

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #10

## Plants

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## KANJI

1. What are five common plants in Japan?
2. 1. 桜
3. 2. 松
4. 3. 菊
5. 4. あじさい
6. 5. イチヨウ

## KANA

1. What are five common plants in Japan?
2. 1. さくら
3. 2. まつ
4. 3. きく
5. 4. あじさい
6. 5. イチヨウ

## ROMANIZATION

1. What are five common plants in Japan?

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2. 1. sakura
3. 2. matsu
4. 3. kiku
5. 4. ajisai
6. 5. ichō

## ENGLISH

1. What are five common plants in Japan?
2. 1. Cherry blossom
3. 2. Pine
4. 3. Chrysanthemum
5. 4. Hydrangea
6. 5. Ginkgo

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
桜	さくら	sakura	cherry blossoms
菊	きく	kiku	chrysanthemum
あじさい	あじさい	ajisai	hydrangea

松	まつ	matsu	pine
イチヨウ	イチヨウ	ichō	ginkgo

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>日本人は、夜桜も楽しめます。 <i>Nihon-jin wa, yozakura mo tamoshimimasu.</i></p> <p>Japanese people enjoy cherry blossom viewing at night as well.</p>	<p>桜がきれいだね。 <i>Sakura ga kirei da ne.</i></p> <p>The cherry blossoms are pretty, aren't they?</p>
<p>菊は、仏花の代表的な花です。 <i>Kiku wa, bukka no daihyōteki na hana desu.</i></p> <p>Chrysanthemums are a typical flower to offer at the Buddhist family altar and tomb.</p>	<p>菊の花を買った。 <i>Kiku no hana o katta.</i></p> <p>I bought a chrysanthemum.</p>
<p>あじさいの花の色は、土壌の酸性度によって決まります。 <i>Ajisai no hana no iro wa, dojō no sanseido ni yotte kimarimasu.</i></p> <p>The color of a hydrangea depends on the pH level in the soil.</p>	<p>正月の間、門松を家の前に飾ります。 <i>Shōgatsu no aida, kadomatsu o ie no mae ni kazarimasu.</i></p> <p>During the New Year period, traditional decorations made from pine and bamboo are placed in front of houses.</p>
<p>多くの日本人が、イチヨウの種である銀杏を好んで食べます。 <i>Ōkuno Nihon-jin ga, ichō no tane de aru gin'nan o kononde tabemasu.</i></p> <p>Many Japanese people enjoy grilled or cooked ginkgo seeds.</p>	

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

### 1. Cherry blossom

Japanese people enjoy cherry blossoms in spring. In spring weather forecasts, the so-called "cherry blossom front" is also mentioned; this is like a sign of spring coming for Japanese people.

### 2.

## **Pine**

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The pine is considered an auspicious tree which represents youth and long life. Pines are often used as garden trees and/or miniature potted trees.

## **3. Chrysanthemum**

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Chrysanthemums have long been used in Japan as the family emblem of the aristocracy. It's known as the Imperial Seal of Japan.

## **4. Hydrangea**

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The hydrangea is a flower representative of the rainy season in Japan. Japanese people enjoy the beauty of hydrangeas in the wet, humid and hot rainy season.

## **5. Ginkgo**

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Ginkgo trees are mostly found lining streets. In autumn, their leaves' color changes to a beautiful yellow.