

LESSON NOTES

Basic Japanese S1 #1

Basic Japanese #1: Self Introductions

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KANJI

1. はじめまして。
2. わたしは、ひろこです。
3. よろしくおねがいします。

KANA

1. はじめまして。
2. わたしは、ひろこです。
3. よろしくおねがいします。

ROMANIZATION

1. Hajimemashite.
2. Watashi wa, Hiroko desu.
3. Yoroshiku onegai shimasu.

ENGLISH

1. Nice to meet you.
2. I'm Hiroko.

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3. It's a pleasure to meet you.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
わたし	わたし	watashi	I, me
はじめまして	はじめまして	hajimemashite	Nice to meet you.
よろしくおねがいします	よろしくおねがいします	yoroshiku onegai shimasu	Nice to meet you. It's a pleasure to meet you.

SAMPLE SENTENCES

私は、田中です。 <i>Watashi wa, Tanaka desu.</i> I'm Tanaka.	こんにちは。はじめまして。 <i>Kon'nichiwa. Hajimemashite.</i> Hello. Nice to meet you.
田中太郎です。よろしくおねがいします。 <i>Tanaka Tarō desu. Yoroshiku onegai shimasu.</i> I'm Taro Tanaka. It's a pleasure to meet you.	

GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is how to introduce yourself in Japanese.

はじめまして。 / Hajimemashite.
わたしは、[your name] です。 Watashi wa [your name] desu.
よろしくおねがいします。 / Yoroshiku onegai shimasu.

はじめまして。 / Hajimemashite.

This phrase means "nice to meet you." It literally means "for the first time." This is the first thing often said when you meet someone for the first time. This phrase is appropriate for all politeness levels.

わたしは、[your name] です。 / *Watashi wa [your name] desu.*

Watashi (わたし) means "I" and *wa* (は) is a topic marking particle. *Desu* (です) is the equivalent to "to be", such as "is" "am" or "are" in English. So, this sentence means "I am [name]".

よろしくおねがいします。 / *Yoroshiku onegai shimasu.*

This phrase literally means "please be good to me." But it is a commonly used expression which corresponds to "it's a pleasure to meet you."