

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #5 Sweets and Desserts

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

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura:A, what's our first word?

Natsuko: だんご

Yura:dango, Japanese dumplings

Natsuko: (slow) だんご (regular) だんご

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: だんご

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Dango, or dumplings, are made from rice flour, shaped like balls and often served on a skewer, one skewer takes 3 or 4 dango. Different seasonings and/or sauces are used, making different dango types all with different names. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 花見だんごはピンク、白、緑の三色です。

Yura:Dumplings eaten at cherry-blossom viewings are coloured pink, white and green.

Natsuko: (slow) 花見だんごはピンク、白、緑の三色です。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 桜餅

Yura:sakuramochi, a type of rice cake

Natsuko: (slow) 桜餅 (regular) 桜餅

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 桜餅

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Sakuramochi consists of a sweet pink coloured rice cake and sweet bean paste called "anko". The pink colour represents the colour of the "sakura", or cherry blossoms. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 日本人は、桜餅を3月3日ひなまつりの日に食べます。

Yura:Japanese people eat sakuramochi on the 3rd of March - Girls' Day.

Natsuko: (slow) 日本人は、桜餅を3月3日ひなまつりの日に食べます。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: ようかん

Yura:yōkan, or sweet bean jelly

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. It's usually rectangular-shaped, and is served in slices. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) ようかんは、とても甘いので苦い抹茶とよく合います。

Yura:Sweet bean jelly is very sweet, so it goes well with a bitter green tea called "matcha".

Natsuko: (slow) ようかんは、とても甘いので苦い抹茶とよく合います。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: プリン

Yura:purin, Japanese custard pudding

Natsuko: (slow) プリン (regular) プリン

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: プリン

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

"Purin" is Japanese custard pudding made from sugar, egg and milk, jellied in a cup with caramel sauce at the bottom. When you eat the pudding, you should turn the cup upside down on to a plate, so that the pudding comes out with the caramel sauce on top. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) 日本には、スーパーで買えるプリンから有名パティシエの高級デザートまで、いろいろなタイプのプリンがあります。

Yura:There are many different types of custard pudding in Japan: some are available at supermarkets, while others are posh desserts from famous patissiers.

Natsuko: (slow) 日本には、スーパーで買えるプリンから有名パティシエの高級デザートまで、いろいろなタイプのプリンがあります。

Yura:Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko: ラムネ

Yura:ramune, or sugar candy pellets

Natsuko: (slow) ラムネ (regular) ラムネ

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: ラムネ

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Ramune is a Japanese confectionery shaped like tablets or pills made from soluble lactose. Ramune has been a popular sweet amongst children for a long time in Japan, and is still available at old-style candy shops. -

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

Natsuko: (normal) ラムネは、砂糖のように口で溶けます。

Yura:Ramune melts in the mouth like sugar.

Natsuko: (slow) ラムネは、砂糖のように口で溶けます。

QUIZ

Yura:Okay listeners, are you ready to be quizzed on the words you just learned? A will give you the Japanese – please say the English meaning out loud! Are you ready?

Natsuko: だんご

[pause]Yura:dango, Japanese dumplings

Natsuko: 桜餅

[pause]Yura:sakuramochi, a type of rice cake

Natsuko: ようかん

[pause]Yura:yōkan, or sweet bean jelly

Natsuko: プリン

[pause]Yura:Japanese custard pudding

Natsuko: ラムネ

[pause]Yura:ramune, or sugar candy pellets

OUTRO

Yura:There you have it – five sweets/desserts 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！"