

Q5 Why did you become an ALT?

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1	That's an evolving question. Initially I came to Japan when I graduated because it looked like the most interesting option. Before coming, I took a TEFL course so I knew what I was doing. Luckily, when I got to school in Japan, it seemed like I was the only one in school who knew what they were doing. But now, I teach English because I realise what terrible problems exist in Japan, and how important it is.	2/5/2015 11:32 AM
2	I became an ALT as a stepping stone that would help me transition into the field of International Education. There is usually a push to have lived and worked abroad and this was an easy way to fulfill that requirement.	1/22/2015 5:13 PM
3	I wanted to go to Japan, learn and practice Japanese for possible use in a future career, and I also love interacting with people from other cultures (and the JET Programme actually pays YOU to do that!)	1/15/2015 7:45 AM
4	I love teaching children. I also want to know more about the public school system of Japan.	1/13/2015 4:39 PM
5	Interested in a career in education, JET integrated my interests with intercultural communication and teaching.	1/12/2015 9:59 PM
6	I'm interested in international education and wanted an inside look at the Japanese education system.	1/12/2015 11:01 AM
7	I came to Japan on the JET Programme.	1/10/2015 10:58 PM
8	It's very challenging the only available white color jobs in Japan.	1/10/2015 11:19 AM
9	Good hours for someone with a family, plus a chance to teach extra classes at night.	1/9/2015 5:02 PM
10	I have a few reasons. 1) to live in Japan. 2) to pay the bills while learning Japanese. 3) to learn more about the Japanese education system. 4) to improve my practice as a qualified teacher in the U.K. By learning from qualified Japanese teachers (team teaching is a great way to earn money while 'team learning' isn't it!) 5) an opportunity to carry out my own masters research (complete my masters part-time while working as a 'part-time' native English teacher.	1/9/2015 12:14 AM
11	Because I wanted to have the experience of living in Japan, and I wanted to see what teaching was like even though I had no intention of becoming one.	1/8/2015 7:16 PM
12	To live in Japan while having a comfortable salary at a not very demanding job.	1/8/2015 3:36 PM
13	Because I wanted to come to Japan to learn to speak Japanese and, "to see what spring [was] like" in another part of the world	1/8/2015 3:08 PM
14	I spent time in Japan as an exchange student while I was in high school, and I always wanted to return here. Also, I enjoy working with children and using creativity, so I feel it is a good match for me.	1/8/2015 2:54 PM
15	I wanted to live in a different country.	1/8/2015 2:48 PM
16	I want to teach, and I wanted to experience life in Japan.	1/8/2015 2:40 PM
17	I have dreamed of going to Japan since I was 14, and was told about JET at that time; I am also an elementary school teacher back home, so being an ALT is a nice intersection of my career and dream.	1/8/2015 10:31 AM
18	I have a general interest in second language acquisition and teaching practices as well as literacy development (though I realize this is a foreign language context). I wanted more experience before applying to complete an MA and pursue a career in a second language context in the USA.	1/8/2015 9:23 AM
19	Education is my specialty and I am passionate in the classroom especially when working with ELLs. I have large ambitions to build a school and decided to travel to Japan (and other countries) to experience education pedagogy and approaches around the world.	1/8/2015 8:59 AM
20	I have a license to teach .	1/8/2015 12:53 AM
21	I wanted to be part of a movement that is geared towards globalization and cultural exchange, but specifically achieved through mutual understanding and language learning.	1/7/2015 10:13 PM
22	To give back to the academic community. To hone my Japanese language abilities. To become a more self-sufficient person.	1/7/2015 7:08 PM

23	I became a language teacher in my home country. In Ireland, this kind of work is seasonal due to it's connection to tourism. In order to continue teaching I had to look abroad for jobs. The JET Program provided the best opportunity.	1/7/2015 3:46 PM
24	Because of the salary, benefits, and supposed stability. In addition, my wife really wanted me to apply to become an ALT.	1/7/2015 3:45 PM
25	Because the hours are much better than the private English teaching system.	1/7/2015 3:42 PM
26	I had done private teaching at GEOS Eikaiwa and wanted a job in the public sector.	1/7/2015 2:56 PM
27	Better money and more holidays than my previous job	1/7/2015 2:49 PM
28	I did not specifically seek to become an ALT. My current position was being vacated by a friend who then passed the job to me.	1/7/2015 9:36 AM
