

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Absolute Beginner S1 #18

## Loving and Hating in Japanese

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# INTRODUCTION

Jessi: Jessi here! Absolute Beginner Season 1 , Lesson 18 - Loving and Hating in Japanese

Jessi: Hi, everyone. Welcome to Absolute Beginner Season 1, Lesson 18 - Loving and Hating in Japanese. Jessiです。Jessi here!

Naomi: こんにちは！なおりです！Hi, everyone. Naomi here!

Jessi: Welcome back to our Absolute Beginner series! In the last lesson, we learned how to count in Japanese and say someone's age. For example?

Naomi: サラは一歳です。

Jessi: Sarah is one year old. And in this lesson, we're going to learn how to say that you like or don't like something!

Naomi: Even love or hate something!

Jessi: Yes, after this lesson you'll be able to talk about your preferences about anything!

Naomi: So Jessi, what's going on in this conversation?

Jessi: Taylor, Kaori, and Masato are playing a game with Taylor's daughter, Sarah. Okay, let's listen to the conversation.

# LESSON CONVERSATION

かおり：いないいない・・・ばあ！いないいない・・・ばあ！

サラ：(Laughs)

テイラー：サラは、「いないいないばあ」がだいすきです。

まさと：へー。じゃ、いないいない。。。ばあ！

サラ：(cries)

まさと：ああああ！ごめんごめん！

テイラー：サラはおとこのひとがきらいです。(laughs)

(Everyone laughs)

English Host: Let's listen to the conversation again slowly.

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English Host: Now, let's listen to it with the

translation.

かおり：いないいない・・・ばあ！いないいない・・・ばあ！

Jessi: Peek-a-boo! Peek-a-boo!

サラ：(Laughs)

Jessi: (Laughs)

テイラー：サラは、「いないいないばあ」がだいすきです。

Jessi: Sarah loves "Peek-a-boo."

まさと：へー。じゃ、いないいない。。。ばあ！

Jessi: Wow! Okay then...peek-a-boo!

サラ：(cries)

Jessi: (cries)

まさと：ああああ！ごめんごめん！

Jessi: Ahhh! I'm sorry, I'm sorry!

テイラー：サラはおとこのひとがきらいです。(laughs)

Jessi: Sarah doesn't like men.

## KEY VOCABULARY AND PHRASES

Jessi: So Naomi, the game that they were playing was what again?

Naomi: It's called いないいないばあ.

Jessi: いないいないばあ...

Naomi: Right! You often play it with babies. Basically, you just cover your face with your hands and say いないいない... and then you suddenly show your face and say ばあ！

Jessi: Ah~ to surprise to baby.

Naomi: Yes!

Jessi: That sounds just like peek-a-boo then! When you uncover your face you say "boo"!

Naomi: Ah, that sounds like the same thing!

Jessi: So, again, it's called いないいないばあ.

Naomi: Yes, いない literally means "someone is not there"...

Jessi: Ah, so it'd be like saying "I'm not here~"

Naomi: Yes!

Jessi: So that's the game that Sarah loves. Okay, so now let's take a look at the vocabulary for this lesson. The first is the name of the game they were playing.

Naomi: いないいないばあ

Jessi: Peek-a-boo - which, as we just explained, is where you cover your face with your hands or something else, and then suddenly show your face. The next one is?

Naomi:

男の人

Jessi: Man, male person

Naomi: This is made up of a few parts. The first word is 男

Jessi: This literally means male

Naomi: And the last word is 人

Jessi: Which means person

Naomi: They're joined together with の.

Jessi: So 男の人 literally means a male person.

Naomi: Right.

Jessi: How would we say female person?

Naomi: Good question! The word for female is 女, so we would say 女の人.

Jessi: Which is woman or female person.

## LESSON FOCUS

Jessi: In this lesson, you'll learn how to talk about preferences by saying that you like and don't like something.

Naomi: There are lots of situations where you can use this.

Jessi: Definitely! When talking about your interests and hobbies with people, when talking about your food preferences, it really helps to be able to say what you like and don't like.

Naomi: So first, let's talk about how to say you like something.

Jessi: Sounds good! Naomi, can you give us our first pattern?

Naomi: Sure.

Naomi: The pattern is... わたしは Aが すきです。

Jessi: わたしは Aが すきです。 Which means "I like A".

Naomi: You can put anything in place of A. For example...Jessi, what do you like?

Jessi: Hmm...I'm trying to think of words we've used before in this series. Ah! Okay, how about this one. わたしは . . . 犬が好きです。 I like dogs.

Naomi: Ah! Nice one. 犬 is dog or dogs and it goes in place of A, so... 私は犬が好きです means?

Jessi: "I like dogs". How about an example from you, Naomi?

Naomi: Hmm... 私はカルフォルニアが好きです。 I like California.

Jessi: Oh, my home state! I'm happy to hear that. Now Naomi, here's an important point - the first わたしは part is often left out in conversation, right?

Naomi: Good point. In a conversation, we usually would just say 犬が好きです

Jessi: I like dogs.

Naomi: Or カルフォルニアが好きです。

Jessi: I like California. Okay. Listeners, listen and repeat after Naomi."I like

dogs."

Naomi: 犬が好きです。

Jessi: (Pause) Now, if you like, for example, 肉 "meat", what would you say?

Listeners, can you guess?

Naomi: So I like meat is...肉がすきです。

Jessi: Okay. Listen and repeat. I like meat.

Naomi: 肉がすきです。

Jessi: Okay, great! Now, Naomi...

Naomi: Yes?

Jessi: What if, rather than just like something... I LOVE something? And I want to express that in Japanese?

Naomi: Good question! In that case, すき becomes 大好き, and you say - Aが大好きです。

Jessi: Ah, okay. So for example... チョコレートが大好きです。 I love chocolate.

Naomi: Yes! [slowly] チョコレートが大好きです。

Jessi: You're addicted to chocolate.

Naomi: Definitely.

Jessi: Now that we have talking about what we like down, let's switch gears a little. It's also important to be able to say what we -don't- like. Wouldn't you say, Naomi?

Naomi: Mmm, good point! To learn how to say that, let's look at our first original structure.

Jessi: Okay.

Naomi: わたしは A が すき です。 We replace this すき in the middle with きらい.

Jessi: So...わたしは A がきらいです。

Naomi: Yes. わたしは A がきらいです。 I hate A. For example, わたしは 犬がきらいです。

Jessi: I hate dogs.

Naomi: わたしは 肉がきらいです。

Jessi: I hate meat. But again the first わたしは is often left out. Okay, listeners, listen and repeat. "I hate meat"

Naomi: 肉がきらいです。

Jessi: Now look at sentences in the dialogue. Taylor said.

Naomi: サラは、「いないいないばあ」が大好きです。

Jessi: Sarah loves "Peek-a-boo".

Naomi: He also said...サラは男の人がきらいです。

Jessi: Which is basically something like Sarah doesn't like men.

Naomi: I'm pretty sure he was joking.

Jessi: Right.

Naomi: Because きらい in Japanese is pretty strong.

Jessi: I agree. One thing to keep in mind is that this word きらい means that you really

dislike the item. Not just that you don't really like it that much, but that you have a pretty strong dislike for it. So just keep that in mind.

Jessi: So listeners, here's an assignment for you! Please leave us a comment for this lesson letting us know what you like or don't like!

Naomi: Practice making your own sentences.

Jessi: All right, well that's going to wrap it up for this lesson!

Naomi: Thanks for listening everyone, and we'll see you next time. じゃまた。