

## LESSON NOTES

# Absolute Beginner S1 #13

## Where's the Party in Japan?

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## KANJI

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## KANA

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## ROMANIZATION

1. MASATO & KAORI: Gochisō-sama deshita!
2. MASATO: (stomach rumbling) Ano... sumimasen. Toire wa doko desu ka?
3. TEIRĀ: Toire wa asoko desu.

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4. MASATO: Asoko? Dōmo. (runs off)

## ENGLISH

1. MASATO AND KAORI: Thank you for the meal!

2. MASATO: (stomach rumbling) Umm, excuse me. Where's the bathroom?

3. TAYLOR: The bathroom is over there.

4. MASATO: Over there? Thanks. (runs off)

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
すみません	すみません	sumimasen	Sorry, excuse me
トイレ	といれ	toire	bathroom, restroom, loo
どこ	どこ	doko	where
どうも	どうも	dōmo	Thanks
あそこ	あそこ	asoko	over there

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

すみません。質問があります。 <i>Sumimasen. Shitsumon ga arimasu.</i> Excuse me. I have a question.	トイレはどこですか。 <i>Toire wa doko desu ka.</i> Where is the restroom?
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改札はどこですか。  
*Kaisatsu wa doko desu ka.*

Where is the ticket gate?

どうもありがとうございます。  
*Dōmo arigatō gozaimasu.*

Thank you very much.

あそこにガソリンスタンドがあります。  
*Asoko ni gasorinsutando ga arimasu.*

There is a gas station over there.

## VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

### **Gochisō-sama deshita (ごちそうさまでした)**

In Lesson 11, we learned the phrase *itadakimasu*, which we say before eating to show feelings of gratitude for the food. This phrase is what we say after eating something to show gratitude-it is like saying "thanks for the meal." It is especially important to say this if someone has prepared something for you or paid for a meal of yours.

### **Toire (トイレ)**

The word *toire* refers to a "bathroom" or "restroom" and comes from the English word "toilet."

### **Koko, soko, asoko (ここ、そこ、あそこ)**

These are three important words that means "here," "there," and "over there."

<b>Romaji</b>	<b>Japanese</b>	<b>"English"</b>
<i>koko</i>	ここ	"here"
<i>soko</i>	そこ	"there"
<i>asoko</i>	あそこ	"over there" (farther away)

In response to the question "Where is A?" (*A wa doko desu ka?*), we can simply put one of the above location words in this pattern:

**[Item/Place] wa [location word] desu.**

**For Example:**

1. *Toire wa asoko desu.*  
トイレはあそこです。  
"The bathroom is over there."

### **Dōmo (どうも)**

*Dōmo* is short for *dōmo arigatō*, and means "thanks" or "thank you."

## GRAMMAR

### The Focus of This Lesson Is Asking Where Something Is (And Other Questions!)

*Toire wa doko desu ka?*

トイレはどこですか？

"Where's the bathroom?"

Asking questions is one of the most important things to know how to do in a foreign language. When you want to know where something is, what time it is, someone's opinion on something—we can achieve all of these by asking questions!

### Asking Where Something Is (And Other Questions) in Japanese

First of all, do you remember this sentence pattern from Lesson 11?

**[A] wa nan desu ka?**

"What is [A]?"

The pattern above means "What is [A]?"

In the sentence pattern we are learning in this lesson, we simply take the *nan* (which means "what") from the pattern above and replace it with another question word.

**Sentence Pattern:**

**[A] wa doko desu ka?**

"Where is [A]?"

**For Example:**

<b>[A]</b>	<b>wa</b>	<b>doko</b>	<b>desu ka?</b>	<b>"English"</b>
<i>Toire</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>doko</i>	<i>desu ka?</i>	"Where is the bathroom/loo?"

<i>Toiretto pēpā</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>doko</i>	<i>desu ka?</i>	"Where is the toilet paper?"
<i>Tisshu</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>doko</i>	<i>desu ka?</i>	"Where is the tissue?"
<i>Taoru</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>doko</i>	<i>desu ka?</i>	"Where is the towel?"
<i>Gomi-bako</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>doko</i>	<i>desu ka?</i>	"Where is the wastebasket?"

### Sentence Pattern:

**[A] wa [question word] desu ka?**

In this pattern,

**A** = the thing you are asking about

**B** = any kind of question word (where, when, what time, who, how)

Let's look at some common question words used in Japanese.

### For Example:

Japanese	Romaji	English
どこ	<i>Doko</i>	"Where"
いつ	<i>Itsu</i>	"When"
なんじ	<i>Nanji</i>	"What time"
どう	<i>Dō</i>	"How"

Now, let's make some sentences using this pattern using the word *pātī* (party).

### For Example:

<i>Pātī</i> ("Party")	<i>wa</i>	Question Word	<i>desu ka?</i>	"English"
<i>Pātī</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>doko</i>	<i>desu ka?</i>	"Where is the party?"

<i>Pātī</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>itsu</i>	<i>desu ka?</i>	"When is the party?"
<i>Pātī</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>nanji</i>	<i>desu ka?</i>	"What time is the party?"
<i>Pātī</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>dō</i>	<i>desu ka?</i>	"How is the party?"

### Examples from This Dialogue

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1. トイレはどこですか?  
*Toire wa doko desu ka?*  
"Where's the bathroom?"