29	I wanted to give back to Japan after being an exchange student for a year during college, better my Japanese ability as well as introduce my daughter to a new culture and broad world view, and help Japanese students improve their English. I also wanted to help contribute to the goals of internationalization and global cooperation.	1/7/2015 9:22 AM
30	Many reasons: I am a quarter Japanese, and I wanted to live and work in Japan for at least a little while, and meet my Japanese relatives. I majored in Asian Studies, specifically focusing on the Japanese language so I wanted to make practical use of my knowledge and skills. I enjoy Japanese culture both modern and traditional. It looked fun. I thought it would be good if I did this before starting an international MBA.	1/7/2015 7:48 AM
31	Becoming an ALT was the easiest way for me to find a job in Japan.	1/6/2015 11:03 PM
32	No reason, really. I wanted to teach in a different country, and thought a European country would be too easy because of similar cultures. I learned about the JET Programme through a presentation at my University, and happened to be free of classes to attend. I applied on a whim, just because I thought Japan may be a good challenge for me.	1/6/2015 5:40 PM
33	I wanted to have an overseas teaching experience.	1/6/2015 5:36 PM
34	After a year in Kyoto as an exchange student, I wanted to spend more time living in Japan and studying the culture.	1/6/2015 12:52 PM
35	I wanted to work abroad, and with my skill set I figured teaching was the way to go. The JET Program also has great benefits.	1/6/2015 12:32 PM
36	I am half-Japanese, and I had been raised in a purely western-style household. I wanted to reconnect with an unfamiliar side of my own culture.	1/6/2015 11:47 AM
37	I became an ALT because I like teaching English and I wanted to have a different experience of teaching than that of a English conversation school teacher.	1/6/2015 8:40 AM
38	My long term goal was to teach Japan studies at tertiary level, so I wanted first hand experience of working in Japan and of the primary socialisation experiences of school life here.	1/6/2015 7:29 AM
39	I became an ALT with the JET program for the experience and to have a job with steady income (though temporary) after graduating university. Throughout my college years Japanese study was a focus of mine and I even studied abroad for one year at Kansai Gaidai in Osaka. To me, JET was a way to return to Japan and experience life here in a totally different setting. The teaching aspect was intriguing to me and so far I have found it to be challenging yet rewarding.	1/6/2015 12:15 AM
40	I am a teacher by profession from my native land, Philippines. During my first 3 years work here in Japan, I am in sharp company (and I never thought that I will go back teaching) working with some electronic gadgets. If I had vacant time I talked to some young Japanese and asked them about English studies... they did not appreciate it , it's boring, I was then thinking of going back to school and teach, why not? its my profession, so, when I heard about the training and workshop of Filipino English Teachers In Japan, I decided to be part of it and took it as a challenge. I became an ALT, so I could help Japanese teachers and students to study English specially the pronunciation and the communication skills. I've learned many things from FETJ , the psychology of the Japanese students specially those who are indifferent, how to deal with multiple intelligence group of students , the methods and approach. With this it gives me the challenge on how to be an ALT, sometimes I became I became the main teacher.	1/6/2015 12:03 AM

41	I wanted to live, study and work in Japan. I believe that becoming an ALT would provide an overview for how foreigners can be treated within the workplace with little to no Japanese language capabilities or cultural experiences. In exchange for a daily exposure to Japanese life, culture and language, I am able to provide my community and school with insight of western culture and the English language.	1/5/2015 11:40 PM
42	I came as an exchange teacher from California in the USA. I worked for three junior highs in Hyogo prefecture.	1/5/2015 10:21 PM
43	1) I wanted to try out work as a teacher before committing time and money to a master's degree in education. 2) I wanted to come back to Japan (I previously studied abroad here). 3) I wanted to improve my Japanese. 4) I wanted to make a difference in the lives and education of young Japanese students. 5) I wanted to educate people in the community about English and foreign ways of life.	1/5/2015 9:53 PM
44	My experiences as an international student were deeply impactful to me, and I decided to work in international education. My ultimate career goal is to work in a university in an international student centre. With that framework in mind, JET was a beneficial program in that it gave me experience in international education, a chance to meet students who would be similar to potential international university students in future, and allow me to study language.	1/5/2015 9:21 PM
