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Nabe refers to a variety of hotpot dishes. People cook various ingredients, including meat, vegetables, and tofu, in a boiling pot to share and eat together. Shabu shabu and oden are two popular examples.

2. In the video, what hot snacks does the narrator mention you can buy outside?

You can buy hot snacks and drinks such as yakiimo, nikuman, and amazake.

3. What is interesting about vending machines in Japan?

You can buy hot drinks and soups from vending machines in Japan!

4. What is generally considered to be the most important celebration in Japan during wintertime?

New Year is considered the most important celebration – more than Christmas.

5. What is osechi?

Osechi is a special meal eaten on New Year's Day, served in traditional boxes. Each dish has a symbolic meaning, thought to bring good luck and fortune for the coming year.

6. In the video, what are some other dishes/foods that people enjoy during New Year in Japan?

Ozoni, mochi, and zenzai.

7. Watch the video – how do you think mochi is made?

Mochi is made by pounding sticky rice into what looks like a soft doughy consistency using a special wooden mallet and mortar.