

問 8 次の英文を読んで、あとの(ア)～(ウ)の問いに答えなさい。

Risa and Noboru are junior high school students, and Aditi is their classmate from India. They are talking in the classroom.

Risa : Listen, everyone ! I've finally got a *smartphone. Now I can use the Internet even outside.

Noboru : How nice ! You wanted one, right ?

Risa : Yes. I sometimes want to get some information when I'm going out, for example, the weather report or a store's *location. I think smartphones are very useful in those *cases.

Aditi : Smartphones are really useful. I usually use my smartphone to *contact my friends in my country. That is much easier than writing a letter and *cheaper than using a phone.

Noboru : I often read the newspaper and watch videos on my smartphone. I like reading sports news and watching soccer games.

Risa : That sounds interesting, but I like *printed newspapers, too. I like getting one from the *mailbox every morning.

Noboru : Really ? But I hear the number of printed newspapers is getting smaller. I don't think people read so many printed newspapers in Japan today. How about in your country, Aditi ?

Aditi : Well, the number of printed newspapers is getting smaller in my country, too, but there are still some. My father loves reading one during breakfast.

Then their teacher, Mr. Brown, comes to the three students. He is from the U.S.

Mr. Brown : Hello, everyone. You look happy. What are you talking about ?

Noboru : Well, Risa has got a smartphone, and we are talking about newspapers on the Internet and printed ones.

Risa : Mr. Brown, did you read printed newspapers in your country ?

Mr. Brown : Yes, I did.

Aditi : Both of them ? Wow, you really like reading newspapers.

Mr. Brown : By the way, do you know there are some different things between newspapers in the U.S. and ones in Japan ?

Noboru : No, I don't. What are they ?

Mr. Brown : For example, people in the U.S. usually buy a newspaper at a *newsstand or from a *vending machine. Of course some newspapers are *delivered to each house like

ones in Japan, but buying a newspaper outside is more *common in the U.S.

Risa : I didn't know that. In Japan, we can also buy a newspaper outside, but newspapers are usually delivered every day. Could you tell me another *difference ?

Mr. Brown : Sure. In Japan, a newspaper is usually put into the mailbox when it is delivered. But it isn't so in the U.S.

Noboru : Do you mean it is put in front of the door ?

Mr. Brown : No, I don't. It is *thrown to the *yard in front of each house. I'll show you a picture.

*Mr. Brown *draws a picture on paper.*

Mr. Brown : Look at this. A newspaper is usually thrown here.

Risa : Wow, that is a big difference.

Mr. Brown : Yes. But there was a problem in my house in the U.S. We have a dog in the yard. When a newspaper was delivered, the dog always ran to it, and *tore it up.

Aditi : That is really a problem. What did you do ?

Mr. Brown : One day, my father made a small white box near the street and said to the *newsboy, "Please put the newspaper into this box." Then the newsboy understood that.

Noboru : That's good. But, what is a newsboy ?

Mr. Brown : In the U.S., many boys deliver newspapers to get money. They are "newsboys."

Noboru : Oh, I see. We have some newsboys in Japan, too.

Aditi : So, the newsboy puts newspapers here in your house now, right ?

Mr. Brown : That's right. All of my family members still enjoy reading printed newspapers. Well, how about you, Aditi ? How did you get newspapers in your country ?

Aditi : In India, newspapers are also delivered to each house and sold outside. But we often live in tall buildings and don't have any mailboxes. So, when they are delivered, they are sometimes thrown *directly to the rooms *upstairs from the streets.

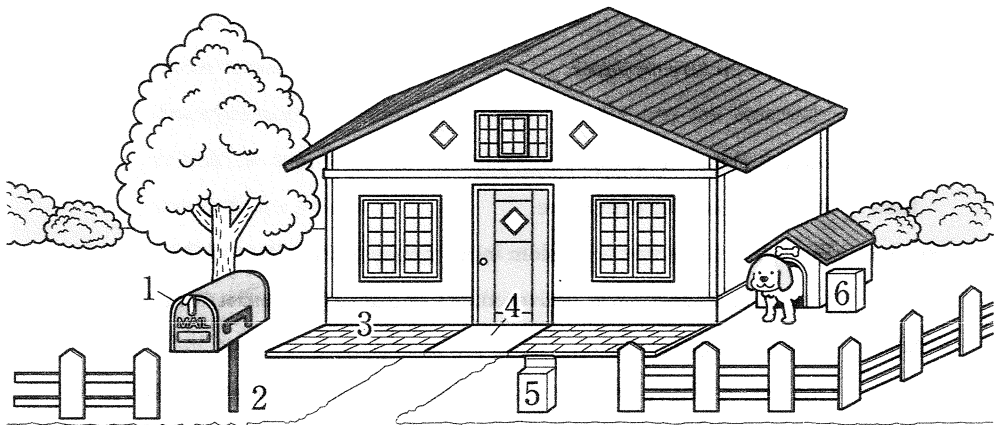
Risa and Noboru : Interesting !

*smartphone(s) : スマートフォン location : 場所 cases : 場合 contact ~ : ~と連絡をとる
cheaper : cheap(安い)の比較級 printed : 印刷された mailbox(es) : 郵便受け
newsstand : 新聞売り場 vending machine : 自動販売機 deliver ~ : ~を配達する
common : 一般的な difference : 違い thrown : throw(~を投げる)の過去分詞形
yard : 庭 draw ~ : ~を描く tore ~ up : ~を引き裂いた(tore は tear の過去形)
newsboy(s) : 新聞配達の少年 directly : 直接に upstairs : 上の階に

(ア) 本文中の の中に入れるのに最も適するものを、次の1～4の中から一つ選び、その番号を答えなさい。

1. But I have a smartphone now, so I don't read printed ones.
2. But I didn't read newspapers so often when I lived in the U.S.
3. And I still don't like reading newspapers on my smartphone.
4. And now in Japan, I read a printed one and one on the Internet.

(イ) 本文中の——下線部(イ)の場所を表したものとして最も適するものを、次の図の1～6の中から一つ選び、その番号を答えなさい。



(ウ) 次のa～fの中から、本文の内容に合うものを二つ選んだときの組み合わせとして最も適するものを、あとの1～8の中から一つ選び、その番号を答えなさい。

- a. Risa is happy to get a smartphone because she often wants to read newspapers outside.
- b. Aditi usually writes to her friends in her country because sending a letter is cheaper than using a smartphone.
- c. Noboru often enjoys reading sports news and watching soccer games on his smartphone.
- d. Mr. Brown usually bought newspapers at a newsstand because no newspaper was delivered to his house in the U.S.
- e. Both Risa and Noboru learned from Mr. Brown that newspapers in the U.S. are different from ones in Japan.
- f. Aditi had to go out to the street to get a newspaper because she didn't have a mailbox in her house in India.

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