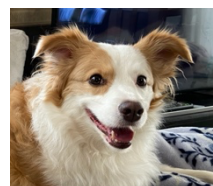


Welcome to Abe's

Abe's Reference, just small tips from Roddy



These tips have been compiled to provide you with useful information that may help make your stay comfortable and reassuring. I apologize for the length of the content.

Please note, this is not a rulebook, so it's completely fine if you don't read every section. Feel free to skim through and read only the parts that interest you.

The truly essential information will be communicated to you verbally by Dad and Mom, so there's no need to worry about missing out on anything important.

Consider this a handy reference, something you can look at leisurely. We hope it will enhance your stay and make things more convenient for you. Remember, we're here to help, so please feel free to ask any questions or seek clarification on anything you need.

1 Basic Information

(1) Location (Address)

25555-4, Imajyuku town, Asahi ward,
Yokohama City, Kanagawa Pref.

Map URL:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/sYiVj2KYZy8LerAEA>



(2) Phone Num.

Dad 080-3919-0119 , Mom 080-4172-1519 , Tina 080-2595-5000

Luna 070-8455-1519 , Keisuke 070-9001-9119

(3) Way to Contact

e-Mail : hideya@abe.me

LINE ID : h_einstein

2 Charges

The price depends on the website where you applied.

※The fee for your stay will be due in full on the first day of your arrival.

This allowing both you and us to focus on enjoying the homestay experience.

To sustain our role as a homestay host over the long term, it's necessary for us to charge a minimal fee. We truly hope for your understanding and support in this matter.

The fee we collect is not for profit, but rather to cover essential expenses associated with hosting. This includes purchasing new items specifically for your use, such as cups, and chopsticks. Additionally, it helps us maintain or replace necessary items like pillows and sheets that are provided for our guests. These charges are solely to ensure that we can continue to offer a comfortable and welcoming environment to all our guests, now and in the future. We strive to keep these costs minimal and greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

3 Family Introduction

Let me introduce my family. My family members, especially the children, are shy around new people. They are not confident in their English skills, so they might hesitate to speak in front of you, worrying about making mistakes or sounding strange.

If you notice this, please feel free to initiate conversations with them. Deep down, they really want to talk but are just too shy to start the conversation themselves.



(1) Dad (Hideya)

He is 49 years old and works as an officer at the Yokohama City Fire Bureau. He used to have a lean physique, but now he has put on quite a bit of weight. He loves meat and dislikes vegetables. Among the family, he's known as the most indulgent dad.



(2) Mom (Akiko)

Her "age" is the biggest secret in our house, so I'll refrain from writing it here. She works at a hospital about a 15-minute bike ride from our home.

She is the most sociable person in our family and loves to talk a lot. She's not confident in her English, so please feel free to speak to her in Japanese. Being approached for a conversation will surely bring her great joy.

(3) Tina

She is 20 years old and a first-year student in the Economics department at university. She recently started studying French as a second foreign language at university. Although she's just begun, she might be happy if you try speaking to her in French. However, as a teenager, she's going through a challenging phase. Except when she's in a good mood, she doesn't talk much with the family and is often engrossed in her smartphone. Even when family members try to engage her in conversation, she doesn't respond much, so please feel free to initiate a conversation with her.

She was involved in cheerleading during high school and has the most wonderful smile in the family. By talking to her, you might be able to bring out that smile.

(4) Luna

She is 18-year-old high school student, currently in her third year and working hard to get into a nursing university. The university enrollment rate in Japan is said to be around 60%. The entrance exams for university admission include recommendation-based exams in November, followed by general entrance exams in February of the following year. For her, with only one month left until the exams, this is the most challenging period.

She is the funniest person in the family. Her moods are quite distinct; when she's in a good mood, she's very funny, but when she's in a bad mood, she, like Tina, doesn't interact much with the family. Among our family members, she is the best at English. However, she's not used to speaking in English conversationally, so initially, her English might be halting, but I think she will improve with time.

(5) Keisuke

He is a 15-year-old third-year middle school student. He started playing basketball in May of last year as part of his school's club activities. There are club activities five days a week at school, and he looks forward to them. Even on days without club activities, he enjoys playing basketball at a park about a 30-minute walk from home. If you have experience playing basketball, please consider sharing some basketball stories with him.

As the youngest sibling, he often feels overshadowed by his older sisters. In our family, he is the most honest and considerate, always thinking about others. He is a kind-hearted individual.

