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Brazil

1

I want to visit Brazil. //

There are three things /

that I want to do /

there. //

2

First, /

I like soccer. //

No, /

I love it. //

It is a sport /

that many Brazilians also like. //

In the past few years, /

Brazil has hosted /

two major sports events /

- the football World Cup in 2014 /

and the Olympics and Paralympics in 2016.//

In these events, /

we were able to see Brazilians' love /

for sports /

and soccer in particular. //

I want to play soccer /

with Brazilians.//

3

Second, /

I want to experience Carnival in Rio de Janeiro. //

It is a famous festival /

which takes place every year, /

usually in February. //

Over two million people attend every day's events. //

The highlight of Carnival is the Samba Parade. //

Over 200 teams take part in it. //

Each team makes beautiful costumes /

and floats. //

They are based on special themes /

that each team chooses. //

The themes can come from history /

or nature. //

Some members dance to exciting samba music. //

I want to dance /

with them. //

4

Finally, /

I want to talk /

with Japanese-Brazilians. //

About 100 years ago, /

many Japanese people /

who wanted a better future /

left Japan. //

My grandmother's aunt was among them. //

They went far away to Brazil /

to make new lives /

in a new land. //

They faced many difficulties. //

They worked very hard /

to overcome them. //

Now /

there are about 1.5 million Japanese-Brazilians. //

I want to meet some of them /

and talk with them /

about their challenges. //

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Why do I want to visit Brazil? //

It's easy. //

Sports, /

Carnival /

and history.//