

Answer to Question # 4: Answer 2 is correct.

Answer: In Japanese, when you are conveying what another person thinks, you should only use
とっています(omotte imasu) = “she is thinking.”

Therefore, answer # 2 is correct.

On the other hand, when you are conveying what you yourself are thinking, you may say either
とっています(omotte imasu) = “I’m thinking” or と思います(omoimasu) = “I think.”

Also, if you are addressing another person and asking what he or she thinks, you may say either
とっています (omotte imasu) or と思います (to omoimasu). For example, if you want to
say “do you think it’s a problem?,” you may say either 問題だと思っていますか (mondai da to
omotte imasu ka) or 問題だと思いますか (mondai da to omoimasu ka)。

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Question # 4: "Omoimasu vs. Omotte imasu"

Referring to your mother, who is visiting you in Japan but is absent at the moment, you want to
say “Mother thinks Japanese prices are high.”

Which of the following 2 Japanese sentences is correct?

1. 母は日本の物価が高いと思います。 (haha wa nihon no bukka ga takai to omoimasu)
2. 母は日本の物価が高いとっています。 (haha wa nihon no bukka ga takai to omotte imasu)