

Here We Go! ENGLISH COURSE **1** Unit 7-8

Unit 7 The New Year in Japan

Part 1

Tina: Happy New Year!
Hajin, Eri: Happy New Year, Tina!
Hajin: How are you doing?
Tina: I'm really good. Eri, that's cute. What is it?
Eri: It's an *omamori*, a good luck charm. I bought it at a temple.
Tina: I see. I also went to a temple on New Year's Eve. I rang a big bell.
Eri: Hajin, how about you?
Hajin: I didn't do much. I stayed home and watched TV with my family.

Part 2

Eri: Did you eat any traditional food?
Tina: Yes, I did. I ate *toshikoshi soba*.
Hajin: *Toshi* ... what?
Eri: *Toshikoshi soba*. We eat *soba* on New Year's Eve. It's a Japanese custom.
Hajin: Why *soba*?
Tina: Because *soba* is long. It's a sign of long life. My father told me.
Hajin: I didn't know that. How interesting!
Tina: By the way, where's Kota?
Hajin: He's at home. He has a cold.
Tina: Oh, that's too bad. Poor Kota.

Part 3

At Sensoji Temple, Asakusa:

Tina: What a big lantern!
Hajin: What's your wish?
Tina: It's a secret.

On a chat:

Tina: How are you?
Kota: Not so good. I still have a fever.
Tina: Sorry to hear that.
Kota: Did you enjoy *hatsumode*?
Tina: Yes! I tried *omikuji* and drank *amazake*!
Kota: Did you take any photos?
Tina: Sure!
Kota: *Daikichi*! Lucky you! ;-)
Tina: Yeah. But I missed you. Get well soon!

Part 4

Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

How are you? I hope you are fine.
Thank you for your Christmas present.
How were Christmas and New Year's Day?
I went to a famous temple in Asakusa with my friends yesterday. It was fun.
The traditional buildings were beautiful.
Some people were in kimonos. I liked the atmosphere.
Can you come to Japan this year?
I hope you can.

Love,
Tina

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Unit 8 Getting Ready for the Party

Part 1

On the phone:

Kota: Hello?
Nick: Kota, it's Nick. How's everything?
Kota: Fine. We're still making a special photo album for Tina. And you?
Nick: I'm baking a cake in the kitchen now. My mother's helping me.
Kota: Cool.
Nick: Come to our house at three o'clock, OK?
Kota: OK, see you later.

Part 2

Kota, Eri, and Hajin: Hello, Ms. Rios. Hi, Nick.
Ms. Rios: Welcome, guys! Come in.
Eri: Where's Tina?
Nick: Don't worry. She's not here. She went shopping with Dad.
Kota: OK. So far, so good.
Hajin: What are you doing?
Ms. Rios: We're decorating the cake now.
Eri: It's very pretty.
Kota: OK. Let's put up the decorations.

Part 3

Tina: We're home!
Nick: You're late. What were you doing?
Tina: I was shopping with Dad. Why?

All: Surprise!
Tina: Wow, I had no idea. You didn't tell me!
Eri: Happy Birthday, Tina! Here's a present for you.
Tina: Thank you! What's inside?
Eri: It's a special album. It was Kota's idea.
Hajin: And we all helped.
Tina: Thank you all so much.