

## LESSON NOTES

# Basic Japanese S1 #22

## Basic Japanese #22: Useful Expressions 3: How to Ask When Something Takes Place

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# KANJI

1. ===Ushijima & Yuichi===
2. USHIJIMA: パーティはいつですか。
3. YUICHI: 給料日です。
4. USHIJIMA: 給料日はいつですか。
5. YUICHI: 25日です。
6. USHIJIMA: パーティは25日ですね。
7. YUICHI: はい

# KANA

1. ===Ushijima & Yuichi===
2. USHIJIMA: パーティはいつですか。
3. YUICHI: きゅうりょうびです。
4. USHIJIMA: きゅうりょうびはいつですか。
5. YUICHI: 25にちです。
6. USHIJIMA: パーティは25にちですね。
7. YUICHI: はい

# ROMANIZATION

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1. ===Ushijima & Yuichi===
2. USHIJIMA: Pāti wa itsu desu ka.
3. YUICHI: Kyūryōbi desu.
4. USHIJIMA: kyūryōbi wa itsu desu ka.
5. YUICHI: 25-nichi desu.
6. USHIJIMA: Pāti wa 25-nichi desu ne.
7. YUICHI: Hai.

## ENGLISH

1. ===Ushijima & Yuichi===
2. USHIJIMA: When is the party?
3. YUICHI: It's on our pay day.
4. USHIJIMA: When is our pay day?
5. YUICHI: It's on the 25th.
6. USHIJIMA: So the party is on the 25th, right?

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
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誕生日	たんじょうび	tanjōbi	birthday
パーティー	パーティー	pāti	party
給料日	きゅうりょうび	kyūryōbi	payday
何時	なんじ	nan-ji	what time
待ち合わせ	まちあわせ	machiawase	appointment

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

誕生日はいつですか。 <i>Tanjō-bi wa itsu desu ka.</i>  When is your birthday?	明日は給料日です！！！！ <i>Ashita wa kyūryōbi desu!!!</i>  Tomorrow is payday!!!
いま何時ですか。 <i>Ima nan-ji desu ka.</i>  What time is it now?	待ち合わせは駅の前です。 <i>Machiawase wa eki no mae desu.</i>  We are meeting in front of the station.

## GRAMMAR

**The focus of this lesson is Useful Expressions: How to Ask When Something Takes Place**

*Tanjōbi wa itsu desu ka.*  
**"When is your birthday?"**

To say "My birthday is October 25th" in Japanese, you can use the basic sentence structure, [ A ] wa [ B ] desu, and say "*Watashi no tanjōbi wa jū-gatsu nijū-go nichi desu.*"

If you want to ask when someone's birthday is, you say "*tanjōbi wa itsu desu ka.*" *Itsu* (いつ) means "when." Just say *itsu* (いつ) in place of *jū-gatsu nijū-go nichi*, and then add the question marking particle *ka* (か) at the end of a sentence.

[A]	wa	[B]	desu	Translation
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たんじょう び Tanjōbi	は wa	10月25日 jū-gatsu nijū-go nichi	です desu		My birthday is October 25th.
たんじょう び Tanjōbi	は wa	[??]日 [??] ]day	です desu	か。 ka.	Is your birthday on [date]?
たんじょう び Tanjōbi	は wa	いつ itsu	です desu	か。 ka.	When is your birthday?

### Hiroko's Tip

What if you want to know exactly what time something takes place? In that case, you should use the phrase *nanji* (なんじ), which means "what time?"

When you want to ask what time you are meeting with someone, you would say, "*machiawase wa nanji desu ka?*" which means "What time are we meeting?"