

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Basic Japanese S1 #6

Basic Japanese #6: 3 Useful Classroom Expressions

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Three Japanese phrases for any sticky classroom situation.

In this lesson, you are going to learn three useful classroom expressions. They are super easy and you are going to learn them in less than 3 minutes.

So here are the three phrases. First we have もういちどおねがいします。 (Mō ichi-do onegai shimasu.) one more time please. ゆっくりおねがいします。 (Yukkuri onegai shimasu.) Slowly please. かいてください。 (Kaite kudasai.) Please write it down.

Once more please も、う、い、ち、ど、お、ね、が、い、し、ま、す。 (mo, u, i, chi, do, o, ne, ga, i, shi, ma, su.) もういちどおねがいします。 (Mō ichi-do onegai shimasu.) もう (mō) means again. いちど (ichi-do) means one time or once. おねがいします (onegaishimasu) is a phrase to be used to request some kind of service and it literally means please do something for me. Remember おねがいします (onegai shimasu.) from the first lesson, it means please. So もういちどおねがいします。 (Mō ichi-do onegai shimasu.) literally means again, one time please and we translate this as once again please.

The second phrase is ゆっくりおねがいします。 (Yukkuri onegai shimasu.) slowly please. ゆっくり (yukkuri) means slowly. So when you say this little つ (tsu) it means you are supposed to pause. ゆ、っ、く、り (yu, tsu, ku, ri) ゆっくり (yukkuri) おねがいします (onegai shimasu.) お、ね、が、い、し、ま、す。 (o, ne, ga, i, shi, ma, su.) This is the same as before and this is a phrase to be used to request some kind of service. So when the teacher says something you don't know, you can say もういちどおねがいします。 (Mō ichi-do onegai shimasu.) one more time please and ゆっくりおねがいします。 (Yukkuri onegai shimasu.) slowly please.

Now the third useful phrase かいてください。 (Kaite kudasai.) please write it down. か、い、て、く、だ、さ、い。 (ka, i, te, ku, da, sa, i.) かいてください。 (Kaite kudasai.) When you want to ask someone to write down something so that you can understand it better, you can say かいてください。 (Kaite kudasai.) かいて (kaite) is a conjugation of a verb meaning to write かく (kaku) ください (kudasai) is please. So かいてください。 (Kaite kudasai.) is please write it down. When you don't understand something in the classroom, you can say すみません、せんせい。 (Sumimasen, sensei.) excuse me professor or excuse me teacher. もういちどおねがいします。 (Mō ichi-do onegai shimasu.) one more time please and to have her say slowly, ゆっくりおねがいします。 (Yukkuri onegai shimasu.) slowly please and if you still don't

understand something, you can say かいてください。 (kaite kudasai.) please write it down. Of course you can use these expressions outside of the classroom.

Okay let's practice. すみません、せんせい。 (Sumimasen, sensei.) もういちどおねがいします。 (Mō ichi-do onegai shimasu.) ゆっくりおねがいします。 (Yukkuri onegai shimasu.) すみません、かいてください。 (Sumimasen, kaite kudasai.)