

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #15

Tourist Attractions and Places

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KANJI

1. What are five popular tourist attractions and places in Japan?
2. 1. 金閣寺
3. 2. 東大寺
4. 3. 秋葉原
5. 4. 広島平和記念公園
6. 5. 富士山

KANA

1. What are five popular tourist attractions and places in Japan?
2. 1. きんかくじ
3. 2. とうだいじ
4. 3. あきはばら
5. 4. ひろしまへいわきねんこうえん
6. 5. ふじさん

ROMANIZATION

1. What are five popular tourist attractions and places in Japan?

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2. 1. Kinkakuji
3. 2. Tōdaiji
4. 3. Akihabara
5. 4. Hiroshima heiwa kinen kōen
6. 5. Fujisan

ENGLISH

1. What are five popular tourist attractions and places in Japan?
2. 1. Kinkaku temple
3. 2. Todai temple
4. 3. Akihabara
5. 4. Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park
6. 5. Mt. Fuji

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
金閣寺	きんかくじ	kinkakuji	Kinkaku Temple
東大寺	とうだいじ	Tōdaiji	Todai Temple

広島平和記念公園	ひろしまへいわきね んこうえん	Hiroshima heiwa kinen kōen	Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park
富士山	ふじさん	Fuji-san	Mt. Fuji
秋葉原	あきはばら	Akihabara	Akihabara

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>金閣は1950年に放火により焼失し、1955年に再建されました。</p> <p><i>Kinkaku wa sen kyūhyaku gojūnen ni hōka ni yori shōshitushi, sen kyūhyaku gojūgonen ni saiken saremashita.</i></p> <p>The original Golden Pavilion was burned down in an arson attack in 1950 and was re-constructed in 1955 as a replica of the original.</p>	<p>東大寺の敷地は、34万平方メートル以上の広さがあります。</p> <p><i>Tōdaiji no shikichi wa, sanjūyonman heihō mētoru ijō no hirosa ga arimasu.</i></p> <p>The site of the Todai temple complex has an area larger than 340,000 square meters.</p>
<p>毎年、世界中からたくさんの外国人が広島平和記念公園を訪れます。</p> <p><i>Maitoshi, sekaijū kara takusan no gaikokujin ga Hiroshima heiwa kinen kōen o otozuremasu.</i></p> <p>Every year, thousands of people from all over the world visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park.</p>	<p>富士山はとても高い山です。</p> <p><i>Fuji-san wa totemo takai yama desu.</i></p> <p>Mt. Fuji is a very tall mountain.</p>
<p>秋葉原には、女性がメイド姿で接客をするカフェがたくさんあります。</p> <p><i>Akihabara niwa, josei ga meido sugata de sekkyaku o suru kafe ga takusan arimasu.</i></p> <p>There are many cafes in Akihabara in which girls dressed as maids serve customers.</p>	

CULTURAL INSIGHT

1. Kinkaku temple

The real name of Kinkaku temple is Rokuonji (Rokuon temple), but it is much better known as Kinkakuji, since the Kinkaku (Golden Pavilion) is the most famous establishment of the temple. Kinkakuji was built in 1397 in Kyoto during the Muromachi period under the rule of Yoshimitsu Ashikaga.

2. Todai temple

Todai temple is a Buddhist temple complex in Nara city which was completed in the 8th century. This temple is characterised especially by the Great Buddha Hall, which is the largest wooden building in the world, as well as by the world's largest bronze statue of Buddha Vairocana (the Great Buddha).

3. Akihabara

Akihabara is a district in Tokyo which originally developed as the main centre for electronic appliances. In recent years Akihabara has also become famous for animation, comics, and games. Since both high technology products and animation are typical Japanese things, not only Japanese people, but also many foreign tourists visit the town.

4. Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park was designed as and dedicated to the legacy of Hiroshima, which is the world's first city to suffer a nuclear bomb, as well as to the victims of that bomb. The park has a skeletal ruin of a building as a symbol of this, which is called the A-Bomb Dome.

5. Mt. Fuji

Mt. Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan at 3,776 meters. It's an active volcano located on the border of Shizuoka and Yamanashi prefectures.