

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #1

## National Holidays

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## KANJI

1. What are five well-known national holidays in Japan?
2. 1. 建国記念の日
3. 2. 成人の日
4. 3. 敬老の日
5. 4. 勤労感謝の日
6. 5. こどもの日

## KANA

1. What are five well-known national holidays in Japan?
2. 1. けんこくきねんのひ
3. 2. せいじんのひ
4. 3. けいろうのひ
5. 4. きんろうかんしゃのひ
6. 5. こどものひ

## ROMANIZATION

1. What are five well-known national holidays in Japan?

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2. 1. Kenkoku kinen no hi
3. 2. Seijin no hi
4. 3. Keirō no hi
5. 4. Kinrō kansha no hi
6. 5. Kodomo no hi

## ENGLISH

1. What are five well-known national holidays in Japan?
2. 1. National Foundation Day
3. 2. Coming of Age Day
4. 3. Respect for the Aged Day
5. 4. Labour Thanksgiving Day
6. 5. Children's Day

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
建国記念の日	けんこくきねんのひ	Kenkoku kinen no hi	National Foundation Day
成人の日	せいじんのひ	Seijin no hi	Coming of Age Day

勤労感謝の日	きんろうかんしゃの ひ	Kinrō kansha no hi	Labour Thanksgiving Day
敬老の日	けいろうのひ	Keirō no hi	Respect for the Aged Day
こどもの日	こどものひ	Kodomo no hi	Children's Day

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>建国記念の日は、旧暦では元旦です。 <i>Kenkoku kinen no hi wa, kyūreki de wa Gantan desu.</i></p> <p>In the lunisolar calendar, Japan's National Foundation Day falls on New Year's Day.</p>	<p>成人の日には、20歳をむかえる多くの男女が着物や袴を着ます。 <i>Seijin no hi ni wa, hatachi o mukaeru ōku no danjo ga kimono ya hakama o kimasu.</i></p> <p>On Coming of Age Day, many men and women who are or will be twenty years old by the end of March that year wear traditional Japanese clothes called "kimono" and "hakama".</p>
<p>勤労感謝の日は、日々の勤労をねぎらう日です。 <i>Kinrō kansha no hi wa, hibi no kinrō o negirau hi desu.</i></p> <p>Labour Thanksgiving Day is the day for rewarding daily hard work.</p>	<p>敬老の日には、祖父母に感謝の気持ちを伝えます。 <i>Keirō no hi ni wa, sofubo ni kansha no kimochi o tsutaemasu.</i></p> <p>Japanese people show appreciation for their grandparents on Respect for the Aged Day.</p>
<p>昔は、毎年、こどもの日に身長を測り、成長をみる習慣がありました。 <i>Mukashi wa, maitoshi kodomo no hi ni shinchō o hakari, seichō o miru shūkan ga arimashita.</i></p> <p>In the olden days, Japanese people measured the height of the children on Children's Day every year to see how much they had grown.</p>	

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

### 1. National Foundation Day

This day is the 11th of February and is considered to be Japan's National Foundation Day. It was officially established in 1966.

## 2. Coming of Age Day

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Coming of Age Day is the second Monday of January. In Japan, 20 is considered the age of majority.

## 3. Respect for the Aged Day

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Respect for the Aged Day is the third Monday of September. This day is for people to appreciate a lifetime of hard work from the elderly, and to show respect and love for them.

## 4. Labour Thanksgiving Day

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Labour Thanksgiving Day is the 23rd of November. Japanese people celebrate the year's hard work, human rights, workers' rights and the production, harvest, and success of the year, as well as showing appreciation for each other's hard work.

## 5. Children's Day

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Children's Day is the 5th of May. It's a day to celebrate children's individual personalities and to celebrate their happiness. It's also a day to show gratitude to mothers.