

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #7 Vegetables

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

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura:Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko:キュウリ

Yura:cucumber

Natsuko:(slow) キュウリ (regular) キュウリ

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:キュウリ

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Cucumbers in Japan are smaller and a darker green than Western cucumbers. Cucumber is one of the most popular summer vegetables. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 日本人の多くはキュウリの漬物が好きです。

Yura:Many Japanese like eating cucumbers pickled with salt.

Natsuko:(slow) 日本人の多くはキュウリの漬物が好きです。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:ピーマン

Yura:green pepper

Natsuko:(slow) ピーマン (regular) ピーマン

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:ピーマン

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

The Japanese green pepper, or pīman, is smaller and less watery than the Western green pepper. Due to its bitter taste when raw, many people prefer it cooked. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) ピーマンは苦いので、ピーマンが嫌いな子供がたくさんいます。

Yura:Many children don't like green pepper in Japan due to its bitter taste.

Natsuko:(slow) ピーマンは苦いので、ピーマンが嫌いな子供がたくさんいます。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:玉ねぎ

Yura:onion

Natsuko:(slow) 玉ねぎ (regular) 玉ねぎ

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:玉ねぎ

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:Onions are used in many Japanese dishes; boiled, fried and so on. Onions generate a sweet taste when cooked, which is one of the key flavours in traditional Japanese cuisine. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 最近の研究で、玉ねぎを食べると血流がよくなることがわかりました。

Yura:Recent studies show that eating onions improves blood flow.

Natsuko:(slow) 最近の研究で、玉ねぎを食べると血流がよくなることがわかりました。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:なすび

Yura:eggplant, aubergine

Natsuko:(slow) なすび (regular) なすび

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:なすび

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:The Japanese eggplant, nasubi, is small and has an elongated shape. Its stalk end is a very dark violet, almost black colour. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) なすびの中でも、秋なすを食べると体温を下げると言われています。

Yura:Eating Japanese eggplants, particularly autumn eggplants, is said to lower body temperature.

Natsuko:(slow) なすびの中でも、秋なすを食べると体温を下げると言われています。

Yura:Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko:にんじん

Yura:carrot

Natsuko:(slow) にんじん (regular) にんじん

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:にんじん

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Carrots are one of the most unpopular vegetables amongst children in Japan. However, many adults try to eat carrots for their supposed health and beauty benefits. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 日本の親は、子供のために、にんじんをクッキーの型で星や花の形に切ります。

Yura:Parents in Japan often cut carrots into star or flower shapes for their children using cookie cutters.

Natsuko:(slow) 日本の親は、子供のために、にんじんをクッキーの型で星や花の形に切ります。

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:キュウリ

[pause]Yura:cucumber

Natsuko:ピーマン
[pause]Yura:green pepper

Natsuko:玉ねぎ
[pause]Yura:onion

Natsuko:なすび
[pause]Yura:eggplant, aubergine

Natsuko:にんじん
[pause]Yura:carrot

OUTRO

Yura:There you have it – five vegetables 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！