

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #24 Musicians

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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 24! In this lesson you'll learn 5 essential words related to Fine arts. These are five well-known Japanese musicians. Hand picked. You can find a complete list of vocabulary at JapanesePod101.com

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura: Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko: 小澤征爾

Yura: Seiji Ozawa, a world-famous conductor

Natsuko: (slow) 小澤征爾 (regular) 小澤征爾

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 小澤征爾

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Seiji Ozawa is a world-famous Japanese orchestra conductor. He's also known as a music director and as a principal conductor of opera. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 小澤征爾は、わずか38歳でボストン交響楽団の音楽監督に就任した。

Yura: Seiji Ozawa became the music director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra at just 38 years of age.

Natsuko: (slow) 小澤征爾は、わずか38歳でボストン交響楽団の音楽監督に就任した。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 坂本九

Yura: Kyu Sakamoto, a legendary singer and actor

Natsuko: (slow) 坂本九 (regular) 坂本九

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 坂本九

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Kyu Sakamoto was a singer and actor. His songs were great hits all over the world, selling 15 million records in total. He lost his life in a plane crash in 1985 aged 43. -

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

Natsuko: (normal)

坂本九のベストヒットは、英語では「スキヤキ」として知られる「上を向いて歩こう」という歌です。

Yura: Kyu Sakamoto's best known song is ""Ue o Muite Arukō"", or ""Walk Looking Upward"", which is known as ""Sukiyaki"" in English.

Natsuko: (slow) 坂本九のベストヒットは、英語では「スキヤキ」として知られる「上を向いて歩こう」という歌です。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 美空ひばり

Yura: Hibari Misora, a famous enka singer

Natsuko: (slow) 美空ひばり (regular) 美空ひばり

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 美空ひばり

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Hibari Misora is considered the greatest ""diva"" in Japan. She started her life as an actress at 8 years old, but it took about a year to convince people in the music industry to accept her mature talent as a singer. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 美空ひばりは、女性初の国民栄誉賞受賞者です。

Yura: Hibari Misora is the first woman to receive the People's Honour Award.

Natsuko: (slow) 美空ひばりは、女性初の国民栄誉賞受賞者です。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 氷川きよし

Yura: Kiyoshi Hikawa, a young enka singer

Natsuko: (slow) 氷川きよし (regular) 氷川きよし

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 氷川きよし

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Kiyoshi Hikawa is a young Japanese enka singer. Enka is a popular type of Japanese music which is made to resemble traditional Japanese songs, and is considered to be a genre popular with older people. Kiyoshi Hikawa made an impact among enka singers older than he, and made enka more casual and approachable for the younger generation. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 氷川きよしの演歌は、演歌とポップの融合のような歌です。

Yura: Enka songs by Kiyoshi Hikawa sound like a mix of enka and pop music.

Natsuko: (slow) 氷川きよしの演歌は、演歌とポップの融合のような歌です。

Yura: Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko: 嵐

Yura: Arashi, a popular male pop

group

Natsuko: (slow) 嵐 (regular) 嵐

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 嵐

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Arashi is a group managed by Johnny

QUIZ

Yura: Okay listeners, are you ready to be quizzed on the words you just learned?

Natsuko will give you the Japanese – please repeat it out loud! Are you ready?

Natsuko: 小澤征爾

[pause]Yura: Seiji Ozawa, a world-famous conductor

Natsuko: 坂本九

[pause]Yura: Kyu Sakamoto, a legendary singer and actor

Natsuko: 美空ひばり

[pause]Yura: Hibari Misora, a famous enka singer

Natsuko: 氷川きよし

[pause]Yura: Kiyoshi Hikawa, a young enka singer

Natsuko: 嵐

[pause]Yura: Arashi, a popular male pop group

OUTRO

Yura: There you have it – five musicians 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!