

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #13 Sports

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# 13

# INTRODUCTION

Yura:Hi everyone, I'm Yura.

Natsuko:And I'm Natsuko!

Yura:And welcome to Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary, Lesson 13! In this lesson you'll learn 5 essential words related to Recreation

## FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura:Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko:野球

Yura:baseball

Natsuko:(slow) 野球 (regular) 野球

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:野球

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 高校生の野球大会である「甲子園」は有名な大会です。

Yura:A famous baseball event is the ""Koshien"", which is a high school baseball tournament held each summer.

Natsuko:(slow) 高校生の野球大会である「甲子園」は有名な大会です。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:サッカー

Yura:football/soccer

Natsuko:(slow) サッカー (regular) サッカー

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:サッカー

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura:Since 1999, the Japanese soccer league has had two divisions: J-1 and J-2.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:柔道

Yura:Judo

Natsuko:(slow) 柔道 (regular) 柔道

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:柔道

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura:Judo teaches not only martial techniques, but also spiritual lessons of good manners and respect.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:相撲

Yura:Sumo

Natsuko:(slow) 相撲 (regular) 相撲

Yura:Listeners, please

repeat:

Natsuko:相撲

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura:Recently, foreign wrestlers have been giving impressive performances in sumo.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko:バレーボール

Yura:volleyball

Natsuko:(slow) バレーボール (regular) バレーボール

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:バレーボール

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura:In Japanese volleyball, there is a unique system of a nine player team.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

## QUIZ

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

Natsuko: 野球

[pause] Yura: baseball

Natsuko: サッカー

[pause] Yura: football/soccer

Natsuko: 柔道

[pause] Yura: Judo

Natsuko: 相撲

[pause] Yura: Sumo

Natsuko: バレーボール

[pause] Yura: volleyball

## OUTRO

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

Natsuko: またね!