(6) Roddy

Now, let me introduce myself.

My name is Roddy. While the name might sound boyish, I am actually a girl. My name was inspired by Aphrodite, the goddess of beauty in Greek mythology.

I am always at home. Even when everyone else goes out, I am the one who stays behind to keep watch. So, when everyone starts to leave, I get incredibly lonely. I can't help feeling like I don't want them to go, and this makes me bark a lot. Please don't be scared if I start barking uncontrollably when you're about to leave. It's just my way of expressing that I'll miss you.

Since I get lonely easily, please pet me a lot when you're at home. You might end up with some of my fur(hair) on you, but think of it as a little gift from me.

(7) Grandmother

My grandmother lives about a 5-minute drive from our house. We often visit her on Sundays to have dinner together. I love going to my grandmother's house because she always gives me lots of delicious dog food.

4 Everyday Cycle

I thought that knowing about our family's daily routine would help you spend time with us more comfortably and without any worries. That's why I've written about our everyday life. It's not essential information, so feel free to just read it for reference.

(1) Weekday Morning

On weekday mornings, Dad, Mom, and the kids are all very busy. Especially everyone except for Mom tends to sleep until the last possible moment, so there's no such thing as a leisurely morning in our house.

You might hear some noise and commotion in the living room as everyone gets ready, but please feel free to sleep in and enjoy a relaxed start to your day. Don't worry about the hustle and bustle around you – your comfort and rest are important to us.

Time	
05:30	Akiko wakes up. To prepare “OBENTO” (lunch boxes) for the children and Dad,

	Mom wakes up earlier than anyone else in the family every morning.
06:05	Hideya and Keisuke wakes up. When Dad and Keisuke wake up, they slightly open the windows of their rooms to ventilate the air inside. The windows are often left open until night, but on rainy days, they are only opened a little to prevent rain from coming in.
06:20	Luna wakes up. The older sisters are not morning people. When they wake up in the morning, they are usually in a bad mood. It's strange how they are lively at night but grumpy in the morning. Watching them, there are times when I find human emotions baffling. The older sister, upon waking up in the morning, first takes care of her skin and then puts on her makeup before going to school. For her, makeup is a priority, so she only has breakfast if there's enough time. She often leaves the house at the last minute, rushing and saying, "Ah, I'm not going to make it," barely making it to the bus. I sometimes think she actually enjoys this rush of trying to catch the bus. Occasionally, when she truly can't make it to the bus on time, she gets a ride to the station from Mom, but this is a secret.
06:40	Tina wakes up. She, too, is not in the best of moods in the morning. However, unlike Luna, she doesn't rush her preparations. She almost always has breakfast before going to school. Being a university student, her departure time varies depending on the day of the week.
06:30- 07:00- 07:30- 08:00- 08:30-	Keisuke leaves the house. Luna leaves the house. Dad leaves the house. Tina leaves the house. Mom leaves the house.

(2) Weekday Evening

Time	
17:00- 18:00- 19:30- 22:00- 23:30-	Mom gets back home. Dad gets back home. Keisuke gets back home. Luna gets back home. Tina gets back home.
19:00	Dinner is usually ready around 7 pm. Mom, being the busiest person in the family, prepares dinner for everyone after returning from work, so the meals are often simple. It's not a lavish dinner, but if you're okay with having the same dinner as my family, please join us. Mom's cooking is simple but delicious. If you would like to have dinner with us, please let Mom know by noon. I'm sure she'll be happy to prepare an extra portion for you. With the children being in middle school, high school, and university, and each having different schedules, it's become rare for the entire family to have meals together. Usually, Mom prepares dinner, and the kids serve and warm up their portions whenever they get home. If you're unable to make it back for the 7 pm dinner, don't worry. You can always warm up your meal and eat at your convenience when you return. However, if you've requested dinner and know you'll be back after 7 pm, please let Mom know. She might be waiting to have dinner with you. By the way, I only eat once a day. Dad always prepares my meal during dinner time. Ideally, I'd like to eat the same food as the rest of the family, but I've heard that human food is not good for a dog's health. However, Dad secretly shares a bit of the human dinner with me without anyone seeing. If Mom finds out, she gets angry, so let's keep this our little secret.

