

Lesson 93: Obon/ Special Event in the Summer

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1. Dialogue

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

Jill: What a beautiful kimono!

Kazumi: Thank you. Most of the dancers in the “bon-odori” will be wearing a “kimono”.

Jill: I can't wait to see the dance. What else happens in the celebration?

Kazumi: You could enjoy some summer fruits sold on the street. But I'm sure that the floating lanterns will be your favorite part. The festival ends with a fireworks display.

Jill: I have my camera ready for the celebration. Let's take a photo of you in your “kimono”.

Kazumi: Why don't you wear this “yukata” and we can **pose for a photo** together?

Jill: Why, thank you. This cotton “kimono” is perfect for the summer heat.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Tourists always **pose for a photo** in front of the castle gates.
2. Jack couldn't help **posing for a photo** with actor Ken Watanabe.
3. Sight-seeing with my mother always takes a long time. She always stops to **pose for a photo** everywhere we go.

* pose for a photo / 写真のポーズをとる

3. Your Task

Your American friend would like to join the “bon” dance but she doesn't know how to do it. She could do the steps by following some dancers but you must give her some basic instructions. You should also explain the significance of this dance in the Japanese culture.

4. Let's Talk

How does your family celebrate the “obon” festival?

Do you participate in the “bon-odori”? Why or why not?

Should the Japanese preserve this kind of tradition?

Why do you say so?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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