

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #14 Recreational Activities

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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 14! In this lesson you'll learn 5 essential words related to Recreation

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura: Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko: 温泉

Yura: hot spring

Natsuko: (slow) 温泉 (regular) 温泉

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 温泉

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 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。

Yura: Hot springs are not only relaxing, but are also believed to have medical healing
properties.

Natsuko: (slow) 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。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 遊園地

Yura: amusement park / fun fair

Natsuko: (slow) 遊園地 (regular) 遊園地

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 遊園地

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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""). -

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

word.

Natsuko: (normal) 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。

Yura: The Japanese Disney resort is an amusement park that more than 24 million people visit every year.

Natsuko: (slow) 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。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 映画

Yura: movie

Natsuko: (slow) 映画 (regular) 映画

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 映画

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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

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

Natsuko: (normal) 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。

Yura: Some famous Japanese movie directors are Akira Kurosawa, Yoji Yamada and Takeshi Kitano.

Natsuko: (slow) 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。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 読書

Yura: reading books

Natsuko: (slow) 読書 (regular) 読書

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 読書

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 日本では、秋は読書に最適の季節とされています。

Yura: Autumn is traditionally considered a good season for reading in Japan.

Natsuko: (slow) 日本では、秋は読書に最適の季節とされています。

Yura: Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko: 買い物

Yura: shopping

Natsuko: (slow) 買い物 (regular) 買い物

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:

買い物

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 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。

Yura: When it comes to shopping, Japan is still considered a cash-based society.

Natsuko: (slow) 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。

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?

Natsuko: 温泉

[pause]Yura: hot spring

Natsuko: 遊園地

[pause]Yura: amusement park / fun fair

Natsuko: 映画

[pause]Yura: movie

Natsuko: 読書

[pause]Yura: reading books

Natsuko: 買い物

[pause]Yura: shopping

OUTRO

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

Natsuko: またね!