

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #3 Beverages

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KANJI

1. What are five popular beverages in Japan?
2. 1. アイスコーヒー
3. 2. 緑茶
4. 3. 日本酒
5. 4. チューハイ
6. 5. ラムネ

KANA

1. What are five popular beverages in Japan?
2. 1. アイスコーヒー
3. 2. りよくちゃ
4. 3. にほんしゅ
5. 4. チューハイ
6. 5. ラムネ

ROMANIZATION

1. What are five popular beverages in Japan?

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2. 1. aisu kōhī
3. 2. ryokucha
4. 3. nihonshu
5. 4. chūhai
6. 5. ramune

ENGLISH

1. What are five popular beverages in Japan?
2. 1. Iced coffee
3. 2. Green tea
4. 3. Nihonshu, known in English as "sake"
5. 4. Chūhai, a mix of shōchū, carbonated water, and lemon
6. 5. Ramune, a carbonated soft drink

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
アイスコーヒー	アイスコーヒー	aisu kōhī	iced coffee
日本酒	にほんしゅ	Nihonshu	Nihonshu, known in English as "sake"

緑茶	りよくちゃ	ryokucha	green tea
ラムネ	ラムネ	ramune	ramune, a carbonated soft drink
チューハイ	チューハイ	chūhai	chūhai, a mix of shōchū, carbonated water, and lemon

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>日本では、いろいろな種類のアイスコーヒーが自動販売機で買えます。</p> <p><i>Nihon de wa, iroiro na shurui no aisu kōhī ga jidō hanbaiki de kaemasu.</i></p> <p>In Japan, there are many different types of iced coffee available at vending machines.</p>	<p>神前結婚式では、固めのしるしとして新郎新婦が日本酒を飲みます。</p> <p><i>Shinzen kekkonshiki de wa, katame no shirushi to shite shinrō shimpu ga nihonshu o nomimasu.</i></p> <p>In a traditional Shinto-style Japanese wedding ceremony, the bride and groom share sake as proof of their bond.</p>
<p>日本酒がありますか。</p> <p><i>Nihonshu ga arimasu ka.</i></p> <p>Do you have Japanese rice wine?</p>	<p>静岡は、緑茶で有名です。</p> <p><i>Shizuoka wa, ryokucha de yūmei desu.</i></p> <p>Shizuoka is very famous for green tea.</p>
<p>ラムネは、さわやかな味だけでなく、涼しげなガラス瓶の使用もあって、夏によく飲まれます。</p> <p><i>Ramune wa, sawayaka na aji dake de naku, suzushige na garasubin no shiyō mo atte, natsu ni yoku nomaremasu.</i></p> <p>Ramune is enjoyed typically in summer not only for its refreshing taste, but also for its refreshingly cool-looking glass bottle.</p>	<p>チューハイのアルコール度は低めですが、缶チューハイはアルコール度が9%もあるものもあります。</p> <p><i>Chūhai no arukōrudo wa hikume desu ga, kan chūhai wa arukōrudo ga kyū-pāsento mo aru mono mo arimasu.</i></p> <p>The alcohol content in chūhai is rather low, but canned chūhai can have an alcohol percentage as high as 9%.</p>
<p>チューハイが好きだ。</p> <p><i>Chūhai ga suki da.</i></p> <p>I like Shochū-based beverages.</p>	

CULTURAL INSIGHT

1. Iced coffee

Aisu kōhī is iced coffee, which many Japanese enjoy during the summer time. It's not a recent idea; Japanese people have been enjoying iced coffee for many years.

2. Green tea

Ryokucha is often translated as "Japanese tea." Recent studies have shown that green tea is effective in preventing cancer and in warding off the common cold. Japanese people are becoming more and more health-conscious, and so green tea is once again enjoying popularity.

3. Nihonshu, known in English as "sake"

Nihonshu is what is known as "sake" in English. It's a clear liquor made from fermented rice which can be served both hot and cold. Japanese people usually enjoy hot sake in the winter and cold sake in the summer.

4. Chūhai, a mix of shōchū, carbonated water, and lemon

Chūhai is an original Japanese alcoholic drink. Traditional *chūhai* is a mix of Japanese alcohol called *shōchū*, carbonated water and lemon. Recently, *chūhai* is often made with vodka, and flavored with all different kinds of fruits. *Chūhai* is enjoyed by many Japanese women for its sweet taste.

5. Ramune, a carbonated soft drink

Ramune is a carbonated soft drink which has been loved by Japanese people for a long time. The name *ramune* originates from the English word "lemonade," and the original taste was lemon-lime. Ramune is very widely known for its unique bottle shape with a glass marble inside. Ramune's fizzy taste and unique bottle were imported from the United Kingdom.