

## Lesson 8: A relaxing day at the onsen

### Warm-up:

1. Why do you think the Johnson's are going to a hot spring? (*Hmm... probably because...*)
2. What do you think the family will do after they take a bath? (*I think they'll...*)
3. What do you think they will have for dinner? (*Maybe they'll have...*)

### Vocabulary Match:

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| 1. onsen ●    | ● a formal event | 5. soaking ●   | ● relaxing in water |
| 2. yukata ●   | ● traditions     | 6. amazed ●    | ● tasty             |
| 3. ceremony ● | ● Japanese robe  | 7. thrilled ●  | ● impressed         |
| 4. customs ●  | ● hot spring     | 8. delicious ● | ● excited           |

### Story:

The Johnson family was thrilled to visit a traditional Japanese onsen. They were not familiar with the customs, but they followed the rules, and they were amazed by the natural beauty of the hot spring. The family enjoyed a relaxing day soaking in the hot water and trying local Japanese food for lunch. In the evening, they put on their yukatas and participated in a traditional ceremony, feeling like true locals. Afterward, they had a delicious traditional “kaiseki ryori” Japanese dinner.

### Quiz:

1. What were the family amazed by?
2. What did the Johnsons participate in?

### Conversation:

Sam: What's this? The plates are tiny! Is this all we're getting?

Sarah: I think it's called “kaiseki ryori”. It's a traditional meal with a load of different courses.

Sam: Kaise-what? Is it like sushi?

Sarah: Not exactly. There might be some sushi, but it's more like a fancy multi-course meal.

Sam: (*Takes a bite*) Hmm, not bad, but I'm still hungry. When does the next course come?

Sarah: I don't know, but let's try to enjoy it. It's a new experience, and we can always grab a McDonald's after this if we're still hungry.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Do you like to go to hot springs? When do you go, and why?
2. What traditional clothing do people wear in your country? Do you ever wear it?
3. What do you think about “kaiseki ryori”? Which is your favorite part?
4. Do you like to experience different cultures? What would you like to try in the U.S.?