



## Absolute Beginner S1

### Can You Take My Japanese Order?

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## Kanji

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客	すみません！メニュー、おねがいします。
店員	はい。
客	すみません、水、おねがいします。
店員	はい。
客	すみません、注文、おねがいします。
店員	はい。

## Kana

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きゃく	すみません！メニュー、おねがいします。
てんいん	はい。
きゃく	すみません、みず、おねがいします。
てんいん	はい。
きゃく	すみません、ちゅうもん、おねがいします。
てんいん	はい。

## Romanization

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Kyaku	Sumimasen! Meny , onegai shimasu.
Ten'in	Hai.
Kyaku	Sumimasen, mizu, onegai shimasu.
Ten'in	Hai.
Kyaku	Sumimasen, ch mon, onegai shimasu.
Ten'in	H i.

## English

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Customer	Excuse me, can I get a menu?
Waiter	Sure.
Customer	Excuse me, can I get some water?
Waiter	Sure.
Customer	Excuse me, can you take my order?
Waiter	Sure-!

## Vocabulary

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
お客さん	おきゃくさん	o-kyaku-san	customer, guest
はい	はい	hai	Yes.
メニュー	めにゅー	meny	menu
水	水	mizu	water
注文	ちゅうもん	ch mon	order
お会計	おかいけい	o-kaikei	check, bill
お願いします	おねがいします	onagai shimasu	please

## Vocabulary Sample Sentences

3 お客さん、すみません。

O-kyaku-san, sumimasen.

A 「田中さんですか。」 B 「はい。」

A: Tanaka-san desu ka. B: Hai.

英語のメニューを下さい。

Eigo no meny wo kudasai.

水をおねがいします。

Mizu o onagai shimasu.

すみません、注文をお願いします。

Sumimasen, ch mon o onagai shimasu.

お会計お願いします。

O-kaikei o-nagai shimasu.

コーヒー、お願いします。

K h onagai shimasu.

Excuse me sir./Excuse me, ma'am.

A: Are you Mr. Tanaka? B: Yes.

Can you give me English menu?

Please give me some water.

Excuse me, can I order?

Check, please.

Coffee please.

## Vocabulary Phrase Usage

meny (メニュー)

Meny is the word for "menu," which is taken from the English word. You may notice the pronunciation is almost exactly the same!

mizu (水)

Mizu is the word for "water" in Japanese.

ch mon (注文)

Ch mon means "order," and is used for orders at a restaurant and orders made at stores/through a shopping service.

## Hai (はい)

In the dialog, the waiter responded to the customer's requests with hai, which in most cases means "yes" or "okay." If someone asks you a yes/no question, or asks you to do something, you can use hai to respond in the affirmative. In the case of a yes/no question, you will also hear the phrase *shinde su* ("that's right") used.

One important thing to note about hai is that it is also used to respond to someone who is talking to show that you are listening and understanding what they are saying. In this case, it does not exactly mean "yes," but more along the lines of "okay," "uh huh," etc. If someone keeps saying hai when they are listening to you, just know that they are doing it just to show that they are listening, and aren't necessarily agreeing to anything!

## Grammar Points

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The Focus of This Lesson Is Asking for Something.

Sumimasen, mizu, onegai shimasu.

すみません、水、おねがいします。

"Excuse me, can I get some water?"

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In this lesson, you'll learn how to ask for something that you want (like an item or a service) with the phrase *o-negai shimasu*. You may recognize this as part of the phrase we learned for introductions: *yoroshiku onegai shimasu*.

## Asking for Something with Onegai Shimasu

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The phrase *o-negai shimasu* basically means "please" in English, and we use it when asking for something. To ask for something, simply say *o-negai shimasu* after you say the name of the item or service that you want.

## Formation

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[item/service that you want] + *onegai shimasu*

Let's take a look at some examples.

For Example:

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Item/Service That You Want	+ onegai shimasu	"English"
menyu (メニュー)	onegai shimasu (おねがいします)	"Can I get a menu?" (literally, "Menu, please.")
mizu (みず)	onegai shimasu (おねがいします)	"Can I get some water?" (literally, Water, please.)
ch mon (ちゅうもん)	onegai shimasu (おねがいします)	"Can you take my order?" (literally, "Order, please.")

Note that as seen in the examples above, we can use onegai shimasu to ask for things like that aren't tangible (like a service).

The third example, ch mon onegai shimasu, literally means "order, please," and we use it to ask the clerk to take the order.

## Sample Sentences

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1. O-kaikei onegai shimasu.  
おかいけいおねがいします。  
"Can I get the check?" (literally, "Check, please.")
2. Sain onegai shimasu.  
サインおねがいします。  
"Can I have your signature/autograph?" (literally, "Sign, please.")