

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S1 #8

This is a Japanese Gift For You

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DIALOGUE - JAPANESE

KANJI

1. かおり : テイラーさん、これはおみやげです。どうぞ。
2. テイラー : ありがとうございます !
3. かおり : いえいえ。

ENGLISH

1. Kaori : Taylor, this is a little something for you.
2. Taylor : Thank you very much!
3. Kaori : Don't mention it.

RŌMAJI

1. Kaori : Teirā-san, kore wa omiyage desu. Dōzo.
2. Teirā : Arigatō gozaimasu!
3. Kaori : Ie ie.

HIRAGANA

1. かおり : テイラーさん、これはおみやげです。どうぞ。
2. テイラー : ありがとうございます !
3. かおり : いえいえ。

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English	Class
おみやげ	おみやげ	omiyage	a small gift, a souvenir	noun
ありがとうございます	ありがとうございます	arigatō gozaimasu	Thank you very much.	phrase
いえいえ	いえいえ	ieie	Don't mention it/No problem	
どうぞ	どうぞ	dōzo	go ahead, here you are	adverb
これ	これ	kore	this	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

これはおみやげです。 <i>Kore wa omiyage desu.</i> This is a small gift for you.	A:ありがとうございます。 B:どういたしまして。 <i>A: Arigatō gozaimasu. B: Dō itashimashite.</i> A: Thank you very much. B: You're welcome.
A:どうもありがとうございます。 B:いえいえ。 <i>A:Dōmo arigatō gozaimasu. B: Ieie.</i> A:Thank you very much. B:No problem.	はい、どうぞ。 <i>Hai, dōzo.</i> Here you go.
これはほんです。 <i>Kore wa hon desu.</i> This is a book.	

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

★ *ieie* (いえいえ)

Ieie is a polite phrase that we can use after someone thanks you. *Iie* is the word for "no," so you are literally saying that what you did was "nothing at all."

★ *dōzo* (どうぞ)

In the dialogue, when Kaori handed Taylor a small gift, she said *dōzo* after saying "Here's a little something for you." *Dōzo* means "here you are"/"here you go," and we often use it when handing something to someone. The next time you hand something over to someone, saying *dōzo* will do it!

★ *kore* (これ)

Kore is the word that means "this." We will use it in the lesson focus below to make the sentence "this is [B]."

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is Practicing More with [A wa B desu].

Teirā-san, kore wa omiyage desu.

テイラーさん、これはおみやげです。

"Taylor, here's a little something for you."

In Lesson 7, we learned our first Japanese sentence pattern, [A wa B desu], which means "A is B," that we use for saying what something is. In that lesson, we learned how to use this pattern to say what your name and occupation is (as well as the names and occupations of others). In this lesson, we will practice making more sentences with this pattern.

Practicing More with [A wa B desu]

Let's learn how to say "This is B" using our pattern:

Kore wa [B] desu./"This is [B]."

Using this pattern, we can make sentences telling others what something is.

For Example:

[B]	<i>Kore wa [B] desu.</i>	これは[B]です	"English"
<i>omiyage</i> (おみやげ)	<i>Kore wa omiyage desu.</i>	これは おみやげ です。	"This is a small present (for you)."
<i>mizu</i> (みず)	<i>Kore wa mizu desu.</i>	これは みず です。	"This is water."

Examples from This Dialogue

1. *Teirā-san, kore wa omiyage desu. Dōzo.*

テイラーさん、これはおみやげです。どうぞ。

"Taylor, this is a little something for you."

Language Tip: Different Ways to Say "Thank You" and "You're Welcome"

Let's take a look at some of the variations of how to say "thank you" and "you're welcome."

Saying "Thank You"

<i>Romanization</i>	<i>Japanese</i>	"English"	Explanation
<i>Arigatō gozaimasu</i>	ありがとうございます	"thank you"	a polite way to say thank you
<i>Arigatō</i>	ありがとう	"Thanks!"	a casual way to say thank you
<i>Sumimasen</i>	すみません	"(Sorry), thanks"	a polite way to say thank you (in an apologetic way)

Note: *Sumimasen* literally means "excuse me" and therefore sounds a bit apologetic. We often use it when someone goes out of his or her way to do something for you. (We do not use it in this dialogue, but just know you may come across it!)

Saying "You're Welcome"

<i>Romanization</i>	<i>Japanese</i>	<i>"English"</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
<i>Dō itashimashite</i>	どういたしまして	"you're welcome"	a polite , straightforward way to respond
<i>lie</i> (or <i>ieie</i>)	いいえ (or いえいえ)	"not at all," "no problem"	a polite way to respond

Note: *lie* is the word for "no," so you are literally saying that what you did was "nothing at all."

Examples from This Lesson

1. *Teirā: Arigatō gozaimasu.*

Kaori: Ie ie.

テイラー：ありがとうございます。

かおり：いえいえ。

Taylor: "Thank you very much!"

Kaori: "Don't mention it."