

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #9 Animals

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KANJI

1. What are five common animals in Japan?
2. 1. 犬
3. 2. 猫
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5. 4. 亀
6. 5. 猿

KANA

1. What are five common animals in Japan?
2. 1. いぬ
3. 2. ねこ
4. 3. うさぎ
5. 4. かめ
6. 5. さる

ROMANIZATION

1. What are five common animals in Japan?

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2. 1. inu
3. 2. neko
4. 3. usagi
5. 4. kame
6. 5. saru

ENGLISH

1. What are five common animals in Japan?
2. 1. Dog
3. 2. Cat
4. 3. Rabbit
5. 4. Turtle
6. 5. Monkey

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
犬	いぬ	inu	dog
猫	ねこ	neko	cat
亀	かめ	kame	turtle

うさぎ	うさぎ	usagi	rabbit
猿	さる	saru	monkey

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>柴犬という犬は、常に日本人に人気のある日本犬です。</p> <p><i>Shibaken to iu inu wa, tsune ni Nihon-jin ni ninki no aru Nihonken desu.</i></p> <p>The "shibaken" is a Japanese breed of dog which has always been one of the most popular with Japanese people.</p>	<p>私の犬です。</p> <p><i>Watashi no inu desu.</i></p> <p>It's my dog.</p>
<p>日本には、客が自由に猫と遊んでくつろげる「ネコカフェ」と呼ばれるカフェがたくさんあります。</p> <p><i>Nihon ni wa, kyaku ga jiyū ni neko to asonde kutsurogeru "neko kafe" to yobareru kafe ga takusan arimasu.</i></p> <p>There are many cafes in Japan called "Cat Cafes" where customers can have a relaxing time playing with the cats there.</p>	<p>テーブルの下にねこがいます。</p> <p><i>Tēburu no shita ni neko ga imasu.</i></p> <p>There is a cat under the table.</p>
<p>亀は一万年生きると言われています。</p> <p><i>Kame wa ichi-man-nen ikiru to iwarete imasu.</i></p> <p>Turtles are said to live for 10,000 years.</p>	<p>ウミガメが海を泳いでいる。</p> <p><i>Umigame ga umi o oyoide iru.</i></p> <p>The sea turtle is swimming in the sea.</p>
<p>最近、うさぎを飼っている人の間で、うさぎを散歩につれていくのがはやっています。</p> <p><i>Saikin, usagi o katte iru hito no aida de, usagi o sampo ni tsurete iku no ga hayatte imasu.</i></p> <p>Lately there is a trend among rabbit owners to take their rabbits for walks.</p>	<p>茶色いウサギが庭の葉っぱを食べている。</p> <p><i>Chairoi usagi ga niwa de happa o tabete iru.</i></p> <p>The brown rabbit is eating leaves in the garden.</p>

家で二匹うさぎを飼っている。

ie de ni-hiki usagi o katte iru.

I have two rabbits at home.

日本では、冬に猿も温泉を楽しみます。

Nihon de wa, fuyu ni saru mo onsen o tanoshimimasu.

In Japan, monkeys also enjoy hot natural springs in winter.

サルが棒でありを捕まえて食べている

Saru ga bō de ari o tsukamaete tabete iru.

The monkeys are eating ants with a stick.

CULTURAL INSIGHT

1. Dog

In recent years, there have been fads in Japan for certain types of dogs in which one breed is especially popular for some time, to be replaced later by another breed for the number 1 popularity slot. Prices for dogs at pet shops change drastically according to these fads.

2. Cat

Cats, alongside dogs, have always been one of the most typical and popular family pets for Japanese families. Recently in Japan a new type of cafe, called a Cat Cafe, designed especially for cat lovers, has appeared.

3. Rabbit

Rabbits have recently become one of the more popular Japanese pets. One of the reasons for this is that rabbits don't make noise like dogs and cats do, and are fairly easy to take care of.

4. Turtle

Turtles are considered as auspicious in Japan for their longevity. Many people used to buy small turtles at festivals, but then some people would release them into the river when they grew too big.

5. Monkey

There are many famous "performer" monkeys in Japan. These trained monkeys have been entertaining Japanese people for a long time.