



Absolute Beginner S1

This is a Japanese Gift For You

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Kanji

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

Kana

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

Romanization

Kaori Teirā-san, kore wa omiyage desu. Dōzo.
Teirā Arigatō gozaimasu!
Kaori ie ie.

English

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

Vocabulary

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
これ	これ	kore	this
おみやげ	おみやげ	omiyage	a small gift, a souvenir
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.
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

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

これは本です。

Kore wa hon desu.

This is a book.

これはおみやげです。

Kore wa omiyage desu.

This is a small gift for you.

A:ありがとうございます。

A: Thank you very much. B: You're welcome.

B:どういたしまして。

A: Arigatō gozaimasu. B: Dō
itashimashite.

A:どうもありがとうございます。 B:いえいえ A:Thank you very much. B:No problem.

。 A:Dōmo arigatō gozaimasu. B: Ieie.

はい、どうぞ。

Here you go.

Hai, dōzo.

Vocabulary Phrase Usage

ieie (いえいえ)

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

d zo どうぞ

In the dialogue, when Kaori handed Taylor a small gift, she said d zo after saying "Here's a little something for you." D zo 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 d zo 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 Points

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

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Teir -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 ha 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]	Kore wa [B] desu.	これは[B]です	"English"
omiyage (おみやげ)	Kore wa omiyage desu.	これはおみやげ です。	"This is a small present (for you)."
mizu (みず)	Kore wa mizu desu.	これはみずです。	"This is water."

Examples from This Dialogue

1. Teir -san, kore wa omiyage desu. D zo.

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"

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Romanization	Japanese	"English"	Explanation
Arigat gozaimasu	ありがとう ございます	"thank you"	a polite way to say thank you
Arigat	ありがとう	"Thanks!"	a casual way to say thank you
Sumimasen	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"

Romanization	Japanese	"English"	Explanation
D itashimashite	どういた しまして	"you're welcome"	a polite, straig htforward way to respond
lie (or ieie)	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. Teir : Arigat gozaimasu.
Kaori: Ie ie.
テイラー : ありがとうございます。
かおり : いいえ。
Taylor: "Thank you very much!"
Kaori: "Don't mention it."