

## Lesson 98: Onsen/ Hot Spring

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Wakana: This is the Japanese hot spring. That's the area for men and this part is only for women.

Dolly: Oh, my... Is everyone naked in the pool?

Wakana: Yes. It's a Japanese practice to take off all our clothes when bathing.

Dolly: I don't think I can do that. Can I wear a bathing suit? After all, I'm a foreigner.

Wakana: Let me ask the attendant. (talks to somebody for a while) I'm afraid they don't allow wearing bathing suits in this resort.

Dolly: Oh, I see.

Wakana: We could go to another onsen that allows it. It's about an hour from here.

Dolly: I don't wanna trouble you by driving another hour. I'll just do it the Japanese way.

Wakana: Are you sure you wanna do this?

Dolly: Yes, I'm sure. It's **a whole new** experience for me.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. My trip to China gave me **a whole new** perspective of the country and its people.
2. Tokyo is like **a whole new** world for first-time visitors.
3. The new roller coasters in Disneyland have **a whole new** level of excitement for thrill-seekers.

\* a whole new ... / 全く新しい...

### 3. Your Task

*Your American friend doesn't want to go to an "onsen" because he fears the hot water. He also thinks that he will catch a disease in the hot pool. Tell him (=your tutor) that the hot springs in Japan are safe places to bathe in.*

*Tell him about the health benefits of bathing 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.*

