

# Japanese Possessive Pronouns

## Words & Phrases:-

- Anata → you
- watashi → I, me
- taban → maybe
- kare → him, boyfriend
- kanajo → her, girlfriend
- tomodachi → friend(s)

## \* Dare des:- (Dare → who)

Eg:- Dare desu ka / Anata wa dare desu ka :- Who are you/they?  
Who is he/she/this?

Tomodachi wa dare desu ka :- Who is your friend here?

Kare wa dare desu ka :- Who is he?

Sensei wa dare desu ka :- Who is the teacher?

## Concept of no:-

no → (Written as ノ)

here, no is a possession marker

- 1) Anata no → yours
- 2) Watashi no → mine
- 3) Kare no → his/hers  
(kanajo)
- 4) dare no → whose

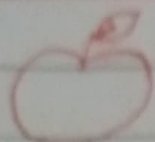
[Her boyfriend  
(or)  
His girlfriend]

Eg:- Watashi no mizu desu → My water


Tanaka-san no mizu desu → Tanaka-san's water

Watashi no desu → It's mine

\* Dare no desu × ka → Dare no desu ka  
(Whose is this?)  
↓  
Dare followed by ka


<sup>this</sup> <sup>apple/door</sup> <sup>apple</sup>  
 Kore ~~wa~~ dare ~~no~~ ringsu desu ka.  
 (Whose apple is this?)

Reply:- Watashi ~~no~~ ringsu desu. (Topic → Apple's belongs to)


 - anata ~~no~~ okāsan ~~no~~ onamae ~~wa~~ ~~wa~~ nani desu ka.  
 (What is your mother's name?)

Reply:- Watashi ~~no~~ okāsan ~~no~~ namae ~~wa~~ Tiji desu.  
 (Topic = mother's name)



Everything before ~~wa~~ is a topic/part of a topic  
 " after ~~wa~~ is a statement/interrogative