

Lesson 100: Japanese Food

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1. Dialogue

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

Haruki: (in front of an ekiben stall) These are Japanese lunch boxes. Take your pick! Scott: All these "ekiben" look delicious and elaborately prepared. I don't know what I should get.

Haruki: My favorite is the "wappa-meshi bento" (pointing to a red bento box).

Scott: What is it made of?

Haruki: The food remarkably looks like the photo on the box. You will get a variety of fish and vegetables on top of "akita-komachi" rice.

Scott: If you say it's good then I'll try that one.

(After paying for the "ekiben", they start eating.)

Haruki: What do you think of the food?

Scott: It's simply divine. The fish roe is a good touch. Everything in this lunch box is fresh and delicious.

Haruki: Have you ever had fast food like this before?

Scott: Never. I think I'm going to retire in Japan. I'll buy a house next to the train station and just eat "ekiben" for the rest of my life.

2. Today's Phrase

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

- 1. We have some doughnuts, cookies and brownies. Take your pick!
- 2. A: Wow, Mom! Look at those balloons. B: Go ahead and take your pick, honey.
- 3. A: Is this an antique store? B: Yes. Come in and take your pick. I'm sure there's something here you'd like.

* take your pick / お好きなものをどうぞ(選んで下さい。)

3. Your Task

Your friend would like to make" miso" soup and he asked you for the recipe. Tell him (=your tutor) the ingredients and give him a step by step instruction on how to make the dish.

4. Let's Talk

Which do you prefer: American food or Japanese food? Why? Do you think that food has something to do with the longevity of the Japanese people? Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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