

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S1 #3

Show Your Appreciation in Japanese

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KANJI

1. A: おみやげです。
2. B: ありがとうございます！
3. A: どういたしまして。

KANA

1. A: おみやげです。
2. B: ありがとうございます！
3. A: どういたしまして。

ROMANIZATION

1. A: Omiyage desu.
2. B: Arigatō gozaimasu!
3. A: Dō itashimashite.

ENGLISH

1. A: (This is) a small gift for you.
2. B: Thank you!

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3. A: You're welcome.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
ありがとうございます。 す。	ありがとうございます。 す。	Arigatō gozaimasu.	Thank you. (formal)
おみやげ	おみやげ	omiyage	a small gift, a souvenir
どういたしまして	どういたしまして	dō itashimashite	You're welcome. Don't mention it.

SAMPLE SENTENCES

どうもありがとうございます。 <i>Dōmo arigatō gozaimasu.</i> Thank you very much.	これはおみやげです。 <i>Kore wa omiyage desu.</i> This is a small gift for you.
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A:ありがとうございます。

B:どういたしまして。

A: *Arigatō gozaimasu.*

B: *Dō itashimashite.*

A: Thank you very much.

B: You're welcome.

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is Saying "Thank You" and "You're Welcome."

ありがとうございます！

Arigatō gozaimasu!

"Thank you!"

Some of the first things you'll want to be able to say in Japanese are "thank you" and

"you're welcome" for whenever someone does something nice for you or thanks you for doing something! In this lesson, we'll look at the two main phrases we use in these situations. Later on in the series, we'll look at some alternate phrases for giving and receiving thanks as well, so please stay tuned!

Giving and Receiving Thanks

Saying "thank you" in Japanese is *Arigatō gozaimasu* (ありがとうございます。), which means "Thank you very much." Note that this phrase is the polite way to thank someone.

To thank someone in a more informal way, simply leave off the *-gozaimasu* and say *arigatō*.

If someone thanks you for something in Japanese, you can say *Dō itashimashite* (どういたしまして。), which means "You're welcome."

For Example:

1. A: *Arigatō gozaimasu.* ありがとうございます。
A: "Thank you very much."
B: *Dō itashimashite.* どういたしまして。
B: "You're welcome."

Language Tip: *Omiyage desu.* (おみやげです。)

The first line in the dialogue, *omiyage desu* (おみやげです), means "This is a souvenir for you." *Omiyage* (おみやげ) literally means "souvenir," but unlike the English word, it usually does not refer to something someone buys for himself or herself; instead, it refers to something the person buys to give to someone else (usually bought from wherever the person has come from, like a vacation destination, or hometown/home country). We will go over the word *desu* in more detail in Lesson 7 of this series.