

Lesson 98: Onsen/ Hot Spring

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1. Dialogue

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

Kazu: Are you ready to go to the “onsen”?

Jenny: Yes, mom. I have my bathing suit and swimming goggles ready.

Kazu: You won't need those, honey.

Jenny: Why not? We are going swimming, aren't we?

Kazu: It's **more like** dipping. People go to the “onsen” to bathe and relax. Not to do sports.

Jenny: I was looking forward to practicing my butterfly stroke.

Kazu: I'm sorry, honey. I'll take you to a swimming resort next time.

Jenny: I think I'll just stay here and watch TV. You could use some alone time. Enjoy the onsen, mom!

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. A: Is that a pink shirt you have on? B: It's **more like** peach color.

2. Your baby doesn't look like you. He's **more like** his grandmother.

3. My dog is **more like** a family member rather than an animal that guards the house.

* more like ... / むしろ...に近い

3. Your Task

You work in an “onsen” resort. A woman still had some shampoo bubbles on her hair when she tried to get into the hot pool. Another foreign customer wore a cotton shirt while dipped in the pool. Tell these people what they should and shouldn't do in the “onsen”.

4. Let's Talk

How often do you go to the hot springs?

What is the right way of bathing in an “onsen”?

What is the most unique “onsen” you've been to?

Tell your tutor about it.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

