

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #9 Animals

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

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura:Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko:犬

Yura:dog

Natsuko:(slow) 犬 (regular) 犬

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:犬

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 柴犬という犬は、常に日本人に人気のある日本犬です。

Yura:The "shibaken" is a Japanese breed of dog which has always been one of the most popular with Japanese people.

Natsuko:(slow) 柴犬という犬は、常に日本人に人気のある日本犬です。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:猫

Yura:cat

Natsuko:(slow) 猫 (regular) 猫

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:猫

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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.

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura:There are many cafes in Japan called "Cat Cafes" where customers can have a relaxing time playing with the cats there.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko:うさぎ

Yura:rabbit

Natsuko:(slow) うさぎ (regular) うさぎ

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:うさぎ

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) 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。

Yura:Lately there is a trend among rabbit owners to take their rabbits for walks.

Natsuko:(slow) 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。

Yura:Okay, what's the next

word?

Natsuko:カメ

Yura:turtle

Natsuko:(slow) カメ (regular) カメ

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:カメ

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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. -

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

Natsuko:(normal) カメは一万年生きると言われています。

Yura:Turtles are said to live for 10,000 years.

Natsuko:(slow) カメは一万年生きると言われています。

Yura:Okay, what's the last word?

Natsuko:猿

Yura:monkey

Natsuko:(slow) 猿 (regular) 猿

Yura:Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko:猿

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

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

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

Natsuko:(normal) 日本では、冬に猿も温泉を楽しみます。

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

Natsuko:(slow) 日本では、冬に猿も温泉を楽しみます。

QUIZ

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

Natsuko: 犬
[pause] Yura: dog

Natsuko: 猫
[pause] Yura: cat

Natsuko: うさぎ
[pause] Yura: rabbit

Natsuko: カメ
[pause] Yura: turtle

Natsuko: 猿
[pause] Yura: monkey

OUTRO

Yura: There you have it – five common animals 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!