

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S1 #10

Is This Your Japanese House?

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DIALOGUE - JAPANESE

KANJI

1. かおり： これはテイラーさんのいえですか？
2. テイラー： そうです。どうぞ。
3. まさと&かおり： おじゃまします。
4. いぬ： Bark bark!
5. かおり： あ、これは、テイラーさんのいぬですか？
6. テイラー： はい。Muttleyです。
7. いぬ： Bark bark bark!

ENGLISH

1. Kaori : Is this your house, Taylor?
2. Taylor : Yes, it is! Come on in.
3. Masato & Kaori : Excuse us. (Literally, Please excuse the intrusion.)
4. Dog : Bark bark!
5. Kaori : Oh, is this your dog?
6. Taylor : Yes! This is Muttley.
7. Muttley (Dog) : Bark bark bark!

RŌMAJI

1. Kaori : Kore wa Teirā-san no ie desu ka?
2. Teirā : Sō desu. Dōzo.
3. Masato & Kaori : O-jama shimasu.
4. Inu : Bark bark!
5. Kaori : A, kore wa, Teirā-san no inu desu ka?
6. Teirā : Hai. Muttley desu.
7. Inu : Ū! Wan wan wan.

HIRAGANA

1. かおり : これは テイラーさんの いえですか？
2. テイラー : そうです。どうぞ。
3. まさと & かおり : おじゃまします。
4. いぬ : Bark bark!
5. かおり : あ、これは、テイラーさんの いぬですか？
6. テイラー : はい。Muttleyです。
7. いぬ : Bark bark bark!

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English	Class
おじゃまします	おじゃまします	Ojamashimasu.	excuse me for disturbing (interrupting) you	expression
ねこ	ねこ	neko	cat	
どうぞ	どうぞ	dōzo	go ahead, here you are	adverb
そうです	そうです	Sō desu	That's right.	
いぬ	いぬ	inu	dog	noun
これ	これ	kore	this (demonstrative pronoun)	
くるま	くるま	kuruma	car	
いえ	いえ	ie	house	noun
の	の	no	particle indicating possession	particle

SAMPLE SENTENCES

おじゃまします。 <i>Ojama shimasu.</i> Excuse me for disturbing you.	テーブルの下にねこがいます。 <i>Tēburu no shita ni neko ga imasu.</i> There is a cat under the table.
はい、どうぞ。 <i>Hai, dōzo.</i> Here you go.	はい、そうです。 <i>Hai, sō desu.</i> Yes, that's right.

わたしのいぬのなまえはポチです。 <i>Watashi no inu no namae wa Pochi desu.</i> My dog's name is Pochi.	これはほんです。 <i>Kore wa hon desu.</i> This is a book.
くるまがありますか。 <i>Kuruma ga arimasu ka.</i> Do you have a car?	いえはどこですか。 <i>Ie wa doko desu ka.</i> Where is your house?
こちらは森さんのおくさんです。 <i>Kochira wa Mori-san no okusan desu.</i> This is Mr. Mori's wife.	うちの息子は、秀才です。 <i>Uchi no musuko wa shūsai desu.</i> My son is brilliant.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

★ *Ie* (いえ)

This is the word for "house" in Japanese.

★ *Ojama shimasu* (おじゃまします)

When visiting someone's house, there are some special phrases that you should use to be polite and leave the best impression.

Phrase	Explanation	Used when...
おじゃまします <i>O-jama shimasu</i>	This literally means "I'm afraid I'll bother you/I will intrude"	...entering someone's house
おじゃましました <i>O-jama shimashita</i>	This literally means "I have been a nuisance"	...leaving someone's house

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is Saying That Something Belongs to Someone.

Kore wa Teirā-san no ie desu ka?

これはテイラーさんのいえですか？

"Is this your house, Taylor?"

In this lesson, you'll learn how to say that something belongs to someone. You'll also learn some phrases we use when visiting someone's house.

How to Say That Something Belongs to Someone

Let's learn how to say that something belongs to someone. First, let's use the word "my" as an example.

In Lesson 7, we learned two ways of saying "I": *watashi* (which men and women use) and *boku* (which men use).

Now, how would we say "MY?" We simply put *no* after the word for "I":

★ **Sentence Pattern:**

[owner] + *no* + [item], meaning "[item] that belongs to [owner]"

- *Watashi* + *no* = "my"
- *Boku* + *no* = "my"
- *Teirā* + *no* = "Taylor's"

Owner	<i>no</i>	Item They Own	Full Phrase	"English"
<i>Watashi</i> ("I")	<i>no</i>	<i>ie</i> ("house")	<i>Watashi no ie</i>	"my house"
<i>Boku</i> ("I")	<i>no</i>	<i>kuruma</i> ("car")	<i>Boku no kuruma</i>	"my car"
<i>Teirā</i> ("Taylor")	<i>no</i>	<i>inu</i> ("dog")	<i>Teirā no inu</i>	"Taylor's dog"
<i>Suzuki-san</i> ("Ms. Suzuki")	<i>no</i>	<i>neko</i> ("cat")	<i>Suzuki-san no neko</i>	"Ms. Suzuki's cat"

Now that we know how to make phrases that say that something belongs to someone, we can change them into part of a larger sentence. Remember our "A is B" pattern from Lesson 7? Now we can insert the phrases we just learned into Part B!

For Example:

A	<i>wa</i>	B	<i>desu</i>	"English"
<i>Kore</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>watashi no ie</i>	<i>desu</i>	"This is my house."
<i>Kore</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>boku no kuruma</i>	<i>desu</i>	"This is my car."
<i>Kore</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>Teirā-san no inu</i>	<i>desu</i>	"This is Taylor's dog."
<i>Kore</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>Suzuki-san no neko</i>	<i>desu</i>	"This is Ms. Suzuki's cat."

Examples from This Dialogue

1. *Kore wa Teirā-san no ie desu ka?*
これはテイラーさんのいえですか？
"Is this your house, Taylor?"
2. *Kore wa, Teirā-san no inu (desu ka)?*
これは、テイラーさんのいぬ(ですか) ？

"Oh, is this your dog?"