

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Absolute Beginner S1 #2

## Introducing Yourself in Japanese

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## INTRO

Jessi: Hi everyone! Jessi here.

Naomi: こんにちは！なおみです。Naomi here.

Jessi: Welcome to Absolute Beginner Season 1, Lesson 2 - Introducing Yourself in Japanese.

Naomi: Hello, everyone. I'm Naomi and welcome to JapanesePod101.com.

Jessi: With us, you'll learn to speak Japanese with fun and effective lessons. We also provide you with culture insights and tips you won't find in a textbook. Naomi, can you tell us what you just said again?

Naomi: こんにちは！なおみです。

Jessi: こんにちは - we learned this in Lesson 1. なおみです - this is new!

Naomi: Yes. I just introduced myself!

Jessi: By the end of the lesson, the listeners will be able to introduce themselves too, right?

Naomi: Exactly! In this lesson, you'll learn what to say to someone you meet for the first time.

Jessi: As in, "Nice to meet you, I'm Jessi~" like that?

Naomi: Yes! We will learn three introduction phrases.

Jessi: You'll hear a very short conversation between two people. They're going to use these three phrases, so please listen carefully to what they say.

## LESSON CONVERSATION

Taylor: はじめまして。テイラーです。

Kaori: はじめまして。かおりです。

Taylor: よろしくおねがいします。

Kaori: よろしくおねがいします。

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

Taylor: はじめまして。テイラーです。

Jessi: Nice to meet you! I'm Taylor.

Kaori: はじめまして。かおりです。

Jessi: Nice to meet you. I'm Kaori.

Taylor: よろしくおねがいします。

Jessi: It's a pleasure to meet you. (Literally, Please look favorably upon me.)

Kaori: よろしくおねがいします。

Jessi: It's a pleasure to meet you too. (Literally, Please look favorably upon me too.)

## LESSON FOCUS

Jessi: It sounded like they basically said the same things to each other!  
Naomi: That's right. Only their names were different.  
Jessi: So there were three different phrases here, right?  
Naomi: Yes. Let's take a look at them one by one.  
Jessi: First up is...  
Naomi: はじめまして  
Jessi: はじめまして. Can we hear it a little bit slower?  
Naomi: は.じ.め.ま.し.て。はじめまして。  
Jessi: Great. And one more time at natural speed.  
Naomi: は.じ.め.ま.し.て。はじめまして。  
Jessi: And this means, "Nice to meet you."  
Naomi: Right! はじめまして  
Jessi: はじめまして. Listeners, repeat after Naomi.  
Naomi: はじめまして。  
[Pause]  
Jessi: Okay. Let's try it one more time.  
Naomi: はじめまして。  
[Pause]  
Naomi: You can use this with anyone you meet for the first time.  
Jessi: Right. And that would be the first thing you say. After that, you'll want to give your name.  
Naomi: We'll teach you the shortest, easiest way to do so.  
Jessi: Simply say your name, and follow it with です。  
Naomi: Your name plus です  
Jessi: That's right. です is like "to be" in English... You can think of it as meaning "am" in this context, as in "I am." So it's basically just like saying I'm so-and-so..  
Naomi: But, note that the order is different from English. It's not です なおみ。  
Jessi: Good point. In English, I'd say "I'm Jessi", my name comes last, but in Japanese, it comes first. For example, ジェシーです。"I'm Jessi."  
Naomi: なおみです。I'm Naomi!  
Jessi: Okay. So Naomi, if your name were Ken, you'd say?  
Naomi: カンです。  
Jessi: How about another example? What if your name were Lisa?  
Naomi: リサです。  
Jessi: Right. You'll just have to remember the です。Okay. Now let's try combining the two phrases we've looked at so far together.  
Naomi: I'll go first. はじめまして、なおみです。"Nice to meet you, I'm Naomi!"  
Jessi: はじめまして、ジェシーです。"Nice to meet you, I'm Jessi!"  
Naomi: Now, it's the listener's turn. The pattern is はじめまして、 Your name

plusです。

Jessi: Okay. So listeners, let's try it out!

[Pause]

Naomi: Great job!

Jessi: So now we know how to say "Nice to meet you. I'm [name]." That's a good start! But in the conversation, they both said something at the end, didn't they?

Naomi: Yes. They said よろしく お願いします。

Jessi: Mmm... that's a mouthful! Can we hear it again?

Naomi: Sure. よろしく お願いします。 よろしく お願いします。

Jessi: Okay. So now let's talk about what it means.

Naomi: Well, the truth is, we can't really translate this phrase into English.

Jessi: True. That's because there is no real equivalent. If you literally translate it, it comes out to "Please look favorably upon me" or "I ask for your good favour."

Basically, by using it with someone you have just met, it means that you are looking forward to a good relationship with them.

Naomi: Right, it's a standard phrase used when meeting someone.

Jessi: If you use it when meeting someone, you will really leave a good impression.

Naomi: I agree.

Jessi: Let's break it down into two parts.

Naomi: よろしく

Jessi: よろしく

Naomi: お願いします

Jessi: お願いします Okay. So now let's put them together again.

Naomi: よろしく お願いします。

Jessi: よろしく お願いします。 Okay. Listeners, your turn! Please repeat after Naomi.

Naomi: よろしく お願いします。

[Pause]

Naomi: よろしく お願いします。

Jessi: Okay. Let's try it one more time.

Naomi: よろしく お願いします。

[Pause]

Jessi: Great. So just keep practicing it like that, and soon it will be rolling off your tongue.

Naomi: Now, with these three phrases together..

Jessi: You have the perfect introduction.

Naomi: Let's say all three of them together!

Jessi: Sounds good!

Naomi: Here I go. はじめまして、なおみです。よろしく お願いします。

Jessi: はじめまして、ジェシーです。よろしく お願いします。

Naomi: And,

listeners...?

[Pause]

Jessi: Okay. Excellent work guys!

Naomi: You're all ready to introduce yourself.

Jessi: If you say these three phrases together, you'll really impress whoever you are meeting for the first time.

Naomi: Well, that's all for this lesson!

## OUTRO

Jessi: Listeners, do you want access to our entire library of audio and video lessons? Any basic of premium subscription gives you access to the archives.

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Jessi: Yes, and you can progress in order one level at a time or skip around to different levels. It's up to you.

Naomi: Access [JapanesePod101.com](http://JapanesePod101.com) today.

Jessi: Thanks for listening, and make sure to join us for the next lesson, where we learn how to say "thank you" and "you're welcome!"

Naomi: Don't miss it! See you then!

Jessi: Until next time.