

## Lesson 92: Shogatsu/ Special Event in the New Year Time

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### 1. Dialogue

*First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.*

Bruno: Are you all packed for your vacation?

Akira: I am. I'm so excited to go home. I can't wait to celebrate the New Year with my family.

Bruno: I'm curious as to how you celebrate it.

Akira: On the eve of the New Year, we eat some "soba" or "udon" noodles. We **feast on** it while watching a popular singing contest on TV. My grandparents used to go to the shrine but they're too old to do that now.

Bruno: Are you telling me that your grandparents are still around?

Akira: Yes, very much so. On New Year's Day, we go to the countryside and spend time with the old folks. I can't wait to have some of my grandmother's "osechi". That's the traditional New Year's Day feast.

Bruno: What kind of food does she make?

Akira: There's boiled seaweed, some sweetened black soybeans, chestnuts and sweet potato. Oh, my mouth waters just talking about it. What about you? What are your plans for the New Year's?

Bruno: I'll be drinking all night on New Year's Eve so I would most probably have a hangover the next day.

### 2. Today's Phrase

*First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.*

1. A: What's for lunch? B: We will be **feasting on** the fish that I caught in the river this morning.
2. American families **feast on** roast turkey on Thanksgiving Day.
3. I can't wait to visit Japan and **feast on** sushi every day.

\* feast on ... / ...を大いに楽しむ

### 3. Your Task

*You are working in another country. You requested to take a vacation leave around January 1 so you can go home to Japan. Your boss is hesitant to approve your work leave. Tell him (=your tutor) why spending New Year's Day with your family is important to you.*

### 4. Let's Talk

*What makes New Year's Day celebration special?*

*How did you celebrate the last shogatsu?*

*What are the preparations done for the feast?*

### 5. Today's photo

*Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.*



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