

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #21 Food souvenirs

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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 21! In this lesson you'll learn 5 essential words related to Food

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura: Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko: 梅干し

Yura: Pickled plum

Natsuko: (slow) 梅干し (regular) 梅干し

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 梅干し

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Umeboshi are pickled plums. The fruits of the plum blossom are dried under the sun and then pickled with salt. Umeboshi are typically salty and extremely sour. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 梅干しは、通常ライスと一緒に食べられ、おにぎりの中身としても代表的な材料です。

Yura: Pickled plums are usually eaten with rice, and are also a typical ingredient for rice balls.

Natsuko: (slow) 梅干しは、通常ライスと一緒に食べられ、おにぎりの中身としても代表的な材料です。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 抹茶

Yura: Green tea ""matcha""

Natsuko: (slow) 抹茶 (regular) 抹茶

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 抹茶

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Matcha is powdered green tea with a deep bitter taste. At traditional Japanese tea ceremony, the tea served is this type of green tea - matcha. -

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

Natsuko: (normal)

抹茶の粉は溶けやすいので、バニラアイスと混ぜたり、抹茶パウンドケーキに使用したり、いろいろな方法で楽しめます。

Yura: Since matcha powder melts easily, it's enjoyed in various ways, such as mixed into vanilla ice cream and in matcha pound cake.

Natsuko: (slow) 抹茶の粉は溶けやすいので、バニラアイスと混ぜたり、抹茶パウンドケーキに使用したり、いろいろな方法で楽しめます。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 煎餅

Yura: Sembei (Japanese snack)

Natsuko: (slow) 煎餅 (regular) 煎餅

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 煎餅

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Sembei is a kind of hard rice cracker. They come in various shapes and flavours, and are available at almost any Japanese supermarket. The most basic flavors are soy sauce and salt. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 日本の典型的なスナックは、煎餅と緑茶です。

Yura: A typical Japanese snack is sembei and green tea.

Natsuko: (slow) 日本の典型的なスナックは、煎餅と緑茶です。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 餅

Yura: rice cake

Natsuko: (slow) 餅 (regular) 餅

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 餅

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Mochi is a rice cake made of glutinous rice. Fresh mochi is usually sold in traditional sweet shops, but cut mochi (called ""kiri mochi""), which is produced and packed in factories, is available at supermarkets. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 切り餅は焼いたり料理したりして食べます。

Yura: Cut mochi is enjoyed either grilled or cooked.

Natsuko: (slow) 切り餅は焼いたり料理したりして食べます。

Yura: Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko: ようかん

Yura: A Japanese confectionery made from red bean paste, agar and sugar

Natsuko: (slow) ようかん (regular)

ようかん

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: ようかん

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Yōkan, or sweet bean jelly, is made from red bean paste, agar and sugar. Mizu-yōkan is more watery, and typically enjoyed in summer. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) ようかんと水ようかんは、何カ月も日持ちするのでお土産に最適です。

Yura: Yōkan and mizu yōkan can usually be preserved for months, which makes them perfect as souvenirs.

Natsuko: (slow) ようかんと水ようかんは、何カ月も日持ちするのでお土産に最適です。

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: 梅干し

[pause]Yura: Pickled plum

Natsuko: 抹茶

[pause]Yura: Green tea ""matcha""

Natsuko: 煎餅

[pause]Yura: Sembei (Japanese snack)

Natsuko: 餅

[pause]Yura: Rice cake

Natsuko: ようかん

[pause]Yura: A Japanese confectionery made from red bean paste, agar and sugar

OUTRO

Yura: There you have it – five food souvenirs 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！"