

Lesson 97

1 TOPIC QUESTION

今日のトピック

What are some Japanese festivals? How are they celebrated?

日本のお祭りとはどんなものですか？どのようにして祝いますか？

2 ARTICLE

記事

Directions: Read the following article aloud.

課題：以下の記事をはっきりとした声で音読しましょう。



Japanese Festivals

One of the most famous festivals in Japan is the snow festival. Every winter Odori park in Sapporo is transformed into a magical wonderland of huge snow sculptures. The festival started in 1950 when some high school students decided to build some snow sculptures. Then the Self-Defense Force joined them and built some even bigger sculptures. Millions of people visit each year to enjoy the wonderful creativity of the snow festival.

Odori park is also the venue for another, perhaps less well known festival. Each summer the beer festival is held in Odori park. All the famous beer companies in Japan take a different square in the park. This festival is a truly fun experience where you can not only drink from tall beer towers but also enjoy delicious food from the many stalls that line the park. Thousands of people attend every day to enjoy the summer sun and all the beer you can drink.

Finally, perhaps one of the most relaxing and beautiful festivals is held all over Japan in the spring when the cherry blossom trees bloom. There's nothing better than sitting under the cherry blossoms with some friends, drinking and eating in the lovely spring climate.

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3 VOCABULARY

語い

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

課題: 先生の後が続いてくり返した後、今度はひとりで発音してみましょう。

transform すっかり変える

sculptures 彫刻

wonderland 不思議の国

creativity 創造性

venue 開催地

well known よく知られた

beer tower ビールサーバー

4 Questions

質問

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

課題: 質問を声に出して読んだ後、答えてみましょう。

1. How did the snow festival start?

2. What can you do during the beer festival?

3. When did the snow festival start?

4. What's your favorite festival and why?