

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S1 #10

Is This Your Japanese House?

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KANJI

1. かおり: これはテイラーさんのいえですか？
2. テイラー: そうです。どうぞ。
3. まさと&かおり: おじゃまします。
4. 犬: Bark bark!
5. かおり: あ、これは、テイラーさんのいぬですか？
6. テイラー: はい。Muttleyです。
7. 犬: Bark bark bark!

KANA

1. かおり: これはテイラーさんのいえですか？
2. テイラー: そうです。どうぞ。
3. まさと&かおり: おじゃまします。
4. いぬ: Bark bark!
5. かおり: あ、これは、テイラーさんのいぬですか？
6. テイラー: はい。Muttleyです。
7. いぬ: Bark bark bark!

ROMANIZATION

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1. KAORI: Kore wa Teirā-san no ie desu ka?
2. TEIRĀ: Sō desu. Dōzo.
3. MASATO &KAORI: O-jama shimasu.
4. INU: Bark bark!
5. KAORI: A, kore wa, Teirā-san no inu desu ka?
6. TEIRĀ: Hai. Muttley desu.
7. INU: Ū! Wan wan wan.

ENGLISH

1. KAORI: Is this your house, Taylor?
2. TAYLOR: Yes, it is! Come on in.
3. MASATO &KAORI: Excuse us. (Literally, Please excuse the intrusion.)
4. DOG: Bark bark!
5. KAORI: Oh, is this your dog?
6. TAYLOR: Yes! This is Muttley.
7. MUTTLEY (DOG): Bark bark bark!

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
家	いえ	ie	house
部屋	へや	heya	room
犬	いぬ	inu	dog
おじゃまします	おじゃまします	Ojamashimasu.	excuse me for disturbing (interrupting) you
そうです	そうです	Sō desu	That's right.
どうぞ	どうぞ	dōzo	go ahead, here you are
車	くるま	kuruma	car
猫	ねこ	neko	cat

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>家はどこですか。 <i>ie wa doko desu ka.</i></p> <p>Where is your house?</p>	<p>私の部屋です。 <i>Watashi no heya desu.</i></p> <p>This is my room.</p>
<p>柴犬という犬は、常に日本人に人気のある日本犬です。 <i>Shibaken to iu inu wa, tsune ni Nihon-jin ni ninki no aru Nihonken desu.</i></p> <p>The "shibaken" is a Japanese breed of dog which has always been one of the most popular with Japanese people.</p>	<p>私の犬です。 <i>Watashi no inu desu.</i></p> <p>It's my dog.</p>
<p>おじゃまします。 <i>Ojama shimasu.</i></p> <p>Excuse me for disturbing you.</p>	<p>はい、そうです。 <i>Hai, sō desu.</i></p> <p>Yes, that's right.</p>
<p>はい、どうぞ。 <i>Hai, dōzo.</i></p> <p>Here you go.</p>	<p>彼は青い車を選びました。 <i>Kare wa aoi kuruma o erabimashita.</i></p> <p>He chose a blue car.</p>

これは日本の車です。
Kore wa Nihon no kuruma desu.
This is a Japanese car.

日本には、客が自由に猫と遊んでくつろげる「ネコカフェ」と呼ばれるカフェがたくさんあります。
Nihon ni wa, kyaku ga jiyū ni neko to asonde kutsurogeru "neko kafe" to yobareru kafe ga takusan arimasu.

There are many cafes in Japan called "Cat Cafes" where customers can have a relaxing time playing with the cats there.

テーブルの下にねこがいます。
Tēburu no shita ni neko ga imasu.

There is a cat under the table.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

ie (いえ)

This is the word for "house" in Japanese.

Ojama shimasu (おじゃまします)

When visiting someone's house, there are some special phrases that you should use to be polite and leave the best impression.

Phrase	Explanation	Used when...
おじゃまします <i>O-jama shimasu</i>	This literally means "I'm afraid I'll bother you/I will intrude"	...entering someone's house
おじゃましました <i>O-jama shimashita</i>	This literally means "I have been a nuisance"	...leaving someone's house

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is Saying That Something Belongs to Someone.

Kore wa Teirā-san no ie desu ka?

これはテイラーさんのいえですか？

"Is this your house, Taylor?"

In this lesson, you'll learn how to say that something belongs to someone. You'll also learn some phrases we use when visiting someone's house.

How to Say That Something Belongs to Someone

Let's learn how to say that something belongs to someone. First, let's use the word "my" as an example.

In Lesson 7, we learned two ways of saying "I": *watashi* (which men and women use) and *boku* (which men use).

Now, how would we say "MY?" We simply put *no* after the word for "I":

Sentence Pattern:

[owner] + *no* + [item], meaning "[item] that belongs to [owner]"

Watashi + *no* = "my"

Boku + *no* = "my"

Teirā *no* = "Taylor's"

Owner	<i>no</i>	Item They Own	Full Phrase	"English"
<i>Watashi</i> ("I")	<i>no</i>	<i>ie</i> ("house")	<i>Watashi no ie</i>	"my house"
<i>Boku</i> ("I")	<i>no</i>	<i>kuruma</i> ("car")	<i>Boku no kuruma</i>	"my car"
<i>Teirā</i> ("Taylor")	<i>no</i>	<i>inu</i> ("dog")	<i>Teirā no inu</i>	"Taylor's dog"
<i>Suzuki-san</i> ("Ms. Suzuki")	<i>no</i>	<i>neko</i> ("cat")	<i>Suzuki-san no neko</i>	"Ms. Suzuki's cat"

Now that we know how to make phrases that say that something belongs to someone, we can change them into part of a larger sentence. Remember our "A is B" pattern from Lesson 7? Now we can insert the phrases we just learned into Part B!

For Example:

A	wa	B	desu	"English"
Kore	wa	watashi no ie	desu	"This is my house."
Kore	wa	boku no kuruma	desu	"This is my car."
Kore	wa	Teirā-san no inu	desu	"This is Taylor's dog."
Kore	wa	Suzuki-san no neko	desu	"This is Ms. Suzuki's cat."

Examples from This Dialogue

1. Kore wa **Teirā-san no ie** desu ka?
 これは**テイラーさんの家**ですか?
 "Is this your house, Taylor?"
2. Kore wa, **Teirā-san no inu** (desu ka)?
 これは、**テイラーさんの犬**(ですか) ?
 "Oh, is this your dog?"