45	At first it was an excuse to come to Japan. Any job would do after my working holiday experience. Now, things have changed and I'm interested in continuing as an ALT because of the bonds I've formed with my students.	1/5/2015 6:38 PM
46	*To gain more teaching experience *To utilize my my TESL certificate * To gain better understanding of other cultures, specifically Japanese but not exclusively	1/5/2015 6:34 PM
47	For a change and to learn Japanese	1/5/2015 6:31 PM
48	I studied Japanese and Education in University. I planned to become an ALT since the beginning of my Japanese studies. I plan to branch out into other fields in the future, but I will probably always have a tie to education.	1/5/2015 6:28 PM
49	I wanted attempt living and working alone overseas and also to work on improving my level of spoken Japanese.	1/5/2015 5:43 PM
50	I participated in the programme twice. Originally, I became a JET/ALT because I wanted to improve my Japanese language skills after studying the language at uni. I really enjoyed my experience and stayed 3 years. The second time, I was one of the first 10 alumni to participate again, and my motivation was to be more of a teacher/big sister figure, both in English class and outside of class. I was at a *trouble* school and I think the rest of the staff appreciated having an ALT who understood Japanese and understood the troubled kids and took time to listen to them and give them attention. I really felt like one of the staff the second time around.	1/5/2015 5:40 PM
51	I have an education degree and have taught in some capacity for my entire professional life (eg: swimming lessons, therapy for children with special needs). I have a passion for teaching, and I also have a passion for travelling. When my brother-in-law told me about his three year experience on the JET program I was inspired and figured I could use my passion for teaching to see more of the world and learn about a new culture. I also enjoy learning languages and was eager to learn Japanese in an immersive environment (although this reason was secondary).	1/5/2015 5:26 PM
52	Good working hours. Like teaching kids	1/5/2015 5:25 PM
53	Good intentional opportunity.	1/5/2015 5:22 PM
54	I didn't know what to do after graduating from university and needed a break before starting graduate school. So, with my previous experience studying abroad in Japan, I figured I could earn a steady living in Japan for a little while before returning back to the "real world."	1/5/2015 5:17 PM
55	I love Japan and wanted to see how being a teacher would be like. It seemed like a great way to learn more Japanese and culture while interacting with Japanese youth and teaching them about my culture at the same time.	1/5/2015 5:16 PM
56	It was a last minute decision after thinking I was going to return to my home country, then changed my mind in late February. There wasn't much else available at that time.	1/5/2015 4:58 PM
57	The consequences of a series of events starting some point 10 years ago	1/5/2015 4:51 PM
58	To experience Japanese culture. To bring internationalization to rural Japan. To make an impact on Japanese students, teaching them that learning a language can be fun and can open doors.	1/5/2015 4:46 PM
59	To be honest, it was the easiest way to fulfill my goal of living in Japan, which was the next logical step for me to take in my pursuit of fluency in Japanese.	1/5/2015 4:44 PM
60	Wanted to live in Japan, great right out of college job, studied abroad in Japan two years ago and enjoyed my time then so I wanted to be back.	1/5/2015 4:34 PM

61	To live in a new culture. To gain experience for graduate school. And to learn a new language.	1/5/2015 4:10 PM
62	I wanted to explore Japan, learn Japanese, make friends with Japanese people, meet people from all over the world and to remove myself from my comfort zone. I also wanted to learn more about English and improve my writing, and teaching it helps expand my knowledge.	1/5/2015 3:54 PM
63	Offered a position	1/5/2015 3:54 PM
64	I wanted to encourage students to study a foreign language. As I enjoyed studying foreign languages at school. To improve my Japanese and to explore Japan.	1/5/2015 3:44 PM
65	I became an ALT for multiple reasons. Primarily it was a way of moving on from a job I had held for many years and had no particular love for but, due to the current financial crisis, would be foolish to leave. I have had an interest in Japan for many years. When I was young I was involved in Judo and, in later years, become interested in Japanese pop culture as well as more traditional arts. Added to the mix was that the wages were higher than those I was already employed on and I have an interest in language, and all the "pieces" fell into place.	1/5/2015 3:43 PM
66	To be able to spend time in Japan. I enjoy working with children/youth. It's a good way to make money while traveling.	1/5/2015 3:40 PM
67	Because I love teaching. I did a short stint as an ALT before, and loved it, so I came back!	1/5/2015 3:34 PM
