

1 The Mag: The kimono

Before you watch

Work with a partner and answer the questions.

- 1 What is the national costume of Japan?
- 2 What do you know about this national costume?
- 3 Has your country got a national costume?
- 4 Do you think it's important for a country to have a national costume? Why / Why not?

While you watch

1 Introducing Mrs Kumakura

Listen to Rebecca and Anand. Answer the questions.

- 1 Has Rebecca worn a kimono before?
- 2 Where does Mrs Kumakura live?
- 3 What is Mrs Kumakura going to tell them about?

4 Rebecca tries on a kimono

Watch Rebecca trying on a kimono. Put the pictures in the correct order. Write 1–5 in the boxes.

a



an undergarment

b



an obi

c



a petticoat

d



a kimono

e



tabi

2 The history of the kimono

Listen to Mrs Kumakura and her daughters. Mark the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- 1 People started wearing kimonos 13 thousand years ago.
- 2 The style of the kimono never changes.
- 3 Most young Japanese people like to wear western-style clothes.
- 4 The kimono worn for royal weddings has 12 layers and weighs 20 kilograms.
- 5 There are different kimonos for spring and autumn.
- 6 You can wear the cherry design kimono any time.

After you watch

Work with a partner. Write about your national costume. Write about:

- how old it is
- when people wear it
- what it looks like

THE KIMONO

My national costume is the kimono. It's 13 thousand years old.

My favourite kimono is the Tomesode.

We wear

3 Pronunciation

Linking sounds in the past simple

Listen to the sentences and underline the linking sounds.

- 1 Do you know how it began?
- 2 It came from a part of Japan called Jomon.
- 3 People started wearing kimonos about 13 thousand years ago.
- 4 Kimonos don't look the same as they did all that time ago, do they?