



Absolute Beginner S1

Loving and Hating in Japanese

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Kanji

かおり いないいない・・・ばあ！いないいない・・・ばあ！
サラ (Laughs)
テイラー サラは、「いないいないばあ」がだいすきです。
まさと へー。じゃ、いないいない。。。ばあ！
サラ (cries)
まさと ああああ！ごめんごめん！
テイラー サラはおとこのひとがきらいです。(laughs)
(Everyone laughs)

Kana

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テイラー (わらい) サラはおとこのひとがきらいです。(laughs)
(Everyone laughs)

Romanization

Kaori Inai inai... baa! Inai inai... baa!
Sara (Laughs)
Teirā Sara wa,(inai inai baa) ga daisuki desu.
Masato Hē. Ja, inai inai... baa!
Sara (cries)
Masato Aaaa! gomen gomen!
Teirā (warai) Sara wa otoko no hito ga kirai desu. (laughs)
(Everyone laughs)

English

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Kaori Peek-a-boo! Peek-a-boo!
Sarah (Laughs)
Taylor Sarah loves "Peek-a-boo."
Masato Wow! Okay then...peek-a-boo!
Sarah (cries)
Masato Ahhh! I'm sorry, I'm sorry!
Taylor Sarah doesn't like men. (laughs)
(Everyone laughs)

Vocabulary

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
大好き	だいすき	daisuki	to like very much
嫌い	きらい	kirai	dislikable
男の人	おとこのひと	otoko no hito	man
いないいないばあ	いないいないばあ	inaiinaibā	peekaboo

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

カレーが大好きです。
Karē ga daisuki desu. I love curry.
雪が嫌いです。
Yuki ga kirai desu. I hate snow.
マサミさんは男の人です。
Masami-san wa otoko no hito desu. Masami is a man.
いない、いない...ばあ！
Inai, inai bā! Peekaboo!!

Vocabulary Phrase Usage

Otoko no hito (おとこのひと)

Otoko no hito means "man/male person." The phrase for "woman" would be onna no hito (おんなのひと).

Grammar Points

The Focus of This Lesson Is Saying That You Like or Don't Like Something.

Sara wa, (inai inai baa) ga daisuki desu.

サラは、「いないいないばあ」がだいすきです。

"Sarah loves 'Peek-a-boo.'"

Whether you're talking about food preferences or just making small talk about yourself, it's important to be able to communicate that you like or don't like something. In this lesson, you'll learn how to say that you like and don't like something.

Saying That You Like or Don't Like Something

First, let's go over how to say you like something.

Sentence Patterns:

[A] ga [suki] desu / "I like [A]"

To say that you LOVE something, you can use the word daisuki instead of suki.

[A] ga daisuki desu / "I love [A]"

For Example:

1. Keki ga suki desu.
ケーキがすきです。
"I love cake."
2. Supotsu ga daisuki desu.
スポーツがだいすきです。
"I love sports."

Next, let's go over how to say you don't like something.

[A] ga kirai desu / "I don't like [A]"

To say that you HATE something, you can use the word daikirai instead of kirai.

[A] ga daikirai desu / "I hate [A]"

For Example:

1. Neko ga kirai desu.
ねこがきらいです。
"I don't like cats."
2. Tomato ga daikirai desu.
トマトがだいすきです。

"I hate tomatoes."

Examples from This Lesson

1. Sara wa, (inai inai baa) ga daisuki desu.
サラは、「いないいないばあ」が大好きです。
"Sarah loves 'Peek-a-boo.'"
2. Sara wa otoko no hito ga kirai desu.
サラはおとこのひとがきらいです。
"Sarah doesn't like men. (laughs)"

Cultural Insight

Inai Inai B (いないいないばあ)

Inai inai b refers to a game played with babies and small children where you cover your face with your hands and then suddenly show your face, surprising the baby. It is basically the same as the game "peek-a-boo" in English.