

A Japanese Bath

The conversation in this lesson deals with very traditional public baths in Japan, but these places have changed considerably over the years depending on location.

Name two customs or traditions visitors to your country may have difficulty adjusting to. As part of this discussion, talk about any points that visitors should be aware of when staying as a guest at a home in your country.

VOCABULARY:

platform (noun): a raised area where you can sit

Example: The members of the local government were sitting on a platform overlooking the audience.

clear (adjective): not blocked or covered

Example: Once the table is clear of dishes, we will start the game.

patron (noun): customer or visitor

Example: Patrons are asked not to eat or drink in the art gallery.

belongings (noun): possessions

Example: Please do not leave your belongings unattended while in the amusement park.

stool (noun): a small chair often made of wood or plastic

Example: The young boy sat on a stool as he shined my shoes.

rinse (off) (phrasal verb): remove soap or dirt from something using water

Example: Please rinse off before you get in the swimming pool.

soak (soak): leave something in water or other liquid for a period of time

Example: I enjoy soaking in the tub to relax and forget about the worries of the day.

socialize (verb): to talk to or associate with others in a friendly manner

Example: I'm having a pool party this weekend as a way of socializing with some of new neighbors.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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