

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #14

## Recreational Activities

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## KANJI

1. What are five popular recreational activities in Japan?
2. 1. 温泉
3. 2. 遊園地
4. 3. 映画
5. 4. 読書
6. 5. 買い物

## KANA

1. What are five popular recreational activities in Japan?
2. 1. おんせん
3. 2. ゆうえんち
4. 3. えいが
5. 4. どくしょ
6. 5. かいもの

## ROMANIZATION

1. What are five popular recreational activities in Japan?

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2. 1. onsen
3. 2. yuuenchi
4. 3. eiga
5. 4. dokusho
6. 5. kaimon

## ENGLISH

1. What are five popular recreational activities in Japan?
2. 1. hot spring
3. 2. amusement park / fun fair
4. 3. movie
5. 4. reading books
6. 5. shopping

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
温泉	おんせん	onsen	hot spring, onsen
遊園地	ゆうえんち	yūenchi	amusement park, fun fair

読書	とくしょ	dokusho	reading books
買い物	かいもの	kaimono	shopping
映画	えいが	eiga	movie

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>温泉は、リラックスできるだけでなく、治療効果もあると言われています。</p> <p><i>onsen wa, rirakkusu dekiru dakedenaku, chiryō kōka mo aru to iwarete imasu.</i></p> <p>Hot springs are not only relaxing, but are also believed to have medical healing properties.</p>	<p>日本にはたくさんいい温泉がある。</p> <p><i>Nihon ni wa takusan ii onsen ga aru.</i></p> <p>There are a lot of good hot springs in Japan.</p>
<p>ディズニー・リゾートは、毎年、2400万人以上が訪れる遊園地です。</p> <p><i>Dizunī Rizōto wa, maitoshi, nisen yonhyakuman-nin ijō ga otozureru yūenchi desu.</i></p> <p>(The Japanese)Disney Resort is an amusement park that more than 24 million people visit every year.</p>	<p>日本では、秋は読書に最適の季節とされています。</p> <p><i>nihon dewa, aki wa dokusho ni saiteki no kisetsu to sarete imasu.</i></p> <p>Autumn is traditionally considered a good season for reading in Japan.</p>
<p>買い物においては、日本はまだ現金主義社会だと言えます。</p> <p><i>kaimono ni oite wa, nihon wa mada genkin shugi shakai dato iemasu.</i></p> <p>When it comes to shopping, Japan is still considered a cash-based society.</p>	<p>有名な日本人映画監督には、黒沢明、山田洋次、北野武がいます。</p> <p><i>Yūmeina nihonjin eiga kantoku ni wa, Kurosawa Akira, Yamada Yōji, Kitano Takeshi ga imasu.</i></p> <p>Some famous Japanese movie directors are Akira Kurosawa, Yoji Yamada and Takeshi Kitano.</p>
<p>私は映画が好きです。</p> <p><i>Watashi wa eiga ga suki desu.</i></p> <p>I like movies.</p>	

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

### 1. Hot spring

Due to its mountainous geography and active volcanoes, there are many hot springs in Japan. Shared public baths are an old custom in Japan and there are many bathhouses in almost every town, some of which contain natural minerals. In Japanese public baths and hot springs, people bathe nude.

## 2. Amusement park / fun fair

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There are hundreds of amusement parks in Japan. The most popular recreational park in Japan is the Disney resort, which has two parks near Tokyo. These fantasy lands are also called *tēma pāku* (literally, "theme park").

## 3. Movie

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Many children enjoy animated movies, whilst adults enjoy all kinds of movies. Foreign movies are usually available in both dubbed versions and subtitled versions.

## 4. Reading books

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Reading is a very common hobby in Japan: you will often see many people reading on the train. Recently many people enjoy reading on mobile phones and tablet computers.

## 5. Shopping

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Japanese shops often promote limited time sales, such as giving a "special discount" for a period of one hour. Any kind of shop can have such promotions or seasonal sales.