

Strategic Japanese: A Day in My Life

1 Top 12 useful verbs

Top 12 useful verbs for the daily conversation.

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| 1. suru (do:3G) | 2. kuru (come:3G) | 3. taberu (eat:2G,e) | 4. miru (see:2G,i) |
| 5. kiku (drink:1G,k) | 6. yomu (read:1G,m) | 7. nomu (drink:1G,m) | 8. toru (take:1G,r) |
| 9. kau (buy:1G,w) | 10. iku (go:1G,k*) | 11. mottekuru (bring:3G) | 12. kureru (give me:2G,e) |

2 Make te-form

Convert top 12 verbs into te-form.

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| 1. suru ⇒ | 2. kuru ⇒ | 3. taberu ⇒ | 4. miru ⇒ |
| 5. kiku ⇒ | 6. yomu ⇒ | 7. nomu ⇒ | 8. toru ⇒ |
| 9. kau ⇒ | 10. iku ⇒ itte | 11. mottekuru ⇒ | 12. kureru ⇒ |



3 Conversation: what you did yesterday / what you will do tomorrow

A: Suzuki san, kino nani shita? (Suzuki-san, what did you do yesterday?)

B: Kino wa, asa daigaku kite, lunch tabete, ... nado nado desune.

A: Sōdesuka. Mainichi isogashi desune. (Oh, really/is that so? So busy everyday!)

A: Jā, ashita wa? (Well, how about tomorrow?)

B: Ashita wa, 9:00 daigaku ni kite, lunch tabete, lunch tabete, lunch tabete, nado nado desune.

A: Sōdesuka. Ashita mo isogashi desune. (Oh, really? Very busy tomorrow too!)

- Notes: kino/yesterday, nani/what, asa/morning, mainichi/everyday, ashita/tomorrow, daigaku/university, mo/also

Describe what you did yesterday, and write what your partner said.

- What Suzuki san did was/were tabete, nonde, itte, kite, , and you said “ isogashii .”
- What _____ san did was/were _____, and you said “ _____.”
- What _____ san did was/were _____, and you said “ _____.”
- What _____ san did was/were _____, and you said “ _____.”

Describe what you will do tomorrow, and write what your partner said.

- What Suzuki san will do is/are tabete, nonde, itte, kite, , and you said “ isogashii .”
- What _____ san will do is/are _____, and you said “ _____.”
- What _____ san will do is/are _____, and you said “ _____.”
- What _____ san will do is/are _____, and you said “ _____.”

4 Discussion

- What verbs do you feel you need more of in your conversation practice?
- Where would you like to use the expressions you practiced today?