar or punctuation mistakes.

4[A] – Dear Katsuo

GP1 12-2

Dear Katsuo,

I read an interesting article about money yesterday. It said that many Japanese people prefer to use cash instead of credit cards. What do you think is the reason for this?

The article also said that the Japanese government will raise the consumption tax, so people will pay re tax on products they buy. Do you agree with the government's decision to do this?

Speaking of money, it's common for parents in the U.S. to give their children an allowance. I give my son \$10 each week. In your opinion, is it a good idea to give children an allowance?

Write back soon.

George

***Read the message**

***Imagine you are Katsuo. Write an appropriate response to George. in your notebook.**

EXAMPLE

*Dear George,
Thanks for your e-mail.*

Regarding your first question, I think the reason that there are still places in Japan where credit cards are not accepted, so cash is more convenient. Japan is also very safe, so risk of having cash stolen is low.

As for the government's plan to raise the consumption tax, I don't agree with it. Raising the tax will discourage people from spending money, which will stop the economy from improving.

Finally, I think giving children an allowance is good because it teaches them how to manage money and helps them understand its value.

Bye for now.

Katsuo