

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #3 Beverages

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

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura:Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko:アイスコーヒー

Yura:iced coffee

Natsuko:(slow) アイスコーヒー (regular) アイスコーヒー

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:アイスコーヒー

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura:In Japan, there are many different types of iced coffee available at vending machines.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:緑茶

Yura:green tea

Natsuko:(slow) 緑茶 (regular) 緑茶

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:緑茶

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 静岡は、緑茶で有名です。

Yura:Shizuoka is very famous for green tea.

Natsuko:(slow) 静岡は、緑茶で有名です。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:日本酒

Yura:Nihonshu, known in English as "sake"

Natsuko:(slow) 日本酒 (regular) 日本酒

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:日本酒

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura:In a traditional Shinto-style Japanese wedding ceremony, the bride and groom share sake as proof of their bond.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:チューハイ

Yura:chūhai, a mix of shōchū, carbonated water, and lemon

Natsuko:(slow) チューハイ (regular) チューハイ

Yura:Listeners, please

repeat:

Natsuko:チューハイ

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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 flavoured with all different kinds of fruits. Chūhai is enjoyed by many Japanese women for its sweet taste. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura:The alcohol content in chūhai is rather low, but canned chūhai can have an alcohol percentage as high as 9%.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko:ラムネ

Yura:ramune, a carbonated soft drink

Natsuko:(slow) ラムネ (regular) ラムネ

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:ラムネ

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal)

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。

Yura:Ramune is enjoyed typically in summer not only for its refreshing taste, but also for its refreshingly cool-looking glass bottle.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

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:アイスコーヒー
[pause]Yura:iced coffee

Natsuko:緑茶
[pause]Yura:green tea

Natsuko:日本酒
[pause]Yura:Nihonshu, known in English as “sake”

Natsuko:チューハイ
[pause]Yura:chūhai, a mix of shōchū, carbonated water, and lemon

Natsuko:ラムネ
[pause]Yura:ramune, a carbonated soft drink

OUTRO

Yura:There you have it – five common beverages 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!