

- **Tense, aspect, and verb classes**

Background preparation:
(no preparation)

0. Course information

- Guest speaker!
 - Prof. **Shigeto Kawahara** (川原繁人先生) of Keio University (慶応大学) will be speaking on the **linguistics of Pokémon names**
 - Tentative plan: An evening talk in mid-April (we have to compensate for the time difference)
 - This will replace one regularly scheduled class period

0. Today's plan

- Intro to tense and aspect
- Some differences between Japanese and English

1. Tense — Relationships between times

- In many languages, verbs inflect for **tense**
 - Categories: past, future, present; +remote
 - WALs map: [Past tense\(s\)](#)
 - WALs map: [Future tense\(s\)](#)
 - Japanese has...?
- Data set - [Tense and aspect in Japanese versus English](#)
 - Try examples (1) – (3) [Zoom poll]

2. Aspect — Internal temporal structure

- Aspect can involve looking at an event or situation as a “point” or a “state”, as “completed” or not
 - Categories include:
 - WALs map: [Perfective/imperfective](#)
 - Japanese has...?
- Data set - [Tense and aspect in Japanese versus English](#)
 - Try examples (4), (6)

3. Tense and aspect in Japanese

- Handout - “Tense, aspect, and verb classes”
- Supplement to the *te+i-* discussion
 - Grammar Atlas of Japanese Dialects

sakana-no	hana-ga	tit-te i-ru
cherry.tree-GEN	flower-NOM	fall-TE I-NONPAST

- Progressive — ‘are falling’
- Resultative — ‘have fallen’