

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #15

## Tourist Attractions and Places

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

## FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura: Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko: 金閣寺

Yura: Kinkaku temple

Natsuko: (slow) 金閣寺 (regular) 金閣寺

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 金閣寺

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 金閣は1950年に放火により焼失し、1955年に再建されました。

Yura: 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.

Natsuko: (slow) 金閣は1950年に放火により焼失し、1955年に再建されました。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 東大寺

Yura: Todai temple

Natsuko: (slow) 東大寺 (regular) 東大寺

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 東大寺

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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). -

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

Natsuko: (normal)

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。

Yura: The site of the Todai temple complex has an area larger than 340,000 square meters.

Natsuko: (slow) 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。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 秋葉原

Yura: Akihabara

Natsuko: (slow) 秋葉原 (regular) 秋葉原

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 秋葉原

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 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。

Yura: There are many cafes in Akihabara in which girls dressed as maids serve customers.

Natsuko: (slow) 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。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 広島平和記念公園

Yura: Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

Natsuko: (slow) 広島平和記念公園 (regular) 広島平和記念公園

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 広島平和記念公園

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 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。

Yura: Every year, thousands of people from all over the world visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial

Park.

Natsuko: (slow) 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。

Yura: Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko: 富士山

Yura: Mt. Fuji

Natsuko: (slow) 富士山 (regular) 富士山

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 富士山

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 毎年約30万人が富士山に登ります。

Yura: Around 300,000 people visit Mt. Fuji every year.

Natsuko: (slow) 毎年約30万人が富士山に登ります。

## 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: 金閣寺

[pause]Yura: Kinkaku temple

Natsuko: 東大寺

[pause]Yura: Todai temple

Natsuko: 秋葉原

[pause]Yura: Akihabara

Natsuko: 広島平和記念公園

[pause]Yura: Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

Natsuko: 富士山

[pause]Yura: Mt. Fuji

## OUTRO

Yura: There you have it – five tourist attractions/places 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!