

Games, Anime, Manga and Cosplay

Many Americans become interested in Japan because of Nintendo and Playstation games, animated cartoons (anime), comics (manga) or dressing up as anime and manga characters (cosplay). While most Japanese youth play electronic games and read manga or watch anime, few of them have a roomful of action figures or do cosplay. It is likely that your host and his/her friends don't dress as anime characters. They will probably know of a shop where you can purchase cute keychains, action figures and models, manga in Japanese, anime (be careful of region as they may not play on your home computer or DVD player) and possibly some clothing items. Some of the clothing may be too small for you. If you wear size small in the USA, you may wear a size L or LL in Japan, depending on the brand. You can go online to see what size shoe you would wear in Japan.