Instructional Material Kit
For
Sand Castle
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How to use this kit
This kit consists of six sections.

I. Themes
This section tells you themes you can relate to your lesson plans or textbook chapters when you implement the movie to your curriculum.

II. Teacher's Guide
This section helps you to decide whether the content of the movie is appropriate for your students.

III. Cultural Keywords and Scenes
This section consists of a list of cultural keywords. The movie contains scenes related to the keywords.

You can use this list to find out whether the movie has cultural scene you want to show to your student.

IV. Cultural Discussion
This section advices you on what kind of cultural topic your students can discuss before or after they see the movie. Since the primary purpose of the discussion here is for students to gain better understanding of Japanese culture, discussion in English may be rather encouraged depending on levels of Japanese.

V. Example Scenes
Here we will discuss which scenes may be useful for what types of lessons you teach in class.
VI. Language Activities
This section provides you with language activities that your students can do using the contents of the movie.

VII. Script
You can find in this section the dialogue from the scenes in the movies that you can use in your class. You can use this script for both reading and speaking practices.

If you want:
to know for which theme you can use the movie
→ See I

to know whether the movie is appropriate for your students
→ See II

to teach Japanese culture using the movie
→ See III and IV

to teach Japanese language using the movie
→ See V, VI, and VII

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I. Themes

1. 家族の絆 (Family Ties)
2. 理想の家族 (Ideal Family)
3. 幸せ (Happiness)

II. Teacher's Guide

1. Violent scenes
   - Bully
   - Vandalism by boys
   - Boys attacking a homeless man
2. No sexual scenes

III. Cultural Keywords and Scenes

1. 日本の住宅事情 (Housing Conditions in Japan)
   - 狭いアパート (Small Apartment Houses)
   - カプセルホテル (Capsule Hotel)
2. 通勤ラッシュ (Rush Hour)
   - 電車の通勤ラッシュ (Train during Rush Hour)
3. お正月 (New Year)
   - 元旦の朝 (Morning on the New Year's Day)
   - 初詣 (New Year's Visit to Shrines)
4. ホームレス (Homeless People)
5. オヤジ狩り (Oyaji-Gari: Youth's Attack on Middle Aged Men)

IV. Cultural Discussion

1. 家 (Houses)

PREVIEW DISCUSSION
• What kind of houses are these in the U.S.? What kind of rooms come with them?
  o Apartment House
  o Mansion
• How many people can live in a one-bedroom apartment house?
• Do you share your room with your brother(s) or sister(s)?
  o If yes, how do you like it? How many more years can you stand the situation?
  o If no, what if you had to? Would you enjoy it?
• What is your dream house?

POSTVIEW DISCUSSION
• What kind of house do you think マンション is in Japan?
  o Have you seen it?
  o Let's do on-line research!
  o How is it different from a mansion in the U.S.?
• What kind of rooms did you find in the Kido Family's first apartment house?
  o How many bedrooms? How many bathrooms?
  o How many people live there?
• If you were a member of the Kido Family, would you agree to take the interview for the mansion? Why?
• Was the mansion that the Kido Family had won a dream house for them?
  o Why was it? (or Why was it not?)
• Why do you think houses are so small in Japan?

2. サラリーマン
PREVIEW DISCUSSION
• What do businessmen/office workers do after work in the U.S.? Why so?
POSTVIEW DISCUSSION
• What businessmen/office workers did after work in the movie? Why do you think they did them?

3. 理想の家族 (Perfect Family)
PREVIEW DISCUSSION
• What is the ideal family for you?

POSTVIEW DISCUSSION
• What did the construction company tell the Kido Family to do in order to act like the ideal family?
  o Do you agree with the company?
  o Could the Kido family successfully demonstrate them?
  o What form of the family was perfect for the Kido family?

V. Example Scenes
1. At Restaurant (Novice)
  • Taking order
2. At Interview (Intermediate-Advanced) *see Script
  • Q & A: What is the ideal family for you?

VI. Language Activities
1. The Kido Family
   FOR NOVICE: Fill out a profile table of the Kido family in the movie and discuss (or write) what kind of person each member is.
   Grammars
   • Kinship Term (長男 = eldest son, 次男 = second eldest son)
   • Adjective to describe personality (やさしい, おとなしい etc.)
   • Adjective to describe physical features (せがたかい, かみがみじかい etc.)
   • 〜が 〜います・いません
FOR INTERMEDIATE ~: Fill out a profile table and discuss (or write) what kind of person each member is. Discuss problems that each family member has.

- Kinship Term (長男=eldest son、次男=second eldest son)
- Adjective to describe personality (やさしい、おとなしい etc.)
- Adjective to describe physical features (せがたかい、かみがみじかい etc.)
- ーが ーいます・いません
- Words to describe emotion (さびしい、こわがっている、ねたましい etc.)
- Desire (ーたい / ーたがっている)
- Potential (V（ら）れる / （ら）れない、ーことができる / できがない)
- Other useful vocabulary (ぐれる、登校拒否、いたずら電話)

きどさんのかぞくは、どれですか。

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木戸さんの家族には、どんな人がいますか。みんな、どんなもんだい問題をかかえていますか。
2. The Kido Family’s Houses.

