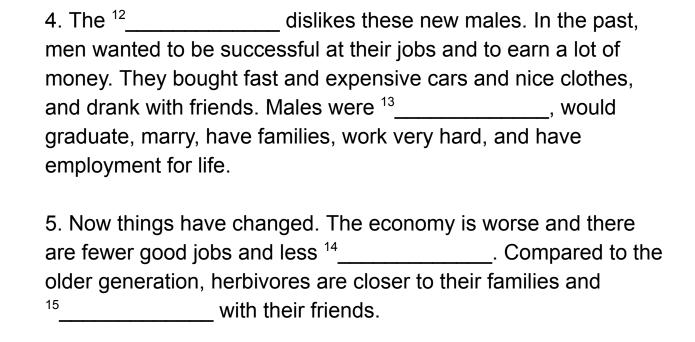
Life Topic Unit 19: Young Men: No Girls, No Money

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- 1. In 2006 Maki Fukasawa made up the term ¹herbivore man for a new type of Japanese male. No one knows how many men are like this, but over 40 percent of males 20 to 35 years old could be. They are not ²homosexual but have little interest in the opposite sex. They look not for a girlfriend but for friendships. These men are shy, spend a lot of time alone or on the Internet, and are ³poor communicators.
- 2. Often these men act ⁴<u>womanly</u> and create many ⁵<u>stereotypes</u> for themselves. They eat the same foods as females do cakes, sweets are thin, wear fine, often tight clothes, and are very ⁶<u>concerned with their looks</u>. They do not spend much money. Often they live at home with their parents. Their fathers are rarely around, but they are ⁷<u>close to their mothers</u> and often shop with them.
- 3. Why this new male? Since there are fewer children today, it is easier to enter better schools. Because there is less *competition, they are *easily hurt* if they do not do well. Many are afraid of today's woman who goes to school and works as hard as men do. Herbivores do not want to work for Japanese companies. They are unhappy with their fathers' *10 way of life long, difficult hours just for a salary and *11 reject* the idea that work is the most important part of life.
- 4. The ¹²<u>older generation</u> dislikes these new males. In the past, men wanted to be successful at their jobs and to earn a lot of money. They bought fast and expensive cars and nice clothes, and drank with friends. Males were ¹³<u>aggressive</u>, would graduate, marry, have families, work very hard, and have employment for life.
- 5. Now things have changed. The economy is worse and there are fewer good jobs and less ¹⁴lifetime work. Compared to the older generation, herbivores are closer to their families and ¹⁵spend more time with their friends.