

## LESSON NOTES

# Absolute Beginner S1 #22

## Do You Drink Japanese Beer?

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# KANJI

1. (supermarket)
2. テイラー:                   まさとさんは、なにをのみますか。  
                                      ワインですか？ビールですか。
3. まさと:                       ぼくは、ビールをのみます。
4. テイラー:                   じゃ、ビールをかいます。  
                                      かおりさんは？かおりさんもビールをのみますか？
5. かおり:                       ええ。ちょっと。

# KANA

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3. まさと:                       ぼくは、ビールをのみます。
4. テイラー:                   じゃ、ビールをかいます。  
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# ROMANIZATION

CONT'D OVER

1. (supermarket)
2. TEIRĀ: Masato-san wa, nani o nomimasu ka.  
Wain desu ka? Bīru desu ka.
3. MASATO: Boku wa, bīru o nomimasu.
4. TEIRĀ: Ja, bīru o kaimasu. Kaori-san wa?  
Kaori-san mo bīru o nomimasu ka?
5. KAORI: Ee. chotto.

## ENGLISH

1. (At the supermarket)
2. TAYLOR: Masato, what will you have to drink?  
Wine? Beer?
3. MASATO: I'll have beer.
4. TAYLOR: I'll buy some beer then.  
What about you, Kaori? Will you drink beer too?
5. KAORI: Yes, a little.

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
何	なに	nani	what
飲みます	のみます	nomimasu	to drink; masu form

ワイン	ワイン	wain	wine
ビール	ビール	bīru	beer
ちょっと	ちょっと	chotto	a bit, a little
買います	かいます	kaimasu	to buy;masu form

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>ラッシーは何ですか。 <i>Rassī wa nan desu ka.</i></p> <p>What's lassi?</p>	<p>何を飲みますか。 <i>Nani o nomimasu ka.</i></p> <p>What would you like to drink?</p>
<p>赤ワインがありますか。 <i>Aka-wain ga arimasu ka?</i></p> <p>Do you have red wine?</p>	<p>生ビール、ひとつください。 <i>Nama bīru, hitotsu kudasai.</i></p> <p>One draft beer, please.</p>
<p>ちょっと、すみません。 <i>Chotto, sumimasen.</i></p> <p>Excuse me for a minute.</p>	<p>たまごを何個買いますか。 <i>Tamago o nanko kaimasu ka.</i></p> <p>How many eggs are you going to buy?</p>

## VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

### **nomimasu** (のみます)

This is a polite verb that means "to drink." Note that because it is the polite form of the verb, it ends in *-masu*.

### **kaimasu** (かいます)

This is a polite verb that means "to buy"/"to purchase."

### **nani** (なに)

In Lesson 11, we learned the word *nan* (なん), which means "what," as in *Kore wa nan desu ka?* ("What's this?") This word, *nani*, is another word that means "what" that we use in certain sentence structures. In this lesson, we will be using *nani*.

## GRAMMAR

## The Focus of This Lesson Is Asking Questions Using *Masu Ka*.

*Kaori-san mo bīru o nomimasu ka?*

かおりさんもビールをのみますか？

"Do you drink beer too, Kaori?"

In the last lesson, you learned how to talk about doing an action with an object using the pattern **[person] wa [object] o [verb]**. Let's take a look at this again.

For Example:

Subject / Person	wa	Object / Thing	o	Verb	"English"
<i>Kaori</i> (かおり)	<i>wa</i> (は)	<i>bīru</i> (ビール)	<i>o</i> (を)	<i>nomimasu.</i> (のみます。)	"Kaori drinks beer."

In this lesson, we'll look at how to ask questions about actions using verbs and the question marker *ka*.

## Asking Questions Using *Masu Ka*

Making a sentence into a question in Japanese is so easy: all you have to do is add *ka* on to the end of a *-masu* verb sentence.

Sentence Pattern:

Subject / Person	wa	Object / Thing	o	Verb	ka	"English"
<i>Teirā</i> (テイラー)	<i>wa</i> (は)	<i>niku</i> (にく)	<i>o</i> (を)	<i>tabemasu</i> (たべます)	<i>ka</i> (か。)	"Does Taylor eat meat?"
<i>Kaori</i> (かおり)	<i>wa</i> (は)	<i>wain</i> (ワイン)	<i>o</i> (を)	<i>nomimasu</i> (のみます)	<i>ka</i> (か。)	"Does Kaori drink wine?"

Masato (まさと)	wa (は)	manga (マンガ)	o (を)	yomimasu u (よみます)	ka (か。)	"Does Masato read comics?"
O-tōsan (おとうさん)	wa (は)	terebi (テレビ)	o (を)	mimasu (みます)	ka (か。)	"Does your father watch TV?"
Kare (かれ)	wa (は)	konpyūtā (コンピ ュータ ー)	o (を)	tsukaimasu su (つかいます)	ka (か。)	"Does he use a computer?"

### Asking "What" Questions Using *Nani o [Verb]-Masu Ka?*

In the dialogue you heard Taylor asking Masato *nani o nomimasu ka?* (何を飲みますか?) As you may know already, *nani* (何) means "what." Using *nani o [verb]-masu ka*, you can ask a question beginning with "what."

Sentence Pattern:

Subject / Person	wa	nani	o	Verb	ka	"English"
Teirā (テイラー)	wa (は)	nani (なに)	o (を)	tabemasu u (たべます)	ka (か。)	"What does Taylor eat?"
Kaori (かおり)	wa (は)	nani (なに)	o (を)	nomimasu u (のみます)	ka (か。)	"What does Kaori drink?"

Masato (まさと)	wa (は)	nani (なに)	o (を)	yomimasu u (よみます)	ka (か)。	"What does Masato read?"
O-tōsan (おとうさん)	wa (は)	nani (なに)	o (を)	mimasu (みます)	ka (か)。	"What does your father watch?"
Kare (かれ)	wa (は)	nani (なに)	o (を)	tsukaimasu u (つかいます)	ka (か)。	"What does he use?"

### Examples from This Dialogue

1. *Masato-san wa, nani o nomimasu ka.*  
まささんは、なにをのみますか。  
"What do you drink, Masato?"
2. *Kaori-san mo bīru o nomimasu ka?*  
かおりさんもビールをのみますか？  
"Do you drink beer too, Kaori?"

### Sample Sentences

1. *Tomodachi wa o-sake o nomimasu ka.*  
ともだちはおさけをのみますか。  
"Do your friends drink alcohol?"
2. *Sumisu-san wa anime o mimasu ka.*  
スミスさんはアニメをみますか。  
"Does Mr. Smith watch anime?"/"Do you watch anime, Mr. Smith?"
3. *Obāsan wa intānetto o tsukaimasu ka.*  
おばあさんはインターネットをつかいますか。  
"Does your grandmother use the Internet?"

## Language Tip: Review of the Particle *Mo* (も)

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### *Mo* (も)

In the dialogue, we saw the line *Kaori-san mo bīru o nomimasu ka?* where we used *mo* in place of *wa* in our sentence structure. This *mo* has the meaning of "also" or "too" and refers to the noun that comes before it.

### For Example:

1. ***Kaori-san mo*** *bīru o nomimasu ka?*  
**かおりさんも**ビールをのみますか?  
"Do **you (Kaori)** drink beer **too**?"