

LESSON NOTES

Basic Japanese S1 #8

Basic Japanese #8: Hiroko's Top 3 Casual Japanese Expressions

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KANJI

1. うそ！
2. かわいー。
3. すごい。

KANA

1. うそ！
2. かわいー。
3. すごい。

ROMANIZATION

1. Uso!
2. Kawai.
3. Sugoi.

ENGLISH

1. You're kidding! / No way!
2. That's so cute!

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3. That's amazing! / Wow!

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
うそ	うそ	uso	lie, falsehood
かわいい	かわいい	kawaii	cute, pretty
すごい	すごい	sugoi	wow, great, amazing; Adj(i)

SAMPLE SENTENCES

うそです。 <i>Uso desu.</i> It's a lie.	その浴衣はかわいい。 <i>Sono yukata wa kawaii.</i> That yukata is pretty.
東京はすごいです。 <i>Tōkyō wa sugoi desu.</i> Tokyo is great.	

GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is Hiroko's Top 3 Casual Japanese Expressions.

うそ！ : You're kidding! / No way!
かわいー。 : That's so cute!
すごい！ : Wow! / Amazing!

うそ！

Uso (うそ) means "lie." But, it can be also used as an interjection to mean "you're kidding!" or "no way!" So, when I'm really surprised at what I hear from someone or I think something is

unbelievable, I often say うそ ! as an exclamation of surprise.

かわいー

Kawaii (かわいい) is an adjective meaning "cute." When I think something is cute, I say *kawaii* (かわいー) . If you make the last i-sound a little bit longer, you can make the expression stronger.

すごい !

Sugoi (すごい) is an adjective meaning "terrific" or "amazing." This adjective can be used as a single word to express how impressed you are to see/hear something.