

5 次の英文は、中学生の健二 (Kenji) 君が、ブラウン (Brown) さんのところに滞在したときのことについて発表したスピーチです。後の 1～6 の問いに答えなさい。

Last summer I went to America and stayed with Mr. Brown's family. Mr. Brown came to see me at the airport, and we went to his house together. Mr. Brown is my father's friend. He studies about Japan very hard. So he knows a lot about Japan. There are three people in his family; Mr. Brown, Mrs. Brown and their son Mike. Mike is a junior high school student. Soon we became good friends.

On the first day, before dinner, I gave them some *souvenirs from Japan. When I said, "This is *nothing, but I want to give it to you," ^①Mike looked *puzzled. Then his father said, "Kenji, I understand you. Japanese people often say that in Japanese *modestly when they give people *gifts. But we don't say that in English. You can just say, "This is a small gift for you."" I understood his words. I gave Mike a *koma*. He really liked it and we played with it together.

A few days later, I cooked Japanese food for them. I said, "It *may not *taste good, but please eat it." Then Mike looked puzzled again. I understood his *feeling; so I said, " ^②" Mr. Brown *smiled and said, "Very nice English, Kenji!" I was very happy.

One day at dinner, I said to Mrs. Brown, "Can I watch TV?" She said, "We don't watch TV when we (^③). We enjoy talking during dinner." I often watched TV during dinner in Japan. But talking with each other during dinner is important for the family. I think ^④it is a good custom.

During my stay with the family, I learned many things. I learned (^⑤) *phrases between Japanese and English. When we *communicate with people in *foreign countries, we need to know their *cultures and our own culture too. We should talk about our feelings and our ideas for *mutual understanding. After I came back to Japan, I started to talk with my family during dinner. Staying with Mr. Brown's family taught me a lot.

(注)	souvenir	おみやげ	nothing	価値のないもの	puzzled	とまどって
	modestly	ひかえめに	gift	贈り物	may	～かもしれない
	taste good	おいしい	feeling	感情	smile	ほほえむ
	between	～ and …	～と…の間で		phrase	言い回し
	communicate with	～とコミュニケーションをとる		foreign	外国の	
	culture	文化	mutual understanding	相互理解		