20:00-	After dinner, it's time for a bath. Many Japanese people prefer to bathe in the evening rather than in the morning. It's a way to wash off the day's fatigue and sweat before going to bed clean. I've heard that in Western countries, many people take a shower in the morning to wake up. You are free to choose whether you shower in the morning, evening, or both. However, for hygiene purposes, it's important to shower daily. The instructions for heating the bath and showering can be a bit lengthy, so I'll write about them in a separate section.
21:30-	Mom goes to bed. She is an early riser and struggles to stay up late at night. Since she has to wake up early the next day to prepare everyone's lunch boxes, she always goes to bed earlier than the rest of the family. Mom is the hardest worker in our family.
22:00- 24:00	Dad goes to bed. He stays awake until the daughters return home, as he needs to pick them up from the station. Since their return times vary, his bedtime changes depending on the day.
23:00-	Keisuke goes to bed. He is involved in basketball club activities at school. Aiming to grow taller, he tries to go to bed around 11 pm. However, he often gets engrossed in watching videos and doesn't go to bed unless someone around him points out, "It's 11 pm, aren't you going to sleep?" Without such reminders, he tends to stay up late.
24:00-	Tina and Luna go to bed. The bedtime of the two older sisters is unpredictable. Luna usually goes to bed around midnight, but Tina, due to her late return home, often stays up even later. She frequently falls asleep in the living room while watching videos on her smartphone, which worries both Dad and Mom. It would be better for her to sleep in her own bed to get proper

	rest, but I don't understand why she ends up sleeping in the living room.
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(3) Weekend

On weekends, as there are no specific plans, everyone wakes up at their preferred time and goes about their day as they wish.

Keisuke has club activities on either Saturday or Sunday. On days with club activities, he leaves the house early in the morning or around noon, depending on the start time of the activity.

Luna's school has classes on Saturdays, so she leaves home early in the morning, just like on weekdays.

Dad and Mom usually go shopping for the week's groceries at a nearby supermarket on Sundays. If you're interested in experiencing a Japanese supermarket, why not join them for shopping? I'm sure they would welcome your help.

The supermarket we usually go to is about a 10-minute drive away. The first floor sells groceries, while the second floor has a 100-yen shop and stores selling budget daily necessities. If you need underwear or other daily items, you might find good and inexpensive options there.

Unfortunately, they don't sell my dog food there, though.

5 Bedroom

The room you will be using is usually Keisuke's room. However, please don't worry. During your stay, Keisuke will use Dad and Mom's room, so there won't be any issues.

We will make sure that no one enters your room during your stay to respect your privacy. If you wish to vacuum, feel free to use the vacuum cleaner located in front of the second-floor toilet. This should help you maintain a clean and comfortable space during your stay with us.



6 Meal

Our family consists of Dad and Mom who work, and our three children who have varying school schedules, with different times for leaving and returning home. For breakfast, everyone prepares and eats their own meals. Most of the time, Mom prepares dinner, but since the children come home at different times, it's rare for the entire family to eat together.

Also, there's an important note: our family eats both meat and vegetables. We are not able to provide vegan or halal food options. If you have specific dietary preferences or restrictions, please let us know, and we can discuss how best to accommodate them during your stay.

(1) Breakfast

Please feel free to make your own breakfast using items like toast and eggs that are available in the refrigerator. I apologize, but everyone is busy in the morning, so breakfast is self-service.

(2) Dinner

As indicated on our homepage, we generally do not provide meals. However, if you're open to it, we would love for you to join us for dinner. The meals aren't fancy, and most of the time, they are simple dishes.

Mom usually prepares the meals, but Dad might cook on Saturdays or Sundays. Dinner is typically ready around 7 pm.

If you're at home at that time, let's eat together. If you'll be returning late, we can prepare a plate for you to heat up in the microwave when you get back. If you don't need dinner on a particular day, please let us know in advance by saying 'no dinner needed'.

7 The Nightmare at Abe's

The nightmare at the Abe's unfolds every morning. Since each family member wakes up at a different time, everyone sets alarms on their smartphones. Dad and Mom wake up with just one alarm, and Keisuke with two.

But the real nightmare involves the two sisters. Despite the alarms blaring loudly, they fail to notice and don't wake up, resulting in the alarms continuing to ring endlessly.

Even if they miraculously become aware of the ongoing alarm, they utilize the snooze feature, only for it to go off again after a short while. This cycle repeats over and over, forming the persistent morning ordeal at the Abe's.

Welcome to Abe's - where mornings are an adventure in themselves!

