

Lesson 94: Shichi-Go-San/ The Seven-Five-Three Festival

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1. Dialogue

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

Kayo: Have you found a “kimono” for your son?

Jena: Not yet. I’m not sure whether to dress him in a “kimono”, or in a suit and tie.

Kayo: Your son will be comfortable in a suit and tie. Five-year-old boys can’t appreciate the “kimono”, anyway.

Jena: I know but I might never **get the chance** to see him in a kimono again.

Kayo: That is so true.

Jena: What about you? Have you picked anything for your daughter?

Kayo: Yes, I have. I went to the “kimono” shop today and found a pink “kimono” embroidered with red flowers. It’s beautiful.

Jena: I’m sure your daughter will love to wear it.

Kayo: She’s excited but not as excited as I am. I also made an appointment at the photo studio so I’ll have a decent picture of her “shichigosan”.

Jena: Thank you for reminding me! I have to book a photo session for my son, too.

2. Today’s Phrase

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

1. With my busy schedule, I don’t **get the chance** to watch movies very often.
2. Jack doesn’t **get the chance** to see his parents on holidays.
3. Whenever we **get the chance**, my family goes camping in the mountains.

* get the chance / 機会を得る

3. Your Task

While you are in the “kimono” shop, an American woman comes in to rent a “kimono”. The shop attendant can’t speak English. You need to help the shop attendant by telling the American woman how much the kimono rental is and how long she can use it for. You should also tell her that the shop attendant can help her in wearing the “kimono”.

4. Let’s Talk

Tell your tutor what you can remember when you were taken to the shrine for your “shichigosan”.

Would you or did you follow the “shichigosan” tradition for your children?

Why or why not?

5. Today’s photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

