

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #12

Cities

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KANJI

1. What are five major cities in Japan?
2. 1. 東京
3. 2. 大阪
4. 3. 広島
5. 4. 札幌
6. 5. 長崎

KANA

1. What are five major cities in Japan?
2. 1. とうきょう
3. 2. おおさか
4. 3. ひろしま
5. 4. さっぽろ
6. 5. ながさき

ROMANIZATION

1. What are five major cities in Japan?

CONT'D OVER

2. 1. Tōkyō
3. 2. Ōsaka
4. 3. Hiroshima
5. 4. Sapporo
6. 5. Nagasaki

ENGLISH

1. What are five major cities in Japan?
2. 1. Tokyo
3. 2. Osaka
4. 3. Hiroshima
5. 4. Sapporo
6. 5. Nagasaki

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
東京	とうきょう	Tōkyō	Tokyo (current capital of Japan)
大阪	おおさか	Ōsaka	Osaka

札幌	さっぽろ	Sapporo	Sapporo
長崎	ながさき	Nagasaki	Nagasaki
広島	ひろしま	Hiroshima	Hiroshima

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>日本の全人口1億2800万人のうち、10分の1にあたる1300万人が東京に住んでいます。</p> <p><i>Nihon no zen jinkō ichi-oku ni-sen happyaku-man-nin no uchi, jū-bun no ichi ni ataru sen san-byaku-man-nin ga Tōkyō ni sunde imasu.</i></p> <p>Out of the Japanese population of 128 million people, 13 million, which is almost one-tenth, reside in Tokyo.</p>	<p>出身は東京です。</p> <p><i>Shusshin wa Tōkyō desu.</i></p> <p>I'm from Tokyo.</p>
<p>大阪の人は、親しみやすく親切だと言われています。</p> <p><i>Ōsaka no hito wa, shitashimiyasukute shinsetsu da to iwarete imasu.</i></p> <p>It is often said that people in Osaka are generally very friendly and kind.</p>	<p>札幌市では長年にわたり、様々なスポーツのイベントが開催されています。</p> <p><i>Sapporo-shi de wa naganen ni watari, samazama na supōtsu no ibento ga kaisai sarete imasu.</i></p> <p>Sapporo city has hosted many different international sporting events over the years.</p>
<p>長崎は、第二次世界大戦中に原爆の被害を受けた二つの都市のひとつです。</p> <p><i>Nagasaki wa, dai ni-ji sekai taisenchū ni gembaku no higai o uketa futatsu no toshi no hitotsu desu.</i></p> <p>Nagasaki is one of the two cities that experienced the atomic bomb during the Second World War.</p>	<p>広島原爆ドームは、人々の平和を願う気持ちの象徴です。</p> <p><i>Hiroshima no genbaku dōmu wa, hitobito no heiwa o negau kimochi no shōchō desu.</i></p> <p>The Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima is the symbol of the people's wish for peace.</p>

CULTURAL INSIGHT

1. Tokyo

The capital of Japan, Tokyo is a political and business centre which has a skyline full of skyscrapers. The city is also considered to be an information hub, since a variety of

information is collected in and sent out to the provinces from Tokyo.

2. Osaka

Osaka is the second biggest city in Japan, located southwest of Tokyo. Osaka has developed as a merchant city.

3. Hiroshima

One of the two Japanese cities which experienced the atomic bomb during the Second World War. The memorial day of this event is the 6th of August. This city and Nagasaki are the only cities in the world that have actually experienced the atomic bomb, and such they are trying to put across the reality of the event to the rest of the world, with the eventual aim of the eradication of nuclear weapons and nuclear power.

4. Sapporo

Sapporo hosted the Winter Olympic Games in 1972 as the first Asian host country. Sapporo city is the political and economic centre of the prefecture of Hokkaido, with the fourth largest population in Japan.

5. Nagasaki

When the Japanese government sealed off the country to the outside world during the Edo period, there were four ports where international trade was allowed; Nagasaki was the biggest trade port under the direct control of the government.