

Lesson 99: Festivals in Japan

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1. Dialogue

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

Eric: Why are there so many people on the street?

Shinichiro: There's a parade of paper lanterns.

Eric: Is there a festival **going on**?

Shinichiro: Yes. We're celebrating the Gion Yamagasa festival.

Eric: How many lanterns are used in the festival?

Shinichiro: I think there are around 3,000 lanterns for each float.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. What's **going on** in here?
2. Please be quiet. There's a class **going on**.
3. The kids couldn't use the baseball court. There was a game **going on**.

* **going on** / 進行中である

3. Your Task

You are visiting the Yamagasa festival with your American friend (=your tutor). He saw some people playing "kingyo sukui (goldfish scooping)" and got very interested. Tell him what they are doing and how he can join the game.

4. Let's Talk

What is your favourite festival in Japan?

Why do you like it?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

