

# Noun Sentence BASIC RULES

“wa” shows that “X” is the topic.  
It is similar to “as for ”in English.

“desu” marks the sentence as polite at  
the end of noun and adjective sentences.

spotlight  
particle

polite  
expression

## Example Sentences

X is Y .	X	wa	Y	desu	Kore	wa	o-niku	desu
is X Y ?	X	wa	Y	desu ka	this		meat	
What is X ?	X	wa	NAN	desu ka	Kore	wa	o-niku	desu ka
Where is X ?	X	wa	DOKO	desu ka				
When is X ?	X	wa	ITSU	desu ka	Kore	wa	NAN	desu ka
Who is X ?	X	wa	DARE	desu ka	Camera	wa	DOKO	desu ka
Which is X ?	X	wa	DORE	desu ka	Paatii	wa	ITSU	desu ka
How much is X ?	X	wa	IKURA	desu ka	party			
					Are	wa	DARE	desu ka
X is Y.	X	wa	Y	desu	that			
X is not Y.	X	wa	Y	ja arimasen	Osusume	wa	DORE	desu ka
X was Y.	X	wa	Y	deshita	recommendation			
X was not Y.	X	wa	Y	ja arimasen deshita	Chiketto	wa	IKURA	desu ka
					ticket			
					Kore	wa	o-niku	desu
							meat	
					Kore	wa	o-niku	ja arimasen
					Watashi	wa	gakusei	deshita
					I		student	
					Watashi	wa	gakusei	ja arimasen deshita

question  
mark

“desu” is conjugated and still  
marks the sentence as polite.