

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #23 Natural Disasters

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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 23! In this lesson you'll learn 5 essential words related to Health

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura: Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko: 地震

Yura: earthquake

Natsuko: (slow) 地震 (regular) 地震

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 地震

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Since Japan is located above several oceanic plates and has active faults, earthquakes are quite a common occurrence all over the country. One of the biggest and the most recent was the Great East Japan Earthquake, which happened in March 2011. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 日本の子供は、学校の避難訓練で、地震の際に身を守る方法を学びます。

Yura: Japanese school children have periodic earthquake drills to teach them how to protect themselves in the event of an earthquake.

Natsuko: (slow) 日本の子供は、学校の避難訓練で、地震の際に身を守る方法を学びます。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 津波

Yura: tsunami / seismic sea wave

Natsuko: (slow) 津波 (regular) 津波

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 津波

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

When earthquakes happen near or under the ocean, a tsunami often follows soon afterwards. Due to the fact that Japan is surrounded by ocean, tsunamis are part of the ""set"" that comes with an earthquake that people have to be reminded to be wary of. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 2011年3月、北日本では地震の後に巨大津波が押し寄せ、多くの命が失われました。

Yura: After the earthquake in March 2011, a huge tsunami destroyed several cities in North Japan, and thousands of people lost their lives.

Natsuko: (slow) 2011年3月、北日本では地震の後に巨大津波が押し寄せ、多くの命が失われました。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 台風

Yura: typhoon

Natsuko: (slow) 台風 (regular) 台風

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 台風

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Typhoons often occur on the sea in the south of Japan. Typhoons often hit Japan at autumn time, passing through the more northern islands of Japan. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 台風が上陸すると、交通機関がまひします。

Yura: When typhoons move across Japan, public transportation cannot function properly.

Natsuko: (slow) 台風が上陸すると、交通機関がまひします。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 雪崩

Yura: avalanche

Natsuko: (slow) 雪崩 (regular) 雪崩

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 雪崩

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Mountainous terrain dominates over 70% of Japan's land. People enjoy visiting mountain areas throughout the year, but during the winter and spring mountaineers may encounter avalanches. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 冬と春の間は、天気予報で雪崩に対する注意を呼びかけます。

Yura: During winter and spring, weather forecasters often call people's attention to avalanches.

Natsuko: (slow) 冬と春の間は、天気予報で雪崩に対する注意を呼びかけます。

Yura: Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko: 集中豪雨

Yura: torrential

rains

Natsuko: (slow) 集中豪雨 (regular) 集中豪雨

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 集中豪雨

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

There are several reasons behind torrential rains in Japan, including typhoons and seasonal rain fronts. During the summer, torrential rains can also happen due to cumulonimbus clouds.

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

Natsuko: (normal) 日本では、台風や梅雨前線の影響で集中豪雨に襲われることがよくあります。

Yura: Typhoons and seasonal rain fronts often bring about torrential rains in Japan.

Natsuko: (slow) 日本では、台風や梅雨前線の影響で集中豪雨に襲われることがよくあります。

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: 地震

[pause]Yura: earthquake

Natsuko: 津波

[pause]Yura: tsunami / seismic sea wave

Natsuko: 台風

[pause]Yura: typhoon

Natsuko: 雪崩

[pause]Yura: avalanche

Natsuko: 集中豪雨

[pause]Yura: torrential rains

OUTRO

Yura: There you have it – five natural disasters 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!