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Before we start, please go to my TeachEng website and give me some feedback according to the class. Thank you very much. In addition, those who did not attend the class last week can read the 09/12 and 09/05 article so that you can follow us seamlessly.

Last week, we practiced how to raise and discuss questions for a topic. It is a way of **critical thinking** that, after discussions with others, gives us different aspects to think for the topic.

- Pork import from USA
- Citizen jury issue in Taiwan
- Blaze of Kyoto animation company
- 311 Earthquake
- Japan support Taiwan to join WHO.

This week, we will start to practice “**original thinking**”.

So, how to inspire original thinking? From simple idea and by discussion!

No need to have a complete and mature thought beforehand. We start with a simple idea that you think might be able to relate to the topic. Then **ask your partner**, discuss, think, extend and complete it together.

In this section, I want you to practice **discussing** with your partner together, to work together instead of thinking and completing the whole idea on your own.

Example of person A and person B.

Person A: I think we can relate this to the traditional characteristic of Japanese?

Person B: Let's try it. So what is the traditional characteristics you can think of?

Person A: Japanese are really polite. They tries to keep everything inside.

Person B: What about the spirit of Bushido! I read some books about it before.

Person A: Great! I heard that before. So what are the specific qualities of Bushido?

Person B: Maybe be brave, loyal to your general, and be honor.

Person A: Wow! It is actually the traditional characteristics of Japanese in the old time.

Person B: Exactly. And it would be cool that we relate it to the modern event.

Person A: OK. So let's think of each quality. How does Abe show, let's say, bravery during this event?

Person B: ... etc.