

Fun Bits 1

The Use of Chopsticks in Asia

We use chopsticks to eat every day. But did you know that people use chopsticks differently in different places? Read on to find out more!



In China, people let the elders eat first. When the Chinese eat rice, they hold the bowl up and use chopsticks to push rice into their mouths. When they finish eating, they place their chopsticks on the bowl.

In Korea, people usually use chopsticks and spoons together. It is rude to lift the bowl while eating. Koreans only use chopsticks and spoons to pick food up. Also, they never place chopsticks on the left side of the bowl.



A Read what the people said and fill in the blanks with the names of the countries they come from.

I don't use my own chopsticks to share food with others!



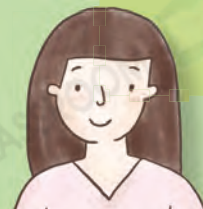
1. _____

I never eat before my parents do!

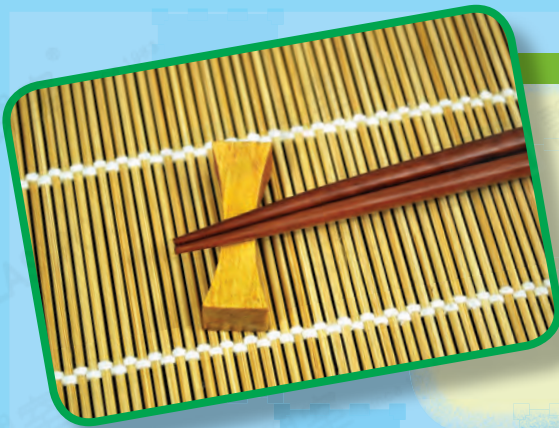


2. _____

I don't place my chopsticks on the left side of the bowl!



3. _____



Chopsticks in Japan have sharp ends. Japanese people lay the pointed ends of the chopsticks on the chopsticks rest. They place their chopsticks horizontally. To share food with others, the Japanese may ask for another pair of chopsticks.

STEAM Highlights

What do the Japanese use to place their chopsticks on? (Find the answer from the text and check it on P.72.)

B Fill in each blank to form the correct word from the text that has the opposite meaning.

1. teens (n.)	→	s _____ (paragraph 3)
2. pull (v.)	→	r _____ (paragraph 2)
3. polite (adj.)	→	e _____ (paragraph 1)
4. always (adv.)	→	p _____ (paragraph 1)
5. blunt (adj.)	→	n _____ (paragraph 2)