// Check the use of とか　if it means close to 'and/or' or is only used to inexhaustibly list examples (a dog and/or cat for instance)

Hey guys. In this video we’ll be going over the ways we can list items in Japanese. So as you may remember from our particles video, we touched briefly on how to list items with と　and や.

* As a quick refresher we use [to] when we intend to exhaustively, ie list everything their is, exhaustively list off the items:
* [This sandwich has ham and cheese]
* And we use [ya] to inexhaustively list off items:
* [This sandwich has ham, cheese etc.]
* We also have 1 or 2 other particles, depending on how you look at it to help us to describe lists: [ka] and [toka]
* [ka] means 'or':
* [You can eat the big sandwich or the small sandwich]
* [toka] which is a combination of the particle [to] and [or] is equivalent to saying and/or in English:
* [You can eat the big sandwich and/or the small sandwich]
* What's beautiful with these particles is that you can easily continue to add more items to the list:
* [I went to the beach, the cinema and the bar]
* Or mix the particles [ka] or [toka] with either [to] or [ya]
* [You can buy new clothes and shoes or a new game]
* [We'll go to Brazil, America and/or Canada this year]
* However unlike the English equivalents, we can only use these particles to connect nouns or noun phrases
* We can't use them to connect verbs, adjectives or sentences together
* To do that we need to conjugate the adjective or verb appropriately which we'll see more in another video
* One last thing to note however is that how we list our options can also affect how formal we sound, basically if we only list one thing in response to a question like:
* [What did you do today?}
* Or: [Where did you go on holidays?]
* Your response will sound more formal
* Sometimes to prevent this, people may list more things they did or use [ya] or [toka] to make the list seem inexhaustive instead of exhaustive even if they listed all they did
* Basically the more things you list the more you'll 'soften the edge', reduce the formality, of your response

And that’s how we list items in Japanese. Thanks guys.