

CULTURAL DESTINATION: JAPAN

TRAVEL CONVERSATION

SEMESTER 1, LESSON 005



REVIEW

Use this photo as a useful way to review the previous topic and vocabulary. Students should use the vocabulary they have learned to describe the pictures.



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TABLE TOPIC

Choose and discuss one of these interesting table topic questions in order to get warmed up for the lesson!

Table Topic:

What are some travel tips for Japan?

Hypothetical Table Topic:

Imagine you are in Japan. What's the first thing you are gonna do?



IDIOM

Read and practice this useful idiom.
It's great to use with this topic!

put your foot in your mouth - to say something by accident that embarrasses or disturbs someone.

When traveling abroad there may be many unfamiliar experiences or communications between you and the natives; be careful not to **put your foot in your mouth**.



USEFUL WORDS

Read and practice the vocabulary below.

wasei eigo - "Japanese-made English" or Japanese-language expressions based on English words or parts of word combinations, that do not exist in standard English.

Be careful with 'wasei eigo' when traveling in Japan or the U.S.!

free size/one size fits all - (of clothing) designed to fit people of a wide range of sizes.

game center/video arcade - an indoor area containing coin-operated video games.

guard man/security guard - a person employed to protect something, especially a building, against intruders or damage.

fried potatoes/french fries - potatoes cut into strips and deep-fried.

baby car/stroller - pushchair a small folding chair on wheels that a baby or small child sits in and is pushed around in.

cooler/air conditioner - a machine that keeps the air in a building cool.



GUIDED CONVERSATION

Use these questions as a guide for conversation. Splitting into small groups for conversation is advisable. The teacher will inquire to see what the students have learned post-conversation.

Have you ever traveled to Japan? How was it?

Would you like to travel to Japan? Why or why not?

What's your favorite/least favorite thing about Japan?

Do you like any Japanese foods?

Have you ever put your foot in your mouth? How about while traveling?

When you were young did you ever spend time at the video arcade? How about these days? Have video arcades been replaced with something else?



ACTIVITY

Use this activity to practice the vocabulary and idioms you have learned so far!

Survey:

Find out somewhere your conversation partner has traveled to. Grab a whiteboard or piece of paper and create a list of questions to survey them about their trip. Follow-up by interviewing them with your list of questions.



HOMework

Homework! Daily practice is essential for language learning.

1 MINUTE PRESENTATION/SPEECH

Present 3 tips for traveling well or smarter in your native country for a foreigner who has never traveled in your country (after the student is through, the teacher will quiz the other students about the speech so as to test their listening comprehension).



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