

# Graduation

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Hi, everyone! Welcome back for another English Extravaganza! This will be one of the last English broadcasts for the third year students so I want to say congratulations on your graduation! Today, I'm going to tell you about high school graduation in the U.S.

In Japan, most high schools have a school uniform (学生服) and students wear their uniform to their graduation. However, in the U.S., this is not the case. Men should wear suits and women should wear suits or other formal dress (フォーマルドレス). Over your clothes, you must wear the ceremonial cap and gown (儀式用キャップとガウン). Usually, the cap and gown are black but they can also be the school colors. It's also popular to decorate the top of the cap, since you can only see it from above. Some decorations are beautiful and some are funny. It's a way to show your personality (人格).

A typical (典型的な) graduation ceremony is held either in the school auditorium (講堂), on the football field or at a city conference hall (会議ホール). Friends and family are invited to attend. The ceremony starts with the national anthem (国歌). Then, the Principal and other important people make speeches. After this, students stand and form a line. Their name is called one by one. When your name is called, you walk onto the stage, shake the Principal's hand, and receive your diploma (卒業証明書). Once everyone's name has been called, the tassel (タッセル) hanging from the cap is moved from one side to the other. This means that you completed your degree. Finally, everyone throws their cap into the air in celebration (お祝いで).

Well, that's all for this time. Congratulations, again, third years. You did a great job!

