

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #12

Cities

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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 12! In this lesson you'll learn 5 essential words related to Geography

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura:Natsuko, what's our first word?

NatsukoY:東京

Yura:Tokyo

NatsukoY:(slow) 東京 (regular) 東京

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

NatsukoY:東京

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

NatsukoY:(normal) 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。

Yura:Out of the Japanese population of 128 million people, 13 million, which is almost one-tenth, reside in Tokyo.

NatsukoY:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

NatsukoY:大阪

Yura:Osaka

NatsukoY:(slow) 大阪 (regular) 大阪

Yura:Listeners, please

repeat:

NatsukoY:大阪

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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

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

NatsukoY:(normal) 大阪の人は、親しみやすくて親切だと言われています。

Yura:It is often said that people in Osaka are generally very friendly and kind.

NatsukoY:(slow) 大阪の人は、親しみやすくて親切だと言われています。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

NatsukoY:広島

Yura:Hiroshima

NatsukoY:(slow) 広島 (regular) 広島

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

NatsukoY:広島

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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 as 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. -

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

NatsukoY:(normal) 広島原爆ドームは、人々の平和を願う気持ちの象徴です。

Yura:The Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima is the symbol of the people's wish for peace.

NatsukoY:(slow) 広島原爆ドームは、人々の平和を願う気持ちの象徴です。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

NatsukoY:札幌

Yura:Sapporo

NatsukoY:(slow) 札幌 (regular) 札幌

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

NatsukoY:札幌

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

NatsukoY:(normal) 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。

Yura:Sapporo city has hosted many different international sporting events over the years.

NatsukoY:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the last word?

NatsukoY:長崎

Yura:Nagasaki

NatsukoY:(slow) 長崎 (regular) 長崎

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

NatsukoY:長崎

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

word.

NatsukoY:(normal) 長崎は、第二次世界大戦中に原爆の被害を受けた2つの都市の一つです。

Yura:Nagasaki is one of the two cities that experienced the atomic bomb during the Second World War.

NatsukoY:(slow) 長崎は、第二次世界大戦中に原爆の被害を受けた2つの都市の一つです。

QUIZ

Yura:Okay listeners, are you ready to be quizzed on the words you just learned?

Natsuko will give you the Japanese – please say the English meaning out loud! Are you ready?

NatsukoY:東京

[pause]Yura:Tokyo

NatsukoY:大阪

[pause]Yura:Osaka

NatsukoY:広島

[pause]Yura:Hiroshima

NatsukoY:札幌

[pause]Yura:Sapporo

NatsukoY:長崎

[pause]Yura:Nagasaki

OUTRO

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

NatsukoY:またね!