8 Photography

We would like to take photos with you during your stay to preserve the memories of our time together. Please be assured that these photos and your name will not be posted on social media or any public platform. They are strictly for our personal keepsake.

However, if you are uncomfortable with this, please let us know. We completely understand and will not insist on taking photos if you prefer not to. Your comfort and privacy are our top priorities.

You are more than welcome to take photos with our family and post them on social media. We would be delighted if you shared your experiences with our family with people around the world. It's a great way for us to connect with different cultures and for others to learn about the homestay experience.

Please feel free to share and introduce our family to your circle and beyond!

9 Bath

Feel free to use the bath whenever you like. While gas water heaters are common in Japan, our home's bath water is heated with electricity. The heated water is stored in an external tank. Since we use the water from this tank, if it runs out, there will be no more hot water available. Therefore, when you take a bath, please be mindful of the amount of hot water remaining in the tank.

When the hot water in the tank runs out, the system automatically heats more water. However, since our system heats water using electricity instead of gas, it takes longer for the water to heat up. If you notice that the water level in the tank is low, waiting for a while will allow it to replenish as more water gets heated.

Bath towels are located in the tall, narrow cabinet next to the washbasin. Please feel free to use them as needed. Once you're done with your bath towel, just leave it beside the washing machine, and we'll include it with the rest of the laundry. This way, we can ensure that you always have a clean towel available for your use. If you need any assistance finding the towels or have any other requests regarding bathroom amenities, don't hesitate to ask.

10 About Frege

The refrigerator is located in the kitchen, and you are welcome to use it freely. If you're hungry, feel free to use anything inside the refrigerator to cook for yourself. If you have bought something that you don't want anyone

else to eat, you can write your name on it with a marker. This should ensure that no one else will consume it.

11 Hair Drier

The hair dryer is located in the drawer in the bathroom. Please feel free to use it. If you can't find it in the drawer, try looking at the bottom of the staircase. The children often use it and forget to put it back in its place.

Additionally, we have a hair iron and curler available. If you need them, please feel free to check the drawers in the bathroom. You are welcome to use anything you find in our home as needed.

12 Wi-Fi

In our house, we have a very fast 10Gbps Wi-Fi, which is suitable for work, study, or streaming videos. The Wi-Fi access point is named 'GREESE', and the password is 'crash119'. There are several antennas throughout the house, so you can get a good connection whether you are in the living room or in a room on the second floor. Please feel free to use it as you need.

SSID : GREECE	Password : crash119
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13 House Key

We will give you a key to our home, so you can come and go as you please, at any time that suits you. The lock is an auto-locking system, so don't worry if you forget to lock the door when you go out; it will automatically lock after 30 minutes.

There are two ways to lend you a key: a physical key and a smartphone app. The app is more convenient, so if you can install it, that would be great. The app is called 'SESAMI' (by CANDY HOUSE). After installing it, please create an account. Once you give us your account ID, we will share the key with you.

14 Wardrobe

Please feel free to use the closet in your room as a wardrobe. Since it contains Keisuke's clothes, the space might be limited, but you are welcome to use any available hangers. There is also one empty drawer in the wardrobe that you can use for your clothes. This should provide you with some space to store and organize your belongings during your stay.

15 Laundry

If you have laundry, feel free to use our washing machine and dryer. To do laundry, put your clothes and detergent in the washing machine, close the

lid, and then press the button marked 'Automatic'. The washing machine will start, and depending on the amount of laundry, it usually finishes in about 50 minutes.

The dryer is located to the right when you open the door in the kitchen. Place the wet laundry in the dryer, set the timer, and then press the power button to start.

Since the timer on the dryer is broken, please keep track of the time yourself. If you have a small load, 40 minutes should be enough, and even for larger loads, 60 minutes is usually sufficient to dry your clothes.

16 Cooking

If you enjoy cooking, please feel free to help Mom with meal preparation. She would definitely appreciate it. In any case, if you want to use the kitchen, you are welcome to do so. Most cooking utensils, like frying pans and pots, can be found in the drawers. Feel free to use them as needed.

17 Alcohol

In our family, none of us drink alcohol, but we do enjoy the atmosphere of people drinking and the vibe of bars. Unfortunately, we don't keep alcohol in our house, but if you would like to drink, you're free to buy your own and enjoy it at home.

We can have a great time chatting together – you with your drink and us with our coffee. We look forward to sharing enjoyable conversations with you.

