

LESSON NOTES

Basic Japanese S1 #20

Basic Japanese #20: Useful Expressions 1: How to Ask the Price of Something

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KANJI

1. だいこんは 1 5 0 円です。
2. だいこんは 1 5 0 円ですか。
3. だいこんはいくらですか。
4. ===Customer and Shop clerk===
5. CUSTOMER: それはレタスですか。
6. STORE CLERK: キャベツです。
7. CUSTOMER: キャベツはいくらですか。
8. STORE CLERK: 1 0 0 円です。
9. =====

KANA

1. だいこんは 1 5 0 えんです。
2. だいこんは 1 5 0 えんですか。
3. だいこんはいくらですか。
4. ===Customer and Shop clerk===
5. CUSTOMER: それはレタスですか。

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6. STORE CLERK: キャベツです。
7. CUSTOMER: キャベツはいくらですか。
8. STORE CLERK: １００えんです。
9. =====

ROMANIZATION

1. Daikon wa 150-en desu.
2. Daikon wa 150-en desu ka.
3. Daikon wa ikura desu ka.
4. ===Customer and Shop clerk===
5. CUSTOMER: Sore wa retasu desu ka.
6. STORE CLERK: Kyabetsu desu.
7. CUSTOMER: Kyabetsu wa ikura desu ka.
8. STORE CLERK: 100-en desu.
9. =====

ENGLISH

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1. The Japanese radish is 150 yen.
2. Is the Japanese radish 150 yen?
3. How much is the Japanese radish?
4. ===Customer and Shop clerk===
5. CUSTOMER: Is that lettuce?
6. STORE CLERK: It's cabbage.
7. CUSTOMER: How much is cabbage?
8. STORE CLERK: It's 100 yen.
9. =====

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
だいこん	だいこん	daikon	Japanese radish
円	えん	en	yen
レタス	レタス	retasu	lettuce
いくら	いくら	ikura	how much (does it cost)?

SAMPLE SENTENCES

日本のだいこんは白いです。 <i>Nihon no daikon wa shiroi desu.</i> Japanese radish is white.	1ドルは、何円ですか。 <i>1-doru wa nan-en desu ka.</i> How much yen is it to one dollar?
レタスは、サラダに使います。 <i>Retasu wa, sarada ni tsukaimasu.</i> We use lettuce in salad.	この本はいくらですか。 <i>Kono hon wa ikura desu ka.</i> How much is this book?

GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is How to Ask the Price of Something

Kore wa ikura desu ka.

"How much is this?"

To say how much something is, you can use the basic sentence structure, [A] wa [B] desu. For example, to say "a radish is 150 yen" in Japanese, you would say "*daikon wa hyaku-gojū-en desu* (だいこんは150円です).

If you want to ask if the radish is 150 yen, you say "*daikon wa hyaku-gojū-en desu ka* (だいこんは150円ですか), with *ka* (か) at the end of a sentence to make it a question.

If you don't know what the price is, you can say "*daikon wa ikura desu ka* (だいこんはいくらですか)", replacing 150 yen with *ikura* (いくら).

[A]	wa	[B]	desu		Translation
だいこん Daikon	は wa	150円 hyaku-gojū-en	です。 desu.		A radish is 150 yen.
だいこん Daikon	は wa	150円 hyaku-gojū-en	です desu	か。 ka.	Is a radish 150 yen?
だいこん Daikon	は wa	[??]円 [??]]yen	です desu	か。 ka.	Is a radish ____ yen?

だいこん		いくら	です	か。	How much
Daikon	は wa	ikura	desu	ka.	is a radish?

Hiroko's Tip

To ask the price of something in a casual manner, you can point to something you want to know the price of, and say "Kore ikura? (これ、いくら?) with a rising intonation.