

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #6 Fruits

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

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura:Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko:りんご

Yura:apple

Natsuko:(slow) りんご (regular) りんご

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:りんご

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 青森県の旬のりんごは、あまくてみずみずしいです。

Yura:Apples from Aomori prefecture in season are sweet and very juicy.

Natsuko:(slow) 青森県の旬のりんごは、あまくてみずみずしいです。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:さくらんぼ

Yura:cherry

Natsuko:(slow) さくらんぼ (regular) さくらんぼ

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:さくらんぼ

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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

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

Natsuko:(normal) 日本では、さくらんぼは一番高い果物のひとつです。

Yura:In Japan, cherries are one of the most expensive fruits.

Natsuko:(slow) 日本では、さくらんぼは一番高い果物のひとつです。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:スイカ

Yura:watermelon

Natsuko:(slow) スイカ (regular) スイカ

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:スイカ

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura: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.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:柿

Yura:persimmon

Natsuko:(slow) 柿 (regular) 柿

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:柿

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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

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

Natsuko:(normal) 渋柿は、干柿にすると甘くなります。

Yura:Bitter Japanese persimmons become very sweet when they're dried.

Natsuko:(slow) 渋柿は、干柿にすると甘くなります。

Yura:Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko:みかん

Yura:mandarin orange

Natsuko:(slow) みかん (regular) みかん

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:みかん

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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). -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 愛媛県と和歌山県は、みかんで有名です。

Yura:Ehime and Wakayama prefectures are famous for their mandarin oranges.

Natsuko:(slow) 愛媛県と和歌山県は、みかんで有名です。

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:りんご

[pause]Yura:apple

Natsuko:さくらんぼ

[pause]Yura:cherry

Natsuko:スイカ
[pause]Yura:watermelon

Natsuko:柿
[pause]Yura:persimmon

Natsuko:みかん
[pause]Yura:mandarin orange

OUTRO

Yura:There you have it – five fruits 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！