

Do you agree (A), disagree (D), or partially (P) agree / disagree with the statements below? Explain your opinion.

A D P

- 1** Working long hours equates to high productivity.
- 2** It's good for business and work culture to go out and drink with your colleagues after the work day.
- 3** Companies should enforce limits or policies on the amount of hours their employees spend working per week.

Vocabulary!



OVERWORK IN JAPAN: WHY DOES JAPAN WORK SO HARD?



PART 1

Write short answers according to the information in the video.

0:01 **1** What does “karoshi” mean?

0:26 **2** How is Japan’s “salaryman” defined?

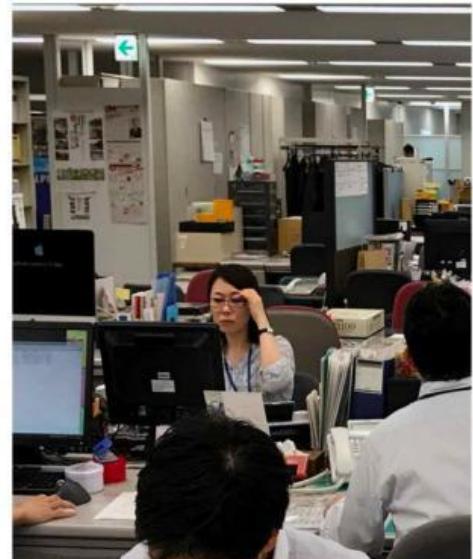
2:07 **3** What kind of tragedy happened to an employee working for the company Dentsu in 2015? What happened as a result of this?

2:43 **4** What kinds of efforts or initiatives have been made in Japan to curb overwork?

4:22 **5** How is it suggested that Japan can compensate for its labor shortage?

PART 3

What initiatives were implemented in Japan to curve OVERWORK?



In the video, the reporter described a few **initiatives** that were implemented in Japan in order to curb overwork, such as “Premium Fridays” and a new holiday called “Mountain Day”. Think of a different social or cultural problem. Come up with two initiatives that could help resolve this problem. Write the names of the initiatives and describe them.

PROBLEM:

INITIATIVE #1:

INITIATIVE #2:

