

A: The American company and Japanese company wanted to merge.

B: The merger is in trouble. The problem is politics!

BONUS: The fish emerge from the sea!

# 3N-2

A: I take a vitamin pill every day, for my health. How about you?

B: Not me. I eat a balanced diet, that's enough.

BONUS: What are supplements?

A: Do you have more than one bank account?

B: I do. Nowadays, I do most of my banking at the convenience store.

BONUS: It's a convenient location

### 3N-4

A: You need a lot of equipment for baseball. Soccer is simpler.

B: To tell the truth, I'm not into sports.

BONUS: Are you equipped for any sport?

### 3N-5

A: My stomach is upset. Spicy food doesn't agree with me.

B: Drink some water and eat some plain white bread.

BONUS: I'm in agreement.

# 3N-6

A: My cousin is a "slave" to his phone. He can't look away.

B: Sure, technology is a big part of his life.

BONUS: Advantages and disadvantages.

A: Our neighbor passed away. We were close to him.

B: In that case, my condolences to you.

BONUS: Condolences. Congratulations. Best wishes.

#### 3N-8

A: This painting is abstract. I like realistic art.

B: The bold colors are interesting. Let's keep strolling around the gallery.

BONUS: Which artist is artistic?

#### 3N-9

A: I have to renew my passport. I'm traveling overseas.

B: Bon voyage. Where in the world are you heading?

BONUS: It's a destination vacation.

## 3N-10

A: Do you favor using a credit card, or a prepaid cash card?

B: Well, I almost always use my credit card in a restaurant.

BONUS: The advantage and the disadvantage.

A: Have you ever had the chance to ride on the train's Green Car.

B: I did once, with a special guest. It was worth the money.

BONUS: It is worth the time and effort.

### 3N-12

A: Something very unusual happened to my train pass. It got demagnetized!

B: Keep it away from strong electricity, like hair dryers.

BONUS: As usual. Unusually cold.

### 3N-13

A: What's the difference between judo and karate, do you know?

B: They use different techniques, I think. Like kicking.

BONUS: They dress differently.

## 3N-14

A: We can rent a rowboat or a paddleboat on the lake in the park.

B: The paddleboat looks safer to me. Let's choose that one.

BONUS: Make a good choice.

A: I felt an earthquake today, my condominium building was swaying.

B: I didn't feel anything. I was in my car at the time.

BONUS: A strong tremor. The car was rocking.

### 3N-16

A: We had better fill up the gas tank in the car for the trip.

B: That's a great idea. You never know if you will get stuck in traffic.

BONUS: "Better safe than sorry."

## 3N-17

A: Yikes! I spilled red wine on my shirt. It's ruined!

B: Quick! Rinse it in cold water. That might help.

BONUS: Ruined, spoiled, broken.

## 3N-18

A: If you're interested in science, Ueno has a great natural history museum.

B: Sure, sounds fun. We can see an art exhibition too, if we have time.

BONUS: Display, exhibit.

A: You're an animal lover. Do you keep a pet?

B: I used to have a dog, but not anymore.

BONUS: Eggs will keep for a long time.

### 3N-20

A: This restaurant serves seconds of soup and shredded cabbage.

B: They go well with deep-fried port cutlets.

BONUS: Cut, slice, chop and shred.

#### 3N-21

A: I hope the ice cream doesn't melt on the way home.

B: We can get some dry ice. That will keep our treats frozen.

BONUS: Freeze, melt, thaw.

## 3N-22

A: I haven't been in a bookstore in a long time. I love to browse.

B: I know how you feel. Recently, I've been shopping online.

BONUS: Print media: books, magazines, newspapers.

A: The magician made that playing card disappear! That's amazing.

B: He's very skillful. He is using "sleight of hand."

BONUS: Practice makes perfect.

### 3N-24

A: Spelling English words is tricky. I'm not a good speller.

B: Here's a hint: open "Google" on your computer and type in your word.

BONUS: Spell, spelling, speller. Ski, skiing, skier. Sing, singing, singer.

### 3N-25

A: To be honest, I don't know too much about French cuisine.

B: Me neither. The food tastes good, but some dishes are too rich.

BONUS: What do you like about ethnic cuisines?

# 3N-26

A: I want to get out of the heat for the afternoon. I'm exhausted.

B: Let's cool off for a few hours in a chilly movie theater!

BONUS: Warming up, cooling down.

A: I have trouble falling asleep. I stay awake late.

B: I wake up early every morning, refreshed. I get plenty of sleep.

BONUS: Sleep, asleep. Wake, awake.

### 3N-28

A: YouTube is a great medium for listening to music. Everything is there.

B: There are some channels dedicated to history. That's my thing!

BONUS: You need dedication.

## 3N-29

A: This live music house has a two-thousand yen cover charge.

It includes one drink.

B: That's a reasonable amount of money, if the band is good!

BONUS: Reasonable, unreasonable.

## 3N-30

A: Would you ever fly in an electric-powered airplane?

B: I've never thought about such a thing. That's very futuristic.

BONUS: In the future.

A: What will you fix for breakfast tomorrow? I'm going shopping.

B: I'll just prepare fruit and yogurt. I don't want to cook anything.

BONUS: Make preparations.

# 3N-32

A: I heard that Spanish language pronunciation is close to Japanese.

B: Spanish is a romance language, like French and Italian.

**BONUS:** How romantic!