



Absolute Beginner S1

Catching Up With an Old Friend in Japan

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Kanji

[at airport]

まさと

テイラー

まさと

あ、テイラーさん？

まさとさん！おひさしぶりです！

おひさしぶりです！

Kana

[at airport]

まさと

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あ、テイラーさん？

まさとさん！おひさしぶりです！

おひさしぶりです！

Romanization

[at airport]

Masato

Teirā

Masato

A, Teirā-san?

Masato-san! O-hisashiburi desu!

O-hisashiburi desu!

English

[at airport]

Masato

Taylor

Masato

Oh, Taylor? (Is that you?)

Masato! It's been a while!

Long time no see!

Vocabulary

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
お久しぶりです	おひさしぶりです	Ohisashiburi desu	Long time no see. (formal)
久しぶり。	ひさしぶり。	Hisashiburi.	Long time no see. (informal)
さん	さん	san	polite name suffix, similar to Mr. or Mrs.

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

テイラーさん、お久しぶりです。
Teira-san, o-hisashiburi desu.

Taylor, long time no see!

太郎さん、久しぶりですね。
Tarō-san, hisashiburi desu ne.

Taro, it's been a long time.

田中さんは、パイロットです。
Tanaka-san wa pairotto desu.

Mr./Ms. Tanaka is a pilot.

Vocabulary Phrase Usage

-san (-さん)

In the dialogue, Taylor and Masato refer to each other by attaching the word -san to each other's name.

We use this -san to show respect to the other person, and we should always attach it to the name of someone you don't know well or someone who has a higher social status than you.

Grammar Points

The Focus of This Lesson Is Greeting Someone You Haven't Seen In a Long Time.

Masato-san! O-hisashiburi desu!

まさとさん！おひさしぶりです！

"Masato! It's been awhile!"

In this lesson, you will learn a phrase you can use to greet someone you have not seen in a

long time.

O-hisashiburi desu!

To greet someone you have not seen in a long time, you can say O-hisashiburi desu (おひさしぶりです。), which means "Long time no see" or "It's been awhile."

Note that you can only use this phrase if you met the person before and haven't met with or spoken to the person in a long time.

The informal version of this phrase loses the -o in the beginning and the desu at the end. You can use this phrase with close friends and family members: Hisashiburi (ひさしぶり。), which is a casual way to say "Long time no see" or "It's been awhile."

Examples from This Lesson

1. Teir : Masato-san! O-hisashiburi desu!

Masato: O-hisashiburi desu!

テイラー：まさとさん！おひさしぶりです！

まさと：おひさしぶりです！

Taylor: "Masato! It's been awhile!"

Masato: "Long time no see!"