

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #6

Fruits

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ROMANIZATION

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2. 1. ringo
3. 2. sakuranbo
4. 3. suika
5. 4. kaki
6. 5. mikan

ENGLISH

1. What are five common fruits in Japan?
2. 1. Apple
3. 2. Cherry
4. 3. Watermelon
5. 4. Persimmon
6. 5. Mandarin orange

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
りんご	りんご	ringo	apple
さくらんぼ	さくらんぼ	sakuranbo	cherry
柿	かき	kaki	persimmon

すいか	すいか	suika	watermelon
みかん	みかん	mikan	mandarin orange

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>青森県の旬のりんごは、あまくてみずみずしいです。 <i>Aomori-ken no shun no ringo wa, amakute mizumizushi desu.</i></p> <p>Apples from Aomori prefecture in season are sweet and very juicy.</p>	<p>さっき、りんごを食べました。 <i>Sakki, ringo o tabemashita.</i></p> <p>I ate an apple a little while ago.</p>
<p>日本では、さくらんぼは一番高い果物のひとつです。 <i>Nihon de wa, sakuranbo wa ichi-ban takai kudamono no hitotsu desu.</i></p> <p>In Japan, cherries are one of the most expensive fruits.</p>	<p>さくらんぼは、形がかわいい。 <i>Sakuranbo wa, katachi ga kawaii.</i></p> <p>Cherries look cute.</p>
<p>渋柿は、干柿にすると甘くなります。 <i>Shibugaki wa, hoshigaki ni suru to amaku narimasu.</i></p> <p>Bitter Japanese persimmons become very sweet when they're dried.</p>	<p>日本人は、夏に海で目隠しをしてすいかを割るゲームをします。 <i>Nihon-jin wa, natsu ni umi de mekakushi o shite suika o waru gēmu o shimasu.</i></p> <p>Japanese people enjoy a game at the beach during the summer in which you have to find and split a watermelon with a stick while blindfolded.</p>
<p>すいかは、夏の果物です。 <i>Suika wa, natsu no kudamono desu.</i></p> <p>Watermelon is a summer fruit.</p>	<p>愛媛県と和歌山県は、みかんで有名です。 <i>Ehime-ken to Wakayama-ken wa, mikan de yūmei desu.</i></p> <p>Ehime and Wakayama prefectures are famous for their mandarin oranges.</p>

CULTURAL INSIGHT

1. Apple

Japan also has the old saying: "One apple a day keeps the doctors away." This is symbolic of the fact that apples have always been seen as a fruit that's good for the health.

2. Cherry

Yamagata prefecture is famous for its Japanese cherries. Japanese cherries are usually smaller than the American cherry, and their color is a pinkish-red.

3. Watermelon

Many Japanese enjoy eating watermelon in summer. Japanese watermelons are large, and small families cannot eat a whole one, so many supermarkets now sell watermelon pre-cut into quarters or eighths.

4. Japanese persimmon

Kaki, or persimmon, is an autumn fruit. It's enjoyed both fresh and dried.

5. Mandarin orange

Japanese people traditionally enjoy eating mandarin oranges in winter, when they're in season. A typical Japanese image of relaxing at home in winter is of family members eating mandarin oranges sitting under what's called a *kotatsu* (a small table with an electric heater underneath covered by a quilt).