

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Absolute Beginner S1 #22

## Do You Drink Japanese Beer?

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# INTRODUCTION

Jessi: Jessi here! Absolute Beginner Season 1 , Lesson 22 - Do You Drink Japanese Beer?

Jessi: Hi everyone. Welcome to Absolute Beginner Season 1, Lesson 22 - Do You Drink Japanese Beer? 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 make sentences using verbs. For example?

Naomi: わたしはすしを食べます。

Jessi: I eat sushi. And in this lesson, we're going to focus more on using this structure, but this time, with the focus on asking questions.

Naomi: You'll be able to say things like "Do you drink beer?" and "Do you eat meat?"

Jessi: That's right.

Naomi: Jessi, what's happening in the conversation?

Jessi: Taylor, Masato, and Kaori are at the supermarket, and Taylor is asking them about what they like to drink. Okay, let's listen to the conversation and see what they say.

## LESSON CONVERSATION

(supermarket)

テイラー：まささんは、なにをのみますか。

ワインですか？ビールですか。

まさと：ぼくは、ビールをのみます。

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？

かおり：ええ。ちょっと。

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

ワインですか？ビールですか。

まさと：ぼくは、ビールをのみます。

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？

かおり：ええ。ちょっと。

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

(supermarket)

テイラー：まささんは、なにをのみますか。

Jessi: Masato, what will you have to

drink?

ワインですか？ビールですか。

Jessi: Wine? Beer?

まさと：ぼくは、ビールをのみます。

Jessi: I'll have beer.

テイラー：じゃ、ビールをかいます。

Jessi: I'll buy some beer then.

かおりさんは？かおりさんもビールをのみますか？

Jessi: What about you, Kaori? Do you drink beer too?

かおり：ええ。ちょっと。

Jessi: Yes, a little.

## KEY VOCABULARY AND PHRASES

Jessi: So Masato is a beer drinker, we find out.

Naomi: Yes, and Kaori drinks some too.

Jessi: Speaking of beer, the word for it in Japanese is another imported loanword, isn't it?

Naomi: Yes, beer in Japanese is ビール.

Jessi: ビール. You have to prolong that vowel in the middle.

Naomi: Right, ビール.

Jessi: ビール. And the word for wine was?

Naomi: Almost the same! ワイン.

Jessi: ワイン. So these two should be pretty easy to remember. Okay, let's get on with the rest of our vocabulary words. If you remember, in the last lesson we learned our first verb, 食べます, which means "to eat". This time we have two more verbs. The first one, Naomi?

Naomi: 飲みます

Jessi: A verb meaning "to drink". 飲みます

Naomi: 飲みます

Jessi: And the second one?

Naomi: 買います

Jessi: A verb meaning "to buy". 買います

Naomi: 買います

Jessi: Remember that formal verbs all end in ます. Let's hear our two new verbs one more time?

Naomi: 飲みます

Jessi: To drink.

Naomi:

買います

Jessi: To buy. Can we hear how 飲みます, to drink, was used in the dialog?

Naomi: Sure. Taylor said まさとさんは、何を飲みますか。

Jessi: "Masato, what do you drink?" We'll break down this sentence in the next section, right?

Naomi: Yes!

Jessi: Okay, and one last word.

Naomi: なに

Jessi: A question word meaning "what". Naomi, we learned the word なん in Lesson 11, right? This also means "what".

Naomi: That's right. なん and なに both mean "what". In this lesson, we're going to use なに.

Jessi: Yup, we'll be using it in the next section as well, so please keep it in mind. And with that, let's move on to the Lesson Focus.

## LESSON FOCUS

Jessi: In this lesson, you'll continue learning about making sentences that contain verbs, with focus on making questions. Let's review what we learned last time. Our structure last time was, Naomi?

Naomi: [ Person ] wa [ object ] o [ verb ].

Jessi: That's right. The person or subject followed by は, the object followed by を, and the verb at the end. Let's hear an example.

Naomi: テイラーはすしを食べます。

Jessi: テイラーは, Taylor, すしを, sushi, 食べます eats. So this is a straightforward statement. If we want to turn it into a question...

Naomi: Remember that we just add か to the end.

Jessi: So it would be...

Naomi: テイラーはすしを食べますか。

Jessi: "DOES Taylor eat sushi?" Note, though, that if you were talking directly to Taylor, it would be "Do you eat sushi Taylor?"

Naomi: Simple enough, right?

Jessi: How about another one?

Naomi: Okay! Remember how ビール is beer, and 飲みます is drink?

Jessi: Yes!

Naomi: Then how about this - テッドはビールを飲みますか？

Jessi: Let's break this down.

Naomi: テッドは, Ted, ビールを, beer, 飲みます, drinks, か, question marker.

Jessi: So listeners, as you can guess, this

means?

Naomi: Does Ted drink beer? Or if you're talking to Ted, it means "Do you drink beer, Ted?"

Jessi: Listeners, please repeat after Naomi.

Naomi: テッドはビールを飲みますか？

[Pause]

Jessi: Okay, now! Let's step it up a notch.

Naomi: Uh oh.

Jessi: It'll be okay, I promise! Okay, up until we've been asking, Does so-and-so eat this? Does so-and-so drink that? So now, let's try asking, WHAT does so-and-so eat or drink.

Naomi: Remember, we just learned the word 何 which means "what."

Jessi: We are going to use this in the middle of our structure, in place of our "object". Let's show you with an example.

Naomi: We had a great example of this in our dialogue.

Jessi: Yup, Taylor says...

Naomi: まさとさんは、何を飲みますか。

Jessi: Literally, "What does Masato drink?" However Taylor is talking directly to Masato, so the translation would be, "Masato, what do you drink?" or "Masato, what will you drink?" When this is a question, it can be used to ask about someone's habits in general, or about a future action. Let's break it down.

Naomi: まさとさんは

Jessi: Masato plus は

Naomi: 何を

Jessi: なにwhat plus を

Naomi: 飲みますか

Jessi: のみますdrink, plus question marker. So altogether again?

Naomi: まさとさんは、何を飲みますか。

Jessi: Listeners, please repeat.

Naomi: まさとさんは、何を飲みますか。

[Pause]

Jessi: You can ask this to someone when you want to know what they drink in general, or what you can serve them to drink.

Naomi: Yes, like at your house, at a party, or a restaurant...

Jessi: Like this! Let me try it. なおみさんは、何を飲みますか？ Naomi, what will you have to drink?

Naomi: わたしは、オレンジジュースを飲みます。 I'll drink orange juice.

Jessi: Listeners, please repeat. "I'll drink orange juice."

Naomi: わたしは、オレンジジュースを飲みます。

[Pause]

Jessi: Great! Now, we've touched on this before, Naomi, but, we don't always need to

say わたしは, or the subject in the beginning, do we?

Naomi: That's right. If it's obvious who you are talking about, you can just say the sentence starting with the object. オレンジジュースを飲みます。

Jessi: Right. Giving only information that is necessary is important for natural sounding Japanese.

Naomi: We have an example in the dialogue. Masato says that he drinks beer, and so Taylor says that he will buy some beer. ビールを買います。

Jessi: ビールを買います。I'll buy beer.

Naomi: Remember that 買います means "to buy".

Jessi: Okay, well I think that's going to do it for this lesson!

Naomi: Listeners, we have an assignment for you.

Jessi: Ooh, an assignment.

Naomi: Yes! Please leave us a comment making your own sentence using this structure.

Jessi: Very nice idea. Try making your own questions, it'll be very good practice.

Naomi: Thanks for listening everyone.

Jessi: Hope to see you next time!

Naomi: じゃまた。