FOR NOVICE: Describe the apartment house that the Kido family used to live in Japanese.

Grammars and tip questions
• Room types (What rooms are there?)
• 一つ あります (How many rooms are there?)
• Adjective to describe sizes (How large/small/wide/narrow is it?)
• 一人 に（How many people use the room?)
• Etc.
FOR NOVICE: Describe the mansion that the Kido family moved in Japanese.

Grammars and tip questions
- Room types (What rooms are there?)
- ～つ あります (How many rooms are there?)
- Adjective to describe sizes (How large/small/wide/narrow is it?)
- ～にん (How many people use the room?)
- ～かいだて (How many story is the house?)
- Etc.

FOR INTERMEDIATE ~: Describe the apartment house and mansion that the Kido family lived, and explain how drastically their lifestyle changed after moving in the mansion.

Grammars and tip questions
- Room types (What rooms are there?)
- ～つ あります (How many rooms are there?)
- Adjective to describe sizes (How large/small/wide/narrow is it?)
- ～にん (How many people use the room?)
- ～かいだて (How many story is the house?)
- ～に・～く なる
- ～できるようになる
- ～できなくなる
- ～なくてもよくなる
- Etc.

3. Your Dream House
FOR NOVICE: Describe your dream house in Japanese.

Grammars and tip questions
- Names of furniture (What is in the room?)
- Color terms (What color is it?)
- Room types (What rooms are there?)
- ～つ あります (How many rooms are there?)
- Adjective to describe sizes (How large/small/wide/narrow is it?)
- ～にん (How many people use the room?)
- ～かいだて (How many story is the house?)
- Etc.
FOR INTERMEDIATE ~: Describe your dream house in Japanese.

Grammars and tip questions

- Names of furniture (What is in the room?)
- Color terms (What color is it?)
- Room types (What rooms are there?)
- 一つあります (How many rooms are there?)
- Adjective to describe sizes (How large/small/wide/narrow is it?)
- にん (How many people use the room?)
- かいだて (How many story is the house?)
- Potential forms of verb (What can you do there?)
- なくてもいい
- Etc.
VII. Script

Sample Scene: 理想の家族

木戸一家はモデルハウスの選抜面接にきている。ついに名前が呼ばれ、面接室に案内されるが・・・

Conversation:

役A ご承知のように選ばれて一年間モデルハウスに住んでいただくからには、当社の営業マンであり、宣伝マンのつもりでやって頂かねばいけません。その覚悟はおありですね。

涼子 その覚悟があれば、入居者に選んでいただけるんですよね？

社長 はははっ、なかなか単刀直入の方だ

役B しかし、その覚悟は応募される皆さんのお持ちでなければ困ります。なにしろ二億円近い物件を進呈するわけですから。

涼子 はい

社長 じゃまず、ご主人に質問します。あなたにとって理想の家族というのは何ですか？

役B ・・・・つまり・・・それは・・・。

涼子 理想の家族は、わたし（あたし）たちのような家族ののことです。

役B 抽象的に言われても残念だけど、あなたがたのことよくわからないんです。

役B うろたえて聞けるに・・・

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**Sample Scene:** “理想の家族”

Executive A: You will live in the model home as a model family. After one year, the house will legally be yours. During that period we expect you to act on behalf of our company. Can you do that?

*Knowing full well that, if chosen, you will be living in the ‘model house’ for us* for one year, you will be salesmen and must act as advocates for this company. You are prepared for that, are you not?

Ryoko: If we can are we chosen?

*If prepared for that, we will be chosen* as the occupants, right?

President: Straight forward aren’t you?

*Ha ha ha! You are pretty direct!*

Executive B: But the whole family must participate in this. After all, it’s going to cost us 200 million yen.

*However, it is no good if all the applicants are not prepared for it. Because, you see we are presenting you with a house worth close to 200 million yen.*

Ryoko: ______

Yes.

President: Well Mr. Kido… For you, what is the ideal family?

*So first, a question for the husband. For you, what is the ideal family?*

Shuhei: Well…That is…

*Namely… That’s uh…*

Ryoko: It’s like ours.

*The ideal family is a family like ours.*

Executive B: That’s too vague. We don’t really know you.
Unfortunately that is too vague, as we don’t really know (anything) about you.

Shuhei: We mean…

(He is dismayed) in brief…

Ryoko: We’ve been married for 17 years. I still love him dearly. The kids too, of course. Words aren’t enough… Excuse me… Papa, I love you very much… Live a long life with me.

(She turns to Shuhei) I’ve been married for 17 years. I’ve been in love with my husband just like that (first) day we were married. Of course the kids too. It’s something that just words can’t describe.

So… Excuse me. Father, I love you. Live a long life okay. (And she kisses Shuhei on the cheek.)

Shuhei: Pardon me.

Pardon me.

* Please note giving receiving keigo.