

Lesson 3: The Johnsons head to Kyoto

Warm-up:

1. Do you think the Johnson family will enjoy the Shinkansen? Why? (*Yes, because it's...*)
2. Why do you think Kyoto is so popular with tourists? (*I think it's because there is/are...*)
3. Which temple do you think the family will go to? Why? (*They'll probably go to ... because ...*)

Vocabulary Match:

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| 1. excitement ● | ● thrill | 6. awe-inspiring ● | ● main city |
| 2. bullet train ● | ● friendliness | 7. arrival ● | ● coming |
| 3. hospitality ● | ● famous | 8. capital city ● | ● breathtaking |
| 4. renowned ● | ● shinkansen | 9. boarded ● | ● live through |
| 5. culture ● | ● heritage | 10. experience ● | ● got on |

Story:

Excitement filled the air as the Johnson family boarded the bullet train to Kyoto, where they would experience traditional Japanese hospitality and food. Upon arrival, they headed out to explore the old capital city, renowned for its temples, shrines, and traditional culture. They made their way to the famous Kiyomizu-dera Temple, which offered an awe-inspiring view of the city.

Quiz:

1. How did the Johnson family feel when they boarded the bullet train?
2. What is Kyoto renowned for?

Conversation:

- Sam: Wow, this train is awesome! I can't believe how fast we're going.
- Sarah: Yeah, it's amazing. I've never been on a train like this before.
- Sam: Me neither. It's really different from the ones back home.
- Sarah: Definitely. I feel like we're in the future or something.
- Sam: I know, right? It's hard to believe we're already halfway to Kyoto.
- Sarah: Yeah, time really flies when you're on a bullet train.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever ridden on a high-speed train? What was your experience like?
2. Which famous temple would you like to visit in Kyoto and why?
3. What kind of traditional Japanese food would you like to try at a Japanese inn?
4. If you were the Johnson family, what other places in Kyoto would you like to explore?