68	I have kids of my own they are half Japanese and I speak to them in English and introduced to them stories, videos, movies in English. So, I have faith if my kids can do it, why my students can't.	1/5/2015 3:31 PM
69	To live abroad, to experience Japanese culture, to develop international teaching skills and to observe the Japanese English teaching pedagogy.	1/5/2015 3:31 PM
70	My mom is a teacher. My aunt is a teacher. My grandfather and grandmother were teachers. I love to teach.	1/5/2015 3:13 PM
71	I have always thought about being a teacher, but I wasn't sure if I wanted to get a degree in teaching and fully commit in case I didn't like it that much. I have also been interested in Japan for a long time and want to pursue a career that involves traveling or working internationally. It seemed to offer the chance to try out teaching while also expanding on my desire to achieve some international experience. I also started working as a Girl Scout troop leader the year before I left for Japan and found that I really enjoyed working with the children so I figured I would likely enjoy ALT work.	1/5/2015 3:07 PM
72	I went to a high school with a large international boarding population. I made friends with students from around the world, many of whom were still taking ESL classes. I found myself helping them a lot, and I really enjoyed it. In university I studied East Asian Studies with a minor in Japanese. I still helped in the writing centre and encountered many ESL students. My interest in Japanese culture and language, combined with my love of teaching caused me to come to Japan and become an ALT.	1/5/2015 3:06 PM
73	No specific reason	1/5/2015 3:03 PM
74	I became an ALT because I wish to become a full time English teacher in Japan in the future. Being an ALT gives me work experience that I believe will be vital in attaining further work within the school system in Japan.	1/5/2015 2:51 PM
75	Easy option after i graduated	1/5/2015 2:44 PM
76	I was already an ALT in my country and loved it. I wanted to live in Asia because I'm Buddhist.	1/5/2015 2:39 PM
77	After having such a positive experience with study abroad, I wanted to come back to Japan. And the JET Programme is one of the best means by which to do it. I had also been considering pursuing a career in teaching, but was undecided, so becoming an ALT would be a good opportunity to "test the waters," so to speak.	1/5/2015 2:38 PM
78	I'm an aspiring foreign language and ESL teacher.	1/5/2015 2:32 PM
79	I am not a teacher, I'm a garden designer by trade, so I came to Japan to experience Japanese gardens, parks and landscapes, in particular to follow up on Japanese Children's play opportunities, which I studied in my MA in Manchester . I became an ALT to gain a better understanding of the culture in Japan, in particular relating to children's development and learning, and to use this insight when looking more at play opportunities, and what could successfully be exported or which ideas could be further developed to improve play opportunities back home.	1/3/2015 9:18 PM
80	Basically I wanted a secure job near to where I live.	12/31/2014 5:30 AM
81	I worked at an eikaiwa for years but needed a new job and wanted to keep teaching English. I liked teaching and interacting with students.	12/30/2014 6:26 AM

82	To get an opportunity to live and work in Japan. Be able to travel around Japan.	12/22/2014 10:33 PM
83	My first employer was closing the dispatch teacher portion of his business, effectively laying me off. While I did have an offer to teach at the International School portion of the organization, I declined his offer. At the time Cosmo Global was hiring for Nagoya placement. The timing was perfect and I fell into the position. My second employer was Interac Nagoya. The only reason I took the job with them was that they could place me in the city I lived in at the time. I stayed on with them for 3 years.	12/22/2014 6:11 PM
84	Moved from eikaiwa to school. I was looking to expand my teaching experience.	12/22/2014 10:04 AM
85	I have always wanted to live in Japan, and my previous work experience was in the education sector. Sorry, that really is it...	12/20/2014 11:43 AM
86	My friend refer to the school she is teaching.	12/19/2014 9:51 PM
87	Err, I wanted to. Believe it or not.	12/19/2014 7:00 PM
88	Originally applied when I was interested in going to grad school for Japanese Archeology. Between then, and when I was hired I realized I didn't want to do that, but I didn't know what I wanted to do, so I figured I could figure it out just as well in Japan as in America and came anyways	12/19/2014 5:14 PM
89	I want to travel and see the world and teaching English abroad seems like a sustainable way to work and live in other countries for a long time. I only decided this at the end of my degree (Advertising and Film) and JET seemed like a great opportunity to test the waters out with no experience. I have also always wanted to go to Japan so it seemed like a good start to my adventures.	12/19/2014 3:07 PM
