

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #10 Plants

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INTRODUCTION

Yura:Hi everyone, I'm Yura.

Natsuko:And I'm Natsuko!

Yura:And welcome to Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary, Lesson 10! In this lesson you'll learn 5 essential words related to Geography

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura:Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko:桜

Yura:cherry blossoms

Natsuko:(slow) 桜 (regular) 桜

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:桜

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

Yura:Now, let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Natsuko:(normal) 日本人は、夜桜も楽しめます。

Yura:Japanese people enjoy cherry blossom viewing at night as well.

Natsuko:(slow) 日本人は、夜桜も楽しめます。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:松

Yura:pine

Natsuko:(slow) 松 (regular) 松

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:松

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

Yura:Now, let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Natsuko:(normal) 正月の間、門松を家の前に飾ります。

Yura:During the New Year period, traditional decorations made from pine and bamboo are placed in front of houses.

Natsuko:(slow) 正月の間、門松を家の前に飾ります。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:菊

Yura:chrysanthemum

Natsuko:(slow) 菊 (regular) 菊

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:菊

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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

Yura:Now, let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Natsuko:(normal) 菊は、仏花の代表的な花です。

Yura:Chrysanthemums are a typical flower to offer at the Buddhist family altar and tomb.

Natsuko:(slow) 菊は、仏花の代表的な花です。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:あじさい

Yura:hydrangea

Natsuko:(slow) あじさい (regular) あじさい

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:あじさい

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

Yura:Now, let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Natsuko:(normal) あじさいの花の色は、土壌の酸性度によって決まります。

Yura:The colour of a hydrangea depends on the pH level in the soil.

Natsuko:(slow) あじさいの花の色は、土壌の酸性度によって決まります。

Yura:Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko:イチヨウ

Yura:ginkgo

Natsuko:(slow) イチヨウ (regular) イチヨウ

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:イチヨウ

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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

Yura:Now, let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura:Many Japanese people enjoy grilled or cooked ginkgo seeds.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

QUIZ

Yura:Okay listeners, are you ready to be quizzed on the words you just learned? A will give you the Japanese – please say the English meaning out loud! Are you ready?

Natsuko:桜

[pause]Yura:cherry blossom

Natsuko:松

[pause]Yura:pine

Natsuko: 菊
[pause] Yura: chrysanthemum

Natsuko: あじさい
[pause] Yura: hydrangea

Natsuko: イチョウ
[pause] Yura: ginkgo

OUTRO

Yura: There you have it – five common plants in Japan! We have more vocab lists available at JapanesePod101.com, so be sure to check them out. Thanks everyone, see you next time!

Natsuko: またね！