

Lesson 99: Festivals in Japan

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1. Dialogue

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

Allan: What do you call this festival again?

Haruka: It's called the Gion Matsuri. You're lucky to be experiencing it.

Allan: (smelling some food) Something smells good here.

Haruka: That's yakitori. They're also selling "taiyaki" and "takoyaki". Wanna grab some food?

Allan: Maybe later. Look at those beautiful "kimonos"!

Haruka: It's a day for wearing the traditional clothing. A lot of women like to wear their favorite "kimono" and **show it off** during the festival.

Allan: What's that big thing that the men are carrying?

Haruka: It's called a "mikoshi" or a portable shrine. It's a usual activity in Japanese festivals.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Jack visited his hometown to see his mother and to **show off** his new car.
2. I can't wait to **show off** my new hair style to my friends.
3. My boss conspicuously **showed off** his Rolex watch.

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3. Your Task

You are watching the Gion festival ceremony with your American friend. He is very curious about many things. He seems very amazed by the music, the mikoshi and the people in their "kimono". Tell him why Japanese people like such traditional festivals.

4. Let's Talk

What is a famous festival in your area?

What happens during this festival?

What's so special about the event?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

