

Lesson 96: Shrines/ Temples

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1. Dialogue

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

Bob: I'm going to a shrine with my in-laws tomorrow. I don't have any idea of what I'm supposed to do there.

Nori: It's really quite simple. At the shrine's entrance, you'll see a tiny fountain. You have to purify yourself with that water.

Bob: You mean I have to dip both of my hands in the fountain?

Nori: No, Bob. You have to use a ladle to scoop water from the fountain.

Bob: Alright. I can do that. **What else** is there to remember?

Nori: Using the ladle, pour some water into your hand. Get some of the water in your mouth and then spit the water out. It's part of the purification ritual.

Bob: I seriously have to do that?

Nori: I'm afraid so. At the offering hall, you have to throw a coin into a box. After that, you should bow twice, clap your hands twice, and then bow one more time.

Bob: I think I have to write all that down.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. A: Could you get me some paper, a marker and some colored pens? B: Okay. **What else** do you need?

2. A: Jack broke up with his girlfriend again. B: **What else** is new? He's never had a steady girlfriend.

3. I've already cleaned the house, did the laundry and washed the car. **What else** do I have to do?

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3. Your Task

Your American friend does not know what to do inside a shrine. Tell your friend (=your tutor) of what has to be observed and done in a shrine.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you visited a shrine or a temple?

Tell your tutor why you were there. Do you think shrines and temples should be open to tourists?

Why do you think so?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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