



Absolute Beginner S1

Is This Your Japanese House?

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Kanji

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

Kana

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

Romanization

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

English

Kaori	Is this your house, Taylor?
Taylor	Yes, it is! Come on in.
Masato & Kaori	Excuse us. (Literally, Please excuse the intrusion.)

Dog Bark bark!
Kaori Oh, is this your dog?
Taylor Yes! This is Muttley.
Dog Bark bark bark!

Vocabulary

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
家	いえ	ie	house
部屋	へや	heya	room
犬	いぬ	inu	dog
おじゃまします	おじゃまします	Ojamashimasu.	excuse me for disturbing (interrupting) you
そうです	そうです	Sō desu	That's right.
どうぞ	どうぞ	dōzo	Go ahead, Here you are
車	くるま	kuruma	car
猫	ねこ	neko	cat

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

家はどこですか。 ie wa doko desu ka.	Where is your house?
私の部屋です。 Koko wa watashi no heya desu.	This is my room.
私の犬です。 Watashi no inu desu.	It's my dog.
おじゃまします。 Ojama shimasu.	Excuse me for disturbing you.
はい、そうです。 Hai, sō desu.	Yes, that's right.
はい、どうぞ。 Hai, dōzo.	Here you go.
これは日本の車です。 Kore wa Nihon no kuruma desu.	This is a Japanese car.
テーブルの下に猫がいます。	There is a cat under the table.

Tēburu no shita ni neko ga imasu.

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 O-jama shimasu	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 O-jama shimashita	This literally means "I have been a nuisance"	...leaving someone's house

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Grammar Points

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

Kore wa Teir -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

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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"

Teir no = "Taylor's"

Owner	no	Item They Own	Full Phrase	"English"
Watashi ("I")	no	ie ("house")	Watashi no ie	"my house"
Boku ("I")	no	kuruma ("car")	Boku no kuruma	"my car"
Teir ("Taylor")	no	inu ("dog")	Teir no inu	"Taylor's dog"
Suzuki-san ("Ms. Suzuki")	no	neko ("cat")	Suzuki-san no neko	"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	wa	B	desu	"English"
Kore	wa	watashi no ie	desu	"This is my house."
Kore	wa	boku no kuruma	desu	"This is my car."
Kore	wa	Teir no inu	desu	"This is Taylor's dog."
Kore	wa	Suzuki-san no neko	desu	"This is Ms. Suzuki's cat."

Examples from This Dialogue

1. Kore wa **Teir -san no ie** desu ka?
これは**テイラーさんの家**ですか？
"Is this your house, Taylor?"
2. Kore wa, **Teir -san no inu** (desu ka)?
これは、**テイラーさんの犬**(ですか)？
"Oh, is this your dog?"