90	To introduce the communicative approach at the primary level of English education in Japan.	12/19/2014 2:41 PM
91	Wanted to improve my Japanese, travel, and make money with a prestigious program like JET.	12/19/2014 10:25 AM
92	I majored in Biology as an undergraduate, and took the MCAT hoping to score high and get into a medical school. However, my score was slightly below average, and I wasn't willing to risk an application until I improved and gotten more experience for my CV. So I applied for the JET program, under suggestion from my professor, as a method to differentiate my application and give myself time to study for the MCAT and take a much needed break from schooling. Plus, I had studied abroad in Japan before, so it would be easy for me to adapt to Japanese life.	12/19/2014 10:12 AM
93	I wanted to travel and I was already a teacher, so it seemed like a perfect fit.	12/19/2014 9:00 AM
94	Bcos i wanna try something different..	12/19/2014 7:20 AM
95	I needed a job after college and wanted to come to Japan. I thought being a teacher would be good too, but I really wanted to get involved with AJET and being a Prefectural Advisor.	12/18/2014 11:14 PM
96	I have a BA in Japanese and a MA in Elem. Edu. and I thought that being an ALT would be a good way to utilize both my degrees.	12/18/2014 9:48 PM
97	I love kids and I want to understand children's physiological/psycho-social development more deeply.	12/18/2014 9:40 PM
98	I had done teaching at eikaiwa and found that I enjoyed teaching those students, but I wanted to know if I would enjoy teaching regular students in a real school.	12/18/2014 8:32 PM
99	Wanted to go to Japan, I like kids	12/18/2014 8:14 PM
100	To experience another country and get kids interested in English	12/18/2014 7:21 PM
101	Wanted to learn about different teaching methods between western and eastern countries. Wanted to improve my skills as an ESL/EFL teacher. Wanted a new experience living overseas.	12/18/2014 6:36 PM
102	To teach English and live in Japan (seriously, I also have an MA in Applied Linguistics)	12/18/2014 6:33 PM
103	To get more experience before going into solo teaching after earning my M.A. Also to experience living abroad in Japan and get a feel for the Japanese education system.	12/18/2014 5:56 PM
104	To do something different in my career and to live abroad in Japan.	12/18/2014 5:10 PM
105	Many reasons, but mostly because wanted to use, and improve, my Japanese as my major at University was Japanese.	12/18/2014 4:09 PM
106	Completed undergraduate degree in Applied Linguistics. Interested in Japanese educational system and English language learning. Wanted to have experience of living and working in Japan.	12/18/2014 3:54 PM

107	It was something I didn't actually set out to do - it just happened! My then-boyfriend (now husband!) was looking for a career change and had always wanted to teach English. He found out about the JET programme and applied, and I decided to come with him just for the adventure. I had no plans at all, and would have been quite happy to have a "year out". As it happens I got offered a job the very next day after arriving in Japan and one thing led to another. I won't be teaching English when I return to the UK, but I am aiming to work in a related field (educational psychology). That wouldn't have happened if it weren't for becoming an ALT!	12/18/2014 3:50 PM
108	I love children and Japanese culture and was looking for a career change.	12/18/2014 3:44 PM
109	1) to live in Japan 2) to work with children in Japan 3) To teach languages	12/18/2014 3:33 PM
110	Work experience and to experience living in a foreign country.	12/18/2014 2:55 PM
111	To experience another culture and teach in a foreign environment	12/18/2014 2:30 PM
112	I didn't really want to become an ALT. It was more that I wanted to live in a foreign country for a year or two.	12/18/2014 1:50 PM
113	It was at a horrible job doing corporate design and I wanted to do something that was education oriented. Japan and JET had interested me for a while so I tried my hand at applying and now here I am.	12/18/2014 1:49 PM
114	I become an ALT because I like English, I used to teach English when I came here in Japan. Also, me and my daughter use English as our language at home since her birth. As a way to become more fluent or be more proficient in English I became interested to teach English in school particularly in middle and high school etc.	12/18/2014 1:31 PM
115	Because Teaching is my passion and I want to experience the Japanese culture that's why I came here to work.	12/18/2014 1:23 PM
116	As a means for learning Japanese and to acquire real world teaching experience	12/18/2014 11:20 AM
117	It was a good paying job that was semi-relevant to my major, and allowed me a break between college and grad school.	12/18/2014 10:50 AM
