

Lesson 95: Ohanami/ Cherry Blossom Viewing

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1. Dialogue

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

John: Why are you cooking so much food?

Maki: I'm going to a "hanami" party.

John: A hanami party? What is it?

Maki: It's **sort of** a picnic during the cherry blossoms season.

John: Sounds like fun.

Maki: You're welcome to join us if you want.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. A: Are you hungry? B: **Sort of**.

2. Jack has been acting **sort of** strange.

3. A: Would you like to see a movie with me? B: I **sort of** want to be alone tonight.

* sort of / 一種の ; いくぶん、多少

3. Your Task

Your foreign friend saw a photo of the cherry blossoms and asked you about it. Say something about the "ohanami". You should also tell your friend (=your tutor) about having picnics or parties under the "sakura" trees.

4. Let's Talk

What do you eat and do during "ohanami" picnics?

Why do Japanese people celebrate the "ohanami"?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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