

## March - Hanami (Cherry Blossom Viewing)

Welcome to your journey through the beautiful seasons of Japan! This month, we're exploring the breathtaking tradition of Hanami (花見), the cherry blossom viewing festival that symbolizes the arrival of spring. As we delve into this cultural event, you'll learn relevant Kanji, key vocabulary, and simple conversational phrases to enhance your understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture.

### Over view

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Cherry Blossom Viewing	<b>Which month YEAR:</b> Late March to Early April
Hanami, which literally means 'flower viewing,' is the Japanese tradition of enjoying the transient beauty of flowers, primarily cherry blossoms (桜, sakura). During this period, families, friends, and co-workers gather in parks, gardens, and along riverbanks to enjoy the blossoms, often picnicking under the trees. The tradition dates back over a thousand years, embodying the Japanese philosophy of embracing the fleeting nature of life.	

### Key words

Words	Reading	Kanji	Meaning	Example
はな	Hana	花	Flower	花が好きです。 - I like flowers.
はなみ	Hanami	花見	Flower viewing	花見に行きます。 - I will go to view the cherry blossoms
さくら	Sakura	桜	Cherry blossom	桜は美しいです。 - Cherry blossoms are beautiful.
はる	Haru	春	Spring	春はあたたかいです。 - Spring is warm.
みる	Miru	見る	See, Watch, View	花を見ます。 - I will go to view flowers.

## Dialogue

Shall we do Cherry blossom viewing?



Hanami o shimashouka?

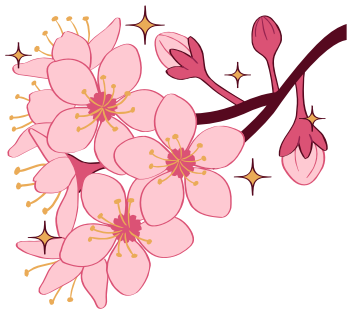
花見をしましょうか?

When you want to ask, "Shall we do ----

-" You can use "---- shimashouka?"

Please check pronunciation !!

I want to see Cherry blossom.



Sakura ga mitai desu.

桜が見たいです。

When you want to say, "I want to watch--

-" You can use "---- ga mitai desu"

Please check pronunciation !!

Where can I go to see beautiful cherry blossom?



Kireina sakura wa doko de miremasuka?

きれいな桜はどこでみれますか?

If you translate each words in Japanese order is like below.

Beautiful Cherry blossom + Where + at +  
Can I watch?

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Literary Quote:

“桜の花は、美しさと共に儚さを教えてくれる”

“Cherry blossoms teach us the transience of beauty”

This phrase teaches that cherry blossoms, fading quickly, symbolize the fleeting nature of beauty and happiness, implying that neither lasts forever.

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## Reading Reminders

- ☐ Learn the words from your heart.
- ☐ Practice example sentences and dialogues by speaking.
- ☐ Write up and make sentences using the words and vocabs you learnt.