18 Smoke

I apologize, but as indicated on our website beforehand, we are unable to accommodate guests who smoke, whether inside or outside the house.

This policy is in place to ensure a comfortable and healthy environment for all members of the household. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please feel free to discuss them with us.

19 Coffee

Please feel free to use our coffee machine at home. Not only can you enjoy coffee when you're at home, but you can also fill a tumbler with coffee to take with you when you go out. It's a great way to save money while still enjoying a good cup of coffee. If you need help using the coffee machine or finding the tumblers, just let us know – we're happy to help!

20 PC

We do not have a PC in our house for general use.

21 Keyboard and Display

We have a Bluetooth keyboard and a display that can be connected to smartphones or tablets available for rental. If you need them during your stay, please let us know. These devices can be quite handy if you're working on your smartphone or tablet and need a more comfortable setup for typing or viewing. Just mention it to us, and we'll set them up for you.

22 TV

The only television in our house is in the living room. Since everyone in the family has their own smartphones, we usually don't watch TV much and instead spend more time on our phones. It's a bit of a shame that we can't all share the same TV programs together.

However, we do have Apple TV connected to the living room television. You can control it using the Apple TV remote or, if you have an iPhone, you can use Airplay to connect your phone to the TV for a larger display. This could be a great way for you to enjoy your favorite shows or videos on a bigger screen. Feel free to use it if you'd like.

23 Convenience store

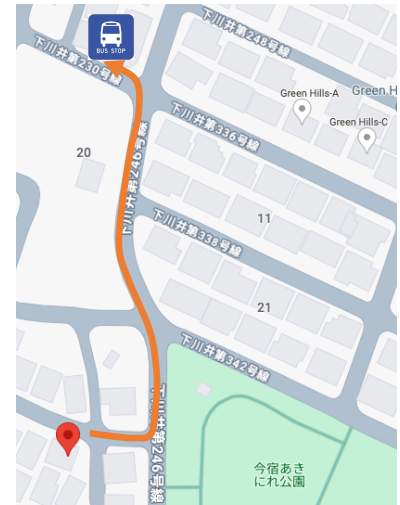
Unfortunately, there is no convenience store immediately near our house. However, there is a 'Family Mart' convenience store about a 10-minute walk away.

The area around here is safe, so it's okay for women to walk alone at night. If you plan to go, please let the kids, Dad, or Mom know. It might be more enjoyable to walk there together as a group.



24 Bus Stop

A five-minute walk from our house will take you to the nearest bus stop. Unlike trains, buses can sometimes be delayed due to road traffic conditions. Therefore, it's a good idea to take an earlier bus to ensure you catch your train on time. If you need help understanding the bus schedule or finding the best route to your destination, feel free to ask us. We're here to help make your travel as smooth as possible.



25 Train Station

The nearest station to our house is Futamatagawa Station. It takes about 20 minutes to get there by bus. It's always a good idea to leave the house with some time to spare.

From Futamatagawa Station, you can take trains to various destinations, including Yokohama Station, Shinjuku Station, and Shibuya. Notably, the number of trains to Shinjuku and Shibuya is limited, so it's important to be punctual to catch your desired train. Train schedules in Japan are generally very accurate.

There are multiple train lines available at the station, so don't hesitate to ask station staff or people around you to confirm you're getting on the correct train for your destination. We're also here to help with any travel advice you might need.

26 Ride to Futamatagawa St.

Our house is not particularly conveniently located in terms of public transportation, as we need to take a bus to get to the nearest station, Futamatagawa. Often, when Dad or Mom is at home, they offer to drive us to the station.

Similarly, for the return trip, if you inform us of your arrival time at Futamatagawa St. via LINE or WhatsApp, we can come to pick you up. While using the bus can be an enjoyable experience, feel free to ask for a ride if you're in a hurry or prefer a more direct way home.

Please don't hesitate to request this; we are more than happy to make your travel easier whenever possible.

27 Review (Testimonial)

After your homestay experience with us, we would greatly appreciate it if you could leave a review (Testimonial) about our family and your stay on our website. Your feedback will not only be helpful for others considering a homestay with us, but it will also provide us with valuable insights on how we can improve in the future. Your honest opinion is very important to us, and we would be thankful for your contribution. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your experience!



Guest from France,
16th.January.2024~22nd January



Guest from France,
1st.March.2024~4th.March



Guest from France,
6th.June.2024~9th.March