Holidays, Wishes, and Special Days

Japanese · elementary · kids holidays · children · 6 min

Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Elementary Japanese learning song about kids holidays. The voice drills each chunk with its meaning so the words attach to the sound - listen, then answer in the gaps.

	CHUNK	MEANING	IN CONTEXT
1	おしょうがつに おとしだまを もらいます。 Oshougatsu ni otoshidama o moraimasu.	At New Year I receive money gifts.	a grandparent handing over a red envelope with a smile
2	たなばたに ねがいごとを かきます。 Tanabata ni negaigoto o kakimasu.	On Tanabata I write a wish.	writing a wish on a colorful paper strip and hanging it on a bamboo branch
3	ながい なつやすみが だいすきです。 Nagai natsuyasumi ga daisuki desu.	I really love the long summer holiday.	running barefoot through the sprinklers on the first sunny day off
4	ねがいごとを かく。 Negaigoto o kaku.	Write a wish.	holding a pencil over a paper strip and thinking hard
5	でんとうの おまつり。 Dentou no omatsuri.	A traditional festival.	lanterns glowing as families walk together along the street

NEW WORDS (10)

oshougatsu おしょうがつ
New Year

otoshidama おとしだま
New Year money gift

moraimasu もらいます
receive

tanabata たなばた
Tanabata star festival

negaigoto ねがいごと
wish

yasumi やすみ
holiday

natsuyasumi なつやすみ
summer holiday

dentou でんとう
tradition

omatsuri おまつり
festival

tanoshii たのしい
fun

Practice tip · First listen without reading and just tap the pulse; on the second pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after the echo.

[SOUND DRILL]

o

shi

ga

tsu

ta

na

ba

ta

[REVIEW]

Shichiji ni okimasu.

I get up at seven.

Ichiba de kudamono o kaimasu.

At the market I buy fruit.

Maishuu mokuyoubi ni piano o hikimasu.

Every Thursday I play the piano.

Kirei na uta o utaimasu.

I sing a pretty song.

Doyoubi wa ichinichijuu asobimasu.

On Saturday I play all day long.

Kyou no kion wa nando desu ka?

What is today's temperature?

[CHORUS]

Oshougatsu ni otoshidama o moraimasu.

At New Year I receive money gifts.

Oshougatsu ni otoshidama o moraimasu.

At New Year I receive money gifts.

Tanabata ni negaigoto o kakimasu.

On Tanabata I write a wish.

Tanabata ni negaigoto o kakimasu.

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[VERSE 1]

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oshougatsu

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otoshidama

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moraimasu

receive

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tanabata

Tanabata star festival

negaigoto

wish

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On Tanabata I write a wish.

Negaigoto o kaku.

Write a wish.

Negaigoto o kaku.

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[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 2]

Nagai natsuyasumi ga daisuki desu.
I really love the long summer holiday.
natsuyasumi
summer holiday
yasumi
holiday
Nagai natsuyasumi ga daisuki desu.
I really love the long summer holiday.
Kyou wa yasumi desu.
Today is a holiday.
Kyou wa yasumi desu.
Today is a holiday.
Dentou no omatsuri.
A traditional festival.
dentou
tradition
Dentou no omatsuri.
A traditional festival.
omatsuri
festival
Dentou no omatsuri.
A traditional festival.
Nagai natsuyasumi ga daisuki desu.
I really love the long summer holiday.
Ichinichijuu yasumi desu.
It is a holiday all day long.

[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 3]

Mite, ookii tanabata no ki!
Look, a big Tanabata tree!
Tomodachi to issho ni asobimasu.
I play together with friends.
Tomodachi to issho ni asobimasu.
I play together with friends.
Ii yasumi desu ne.
It is a nice holiday, right?
Kono omatsuri wa tanoshii desu.
This festival is fun.
tanoshii
fun
Kono omatsuri wa tanoshii desu.
This festival is fun.
Ookii kago, chiisai kago.
Big basket, small basket.
Nagai natsuyasumi, ii yume o.
Long summer holiday, sweet dreams.

[CHORUS]

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[RECAP]

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Tanabata ni negaigoto o kakimasu.

Nagai natsuyasumi ga daisuki desu.

Dentou no omatsuri.

Grey lines are a reading aid for the script; the singer performs the language itself.

HOW TO USE THIS SONG

1. Listen to the whole song once without reading — just follow the pulse.
2. Listen again while reading the lyrics; let the echo lines carry the meaning.
3. On the third pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after it is sung.
4. Use one phrase from this sheet today, in a real conversation or out loud.

DRILL MAP

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