118	I majored in Japanese and English, and after graduation I was curious about living and teaching in Japan. I applied for the JET Program because I was interested in rural Japanese life, wanted to practice my Japanese, and desired to know more about Japan's English education system. Also, I was a broke college student with \$50,000+ in student loans, and I needed a decent-paying job that interested me.	12/18/2014 5:37 AM
119	That was what I wished for as a young person. A motivating and challenging position.	12/18/2014 5:05 AM
120	Hooked on Japan. JET is a gravy train with biscuit wheels for someone who wants to kick it in Japan for a few years.	12/18/2014 2:33 AM
121	Wanted to come to Japan.	12/18/2014 1:06 AM
122	I had always had an interest in Japan. I studied Japanese in university, and had the chance to study abroad for a semester during my junior year. Being in Japan opened my eyes to deeper dimensions of the culture that I had never been exposed to in the US, and made me want to return for a longer period of time. I had already been considering teaching in Japan post-university, but my experiences IN Japan made it a real dream I sought to pursue. In addition, I had always pondered the idea of teaching as a career path, but did not act upon it in any way through my education at University. By going back to Japan to teach English, I could both try my hand at teaching and live for an extended period of time in this country in which I have such an interest and love.	12/17/2014 9:30 PM
123	Something different to do after uni!	12/17/2014 8:28 PM
124	Because it is easy work with no planning required (at my school.) I also teach my own private classes, which pays more but requires much more time out of class.	12/17/2014 7:22 PM
125	Because I was completely fed up with my office assistant job, all I could find after graduating. I worked for a charity that gave office staff two weeks in the field each year. I wanted to go abroad for longer than that after that experience. I saw the advert in the Guardian and applied along with lots of other jobs, and this was the first that came up. I had no previous interest in or knowledge of Japan.	12/17/2014 7:11 PM
126	I wanted to come to Japan as a JET and that was the position that best suited me. My university degree was also in linguistics, so it all seemed to fit together.	12/17/2014 7:05 PM
127	I wanted to improve my Japanese and try something different.	12/17/2014 6:57 PM
128	I have never been an ALT. I have always had my own classes.	12/17/2014 6:40 PM
129	It was the only job I found to fit within my schedule.	12/17/2014 6:34 PM

130	A few reasons, but mainly because I want to get a more practical understanding of education and because living in Japan seemed like a nice adventure.	12/17/2014 6:29 PM
131	I saw it as a stepping stone into a future career in Japanese Academia	12/17/2014 6:16 PM
132	I wanted to make a difference. I wanted to teach students correct English from the beginning, rather than having to try (mostly unsuccessfully) to unteach them the incorrect English they had already learned.	12/17/2014 5:18 PM
133	I wanted the opportunity to travel to Japan and experience its culture first-hand, after studying it in university. I was also excited for the chance to bring a native speaker's touch to English education in Japan.	12/17/2014 5:13 PM
134	I always wanted to live and work in Japan, and becoming an ALT seemed like the easiest way to achieve that goal. Also, I was working in the ESL department when I was in university, and I loved the experience.	12/17/2014 3:50 PM
135	Teaching English in Japan allows me to pursue my dream of traveling the world and experiencing different cultures.	12/17/2014 3:29 PM
136	I like teaching and I like the teaching hours for ALT work as it matches my children's schedule.	12/17/2014 3:17 PM
137	Teaching experience and opportunity to learn a new culture	12/17/2014 3:07 PM
138	I always enjoyed teaching, tutoring and traveling. Japan was at the top of my list for countries I wanted to visit. After university, I couldn't find a job in me field and had applied to JET while in uni only to be rejected. After a year of job hunting turned out nothing, I tried again and got through. I liked the idea of working in a school with other Japanese teachers and being a part of English education. English in general is something I'm passionate about, and getting the opportunity to work in the field in the country I most wanted to visit made the ALT job seem like the best possible route.	12/17/2014 2:34 PM
139	I like Japan. I did a homestay here before and wanted to come back.	12/17/2014 2:32 PM
140	Because I enjoy teaching and I wanted to experience Japan. I figured this was the best way to do both.	12/17/2014 2:26 PM
141	A chance to take my family abroad in order to give them an international experience.	12/17/2014 2:25 PM
142	I want to be a teacher, and I've always wanted to travel to Japan, so JET was the two opportunities combined!	12/17/2014 2:16 PM
143	Like teaching. Wanted to work overseas. Wanted to learn Japanese.	12/17/2014 2:12 PM
