

Do you have any big dreams?
I have many dreams. I'm not sure what I want to be, but one thing is for certain.
One of my biggest dreams is to make my mother proud of me.

When you think about mothers, you automatically think about kindness and protection.
However, this is not always the case.
My mother can sometimes be annoying, loud, and persistent, like typical parents.
But I know that she will do anything in her power to make me happy.
Let me tell you a little bit about one incident that happened at home.

My mother and I have an agreement that I won't use my cell phone during weeks of testing. However, one day out of the test week, I wanted to chat with my friend about something really important,... like Taylor Swift.
My mother noticed that I wasn't studying, so she started to nag.
She said, "It's test week! Why aren't you studying?" and then she took my phone away. I was extremely angry at her because I really needed it to talk with my friend.
I yelled back at her and said. "Mom, you're so annoying!!" She then told me that she loved me and only wanted the best for me, and if I don't like it, I could leave and never come back.
I threw my hands up in defeat and headed to the door.
But I realized that I had nowhere to go and would be homeless, and hungry without her. I also remembered that she said she loved me and that she was doing this for my future.

As you can tell, I'm not Japanese. I'm Brazilian.
My mother wanted a better life for me, so she wanted me to be educated in Japan. I have been in the Japanese school system since I was six years old.
Therefore, my Japanese is quite fluent. But for my mom, it's still difficult.
Even though she came to Japan a long time ago, she is surrounded by just Brazilians at work. So she doesn't have any chances to practice a lot of Japanese.
It has been a very difficult life for her here, because she can't communicate with the Japanese community.
I remembered her sacrifices for me and then I start to understand. My mother works so very hard to make me happy. She is saving every yen she has to send me to the high school of my dreams.

Now I know what I should do. I study hard at home and at school for my dreams. I also work harder at studying English because of my mother's advice. I actively listen to her, but also tell her how I feel in a calm manner. I'm trying to think of my mother's feelings, too because I know that this will help us have a good relationship. These small changes made a big difference. I think I'm becoming a grown-up. Now we have a better relationship than we did before.

I'm sure that my mother is going to be proud of me soon.

Love your mother because she is the most beautiful person on this planet. She is our best critic, but also our best supporter.