

Lesson 95: Ohanami/ Cherry Blossom Viewing

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1. Dialogue

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

Akiko: (on the phone) Hi, Beth! My family's having a "hanami" picnic this afternoon. Are you guys free to join us?

Beth: I'd love to go. Who else is coming?

Akiko: I'm planning to invite Anna and Masako, too.

Beth: Sounds like a party. Why don't we make it a potluck?

Akiko: That's a good idea. What food are you bringing?

Beth: I can **whip up** some brownies. What about you?

Akiko: I'll have some sushi rolls ready. I'll ask the other ladies to bring drinks.

Beth: I hope Anna could bring some pies.

Akiko: You said it! Her pies are simply divine!

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. My mother can always **whip up** some food for unexpected visitors.
2. Mornings are the busiest time in my house but I manage to **whip up** a hearty breakfast for my family.
3. Chef Morimoto **whipped up** seven kinds of dishes in an hour.

* whip up [料理] / [料理]を手早く作る

3. Your Task

Some foreigners missed the cherry blossoms season in your city. Tell them that they could still experience it in some prefectures. Give them information on where they could go to see the cherry blossoms.

4. Let's Talk

What did you do during the last cherry blossoms season?

Why is the "ohanami" an important event in the Japanese culture?

Should Japan plant more "sakura" trees? Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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