

TOPIC1

Climate change is affecting our environment. Global warming is causing ice to melt and sea levels to rise. Higher temperatures are bringing both floods and dry conditions. In countries such as Ethiopia and Sudan, it is too dry. There isn't enough food. Wars may be fought over water in the future.

Fixing these problems will not be easy, but planting trees and saving wetlands is one thing we can do. Forests and wetlands hold rainwater and prevent the soil from washing away. Governments also need to work together to slow the pace of global warming. Finally, education is important. We need to learn how to live in harmony with one another and with nature.

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TOPIC2

Sports Day has always been my favorite school event. I was the fastest girl in my year and always ran the relay. In sixth grade however, a transfer student who was a really good runner joined my class. In the qualifying race, I was so nervous that I missed the starting whistle and lost the race. I felt crushed.

When my grandmother saw my gloomy face, she gave me a hug and said, "Nana korobi yaoki", which means, "Even if you fall seven times, get up and try again". Her words reminded me that the guts to keep on trying is what is most important. Now, I'm looking forward to my next race.

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