

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #13

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KANJI

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KANA

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2. 1. やきゅう
3. 2. サッカー
4. 3. じゅうどう
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ROMANIZATION

1. What are five popular sports in Japan?

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2. 1. yakyuu
3. 2. sakkā
4. 3. juudou
5. 4. sumou
6. 5. barēbōr

ENGLISH

1. What are five popular sports in Japan?
2. 1. baseball
3. 2. soccer
4. 3. judo
5. 4. sumo
6. 5. volleyball

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
野球	やきゅう	yakyū	baseball
サッカー	サッカー	sakkā	soccer, football
相撲	すもう	sumō	sumo

バレーボール	バレーボール	barēbōru	volleyball
柔道	じゅうどう	jūdō	judo (Japanese traditional martial art)

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>高校生の野球大会である「甲子園」は有名な大会です。 <i>ōkōsei no yakyū taikai dearu ""kōshien"" wa yūmei na taikai desu.</i></p> <p>A famous baseball event is the "Koshien", which is a high school baseball tournament held each summer.</p>	<p>選手達が野球をしている。 <i>Senshu-tachi ga yakyū o shite iru.</i></p> <p>The players are playing baseball.</p>
<p>野球選手たちは、子供と素晴らしいひとときを過ごしました。 <i>Yakyū senshu-tachi wa kodomo to subarashii hitotoki o sugoshimashita.</i></p> <p>The baseball players had a wonderful time with the children.</p>	<p>1999年以降、日本のサッカーはJ-1 とJ-2 のふたつのリーグがあります。 <i>sen kyūhyaku kyūjū kyūnen ikō, nihon no sakkā wa jeiwan to jeitsū no futatsu no rīgu ga arimasu.</i></p> <p>Since 1999, the Japanese soccer league has had two divisions: J-1 and J-2.</p>
<p>サッカーが苦手です。 <i>Sakkā ga nigate desu.</i></p> <p>I'm bad at playing soccer.</p>	<p>近年、相撲では外国人力士が素晴らしい活躍を見せています。 <i>kin'nen, sumō dewa gaikokujin rikishi ga subarashī katsuyaku o misete imasu.</i></p> <p>Recently, foreign wrestlers have been giving impressive performances in sumo.</p>
<p>日本のバレーボールには、9人制バレーという特別な制度があります。 <i>Nihon no barēbōru niwa, kyūninsē barē toyū tokubetsuna sēdo ga arimasu.</i></p> <p>In Japanese volleyball, there is a unique system of a nine player team.</p>	<p>バレーボール部に所属していました。 <i>Barēbōru bu ni shozoku shite imashita.</i></p> <p>I used to belong to a volleyball club.</p>
<p>柔道の教えは、武術だけでなく、精神面や礼儀にも及びます。 <i>Jūdō no oshie wa, bujutsu dake denaku, seishinmen ya reigi nimo oyobimasu.</i></p> <p>Judo teaches not only martial techniques, but also spiritual lessons of good manners and respect.</p>	

CULTURAL INSIGHT

1. Baseball

Baseball is one of the most popular sports in Japan. People of all generations enjoy playing baseball in public parks as well as watching the games at baseball stadiums.

2. Soccer

The Japanese national league, called the J-League, started in 1993. Soccer has never been as popular as baseball in Japan, but the recent impressive performances and results of both the men's and women's national teams have been attracting more and more fans.

3. Judo

The origin of judo goes back to 12th century Japan, where martial techniques were practiced amongst the samurai. Nowadays school children (especially boys) learn judo during PE class.

4. Sumo

Sumo is a Japanese national sport. In the past, there was also sumo for women, but it no longer exists at national level. The sumo ring is barred to women, and this tradition continues today.

5. Volleyball

Women's volleyball had its "golden era" during the 1960s, from which Japanese volleyball gained worldwide attention and recognition. In the Tokyo Olympic games in 1964, the Japanese national team lost only one set in five games.