

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #1 National Holidays

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# 1

# INTRODUCTION

Yura:Hi everyone, I'm Yura.

Natsuko:And I'm Natsuko!

Yura:And welcome to Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary, Lesson 1! In this lesson you'll learn 5 essential words related to Daily Life. These are five Japanese National Holidays. Hand picked. You can find a complete list of vocabulary at JapanesePod101.com

## FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura:A, what's our first word?

Natsuko:建国記念の日

Yura:National Foundation Day

Natsuko:(slow) 建国記念の日 (regular) 建国記念の日

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:建国記念の日

[pause - 5 sec.]

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

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

Natsuko:(normal) 建国記念の日は、旧暦では元旦です。

Yura:In the lunisolar calendar, Japan's National Foundation Day falls on New Year's Day.

Natsuko:(slow) 建国記念の日は、旧暦では元旦です。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:成人の日

Yura:Coming of Age Day

Natsuko:(slow) 成人の日 (regular) 成人の日

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:成人の日

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:Coming of Age Day is the second Monday of January. In Japan, 20 is considered

the age of majority. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura: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".

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:敬老の日

Yura:Respect for the Aged Day

Natsuko:(slow) 敬老の日 (regular) 敬老の日

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:敬老の日

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura: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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 敬老の日には、祖父母に感謝の気持ちを伝えます。

Yura:Japanese people show appreciation for their grandparents on Respect for the Aged Day.

Natsuko:(slow) 敬老の日には、祖父母に感謝の気持ちを伝えます。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:勤労感謝の日

Yura:Labour Thanksgiving Day

Natsuko:(slow) 勤労感謝の日 (regular) 勤労感謝の日

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:勤労感謝の日

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 勤労感謝の日は、日々の勤労をねぎらう日です。

Yura:Labour Thanksgiving Day is the day for rewarding daily hard work.

Natsuko:(slow) 勤労感謝の日は、日々の勤労をねぎらう日です。

Yura:Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko:こどもの日

Yura:Children's Day

Natsuko:(slow) こどもの日 (regular) こどもの日

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:こどもの日

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura:In the olden days, Japanese people measured the height of their children on Children's Day every year to see how much they had grown.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

## QUIZ

Yura:Okay listeners, are you ready to be quizzed on the words you just learned? A will give you the Japanese – please say the English meaning out loud! Are you ready?

Natsuko: 建国記念の日  
[pause] Yura: National Foundation Day

Natsuko: 成人の日  
[pause] Yura: Coming of Age Day

Natsuko: 敬老の日  
[pause] Yura: Respect for the Aged Day

Natsuko: 勤労感謝の日  
[pause] Yura: Labour Thanksgiving Day

Natsuko: こどもの日  
[pause] Yura: Children's Day

## OUTRO

Yura: There you have it – five National Holidays 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！