144	I wanted to acquire teaching experience, discover a new culture and be able to travel while doing it.	12/17/2014 1:40 PM
145	Graduate unemployment and an interest in Japanese modern culture..	12/17/2014 1:38 PM
146	I had been interested in Japan for many years and had heard about the JET program from a teacher and thought it would be interesting and fun to work overseas.	12/17/2014 1:31 PM
147	I wanted to come back to Japan in order to see more things and improve my language ability.	12/17/2014 1:19 PM
148	To be 100% honest, the teacher part of ALT was only a side note. I wanted to come back to Japan in order to improve my Japanese (I want to be a translator). I knew that JET gives a good salary and I felt that I would be able to do the job well, even though I'm not a career teacher. I thought it would give me the financial security and the free time to pursue study for the future, and to save up some for grad school.	12/17/2014 1:13 PM
149	I enjoyed working in ESL classrooms as an undergraduate and wanted more experience teaching abroad.	12/17/2014 1:10 PM
150	I've always wanted to teach and this was a chance for me to do so in a different country.	12/17/2014 1:08 PM
151	To further my future goals of being a researcher and professor in Japan.	12/17/2014 12:51 PM
152	I needed a part time job while doing my MA. I was interested in teaching younger learners.	12/17/2014 12:15 PM
153	Because	12/17/2014 11:59 AM
154	I like teaching English but the main reason I wanted to be an ALT was to go to Japan and experience living in another country before settling down with my life.	12/17/2014 11:54 AM
155	Financial stability. Learn about Japan and its culture. Learn some Japanese. My wife is Japanese and wanted to live in Japan. To gain experience 'teaching'. To learn how to work better with international people.	12/17/2014 11:33 AM
156	Teaching experience	12/17/2014 11:32 AM

157	I wanted to become an ALT as I hope that I can encourage young Japanese students to open various new doors through learning foreign languages such as English. As someone with a multicultural background, it would be cool if I can spread the joy of learning new languages and being able to communicate or live in other cultures. Perhaps I can also help students become more confident when learning or using English.... And also the attraction of Japan was strong, as someone who has studied Japanese since 11yrs old.	12/17/2014 11:24 AM
158	no particular reason other than it was a job!	12/17/2014 11:18 AM
159	I wanted to live in Japan, learn Japanese, and eventually do a PhD concerning Japan.	12/17/2014 11:17 AM
160	I was an ESL teacher in the USA for a year, and wanted to take the opportunity to live and work abroad before completely immersing myself into my career in the USA.	12/17/2014 11:16 AM
161	I wanted to participate in a cultural exchange and experience a part of another culture for a 2 year period.	12/17/2014 11:11 AM
162	I love Japan and teaching kids.	12/17/2014 11:10 AM
163	I started in sales immediately after graduating university with a teaching degree. Becoming an ALT was an opportunity for me to try teaching as an assistant in a school setting while also experiencing an unknown culture and language.	12/17/2014 11:09 AM
164	I love teaching and Japan so I wanted to mix them together.	12/17/2014 10:49 AM
165	I had heard about JET in college and I knew it would be a great opportunity to back to Japan. I lived in Japan for college, for one year and fell in love with it. I'm also a Japanese Teacher, so I knew it would help my language so much. Also, doing what I love, teaching, was high up there.	12/17/2014 9:07 AM
166	I have a M. Ed., TESOL certification and quite a few years teaching both ESL and EFL. However my focus has always been adults and university. I applied to JET because I thought I might switch to K-12 for a more secure position with better benefits. (In my home country) JET was a low risk way to try out a new career direction.	12/16/2014 10:27 PM
167	It was difficult for me to find a job with my major. I was a waitress for two years and then started substitute teaching. I discovered that I like to teaching so I begin looking into ways to further my teaching career. A close friend of mine returned from Japan via interac and encouraged me to try for the jet program and that's kind of how I ended up here.	12/16/2014 6:30 PM
168	To strengthen the bond between Japan and the USA	12/16/2014 5:24 PM
169	Because I had been a teacher in a language school in Japan before, and discovered I really enjoyed teaching. I decided to pursue it as a career. I also liked living in Japan, so I decided to apply for the JET Programme for a new teaching experience. FYI, I am also a Masters student at Birmingham.	12/16/2014 4:51 PM
170	No special reason; I'd taught in other settings in Japan and So. Korea before, and wanted to add being an ALT as an experience.	12/16/2014 4:40 PM
171	I wanted to live in Japan, and becoming an ALT was a great way to do so.	12/16/2014 3:46 PM