Sentence Types-

Hello guys. In this video we’ll be talking about how the basic sentence types you’ll encounter in Japanese. This overview on the different patterns of sentences you’ll encounter should help improve your familiarity with reading, understanding and in constructing your own sentences in Japanese.

* Noun ending
* Subject wa noun desu
* Or A wa B desu = A is B
  + Hinako is a girl
* this character we know as ha is pronounced as wa when it is a particle
* we can replace this wa particle with ga which we'll get into in another video but
* For now just stick to using wa as in 90% of cases this is what you'll use
* But if the topic of discussion is understood we can omit it
  + [She] is a girl
* Or
  + [They] are students
* We can add an adjective to the noun to make more descriptive sentences
  + Hinako is a very energetic girl
* We can replace the last part the desu with a negative or past tense such as
  + dewa arimasen
  + deshita
  + dewa arimasendeshita
* Which we'll cover more in a future video
* A, our subject in conversation must be a noun which think about it what else can it be?
* B as well can be a noun phrase or special type of adjective which we'll learn soon called na adjectives
* Adjective ending
* Subject wa adjective desu
  + Hinako is small
* Again we can omit the subject if people know what your talking about
  + [She] is small
* Again we can alter the ending of this to be in the negative and/or past tense
  + A wa
    - A is tired
    - A is not tired
    - A was tired
    - A was not tired
* You'll notice that the adjective for 'tired', [tired] alters as well according to the tense, don't worry about this for now
* Your just beginning so there is a lot that you won't know, for now just understand just like our noun ending sentence we can change the ending of this sentence type in the same way
* With just this much you can introduce yourself and talk about things such as school
  + My name is
  + I am from
  + I am a \_-year student
  + My major is \_
  + Classes are interesting
  + The \_ class is early in the morning
  + It snowed yesterday
  + The wind is a bit cold
  + Today, it is sunny
* As you can see with just this much understanding of grammar we can already hold a basic conversation
* All we're really limited by right now is by the vocabulary that we know
* Verb ending
* Subject wa object wo verb
  + John eats a orange
* Note we don't use desu here, instead the verbs end in masu
* Like before we can omit the subject if we know what's going on
  + [He] eats a orange
* As well as change the ending, in this case, the 'masu' to make it negative and/or past tense
  + I (will) go to Kyoto
  + I went to Kyoto
  + I didn't go to Kyoto
  + I haven't gone to Kyoto

And that’s the basic sentence types in Japanese; I hope this has helped improve your understanding and given you added confidence in constructing your sentences. If you have any questions post it down below or sent me an email to my email address which you can find on the homepage of this course. Okay thank you guys.