

## LESSON NOTES

# Absolute Beginner S1 #8

## This is a Japanese Gift For You

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## KANJI

1. かおり:                   テイラーさん、これはおみやげです。どうぞ。
2. テイラー:                ありがとうございます！
3. かおり:                   いえいえ。

## KANA

1. かおり:                   テイラーさん、これはおみやげです。どうぞ。
2. テイラー:                ありがとうございます！
3. かおり:                   いえいえ。

## ROMANIZATION

1. KAORI:                    Teirā-san, kore wa omiyage desu. Dōzo.
2. TEIRĀ:                    Arigatō gozaimasu!
3. KAORI:                    Ie ie.

## ENGLISH

1. KAORI:                    Taylor, this is a little something for you.
2. TAYLOR:                 Thank you very much!

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3. KAORI: Don't mention it.

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
これ	これ	kore	this
おみやげ	おみやげ	omiyage	a small gift, a souvenir
ありがとうございます す	ありがとうございます す	arigatō gozaimasu	Thank you very much.
いえいえ	いえいえ	ieie	Don't mention it/No problem
どうぞ	どうぞ	dōzo	go ahead, here you are

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>これは本です。 <i>Kore wa hon desu.</i></p> <p>This is a book.</p>	<p>これはおみやげです。 <i>Kore wa omiyage desu.</i></p> <p>This is a small gift for you.</p>
<p>A:ありがとうございます。 B:どういたしまして。 <i>A: Arigatō gozaimasu.</i> <i>B: Dō itashimashite.</i></p> <p>A: Thank you very much. B: You're welcome.</p>	<p>A:どうもありがとうございます。B:いえいえ。 <i>A:Dōmo arigatō gozaimasu. B: Ieie.</i></p> <p>A:Thank you very much. B:No problem.</p>
<p>はい、どうぞ。 <i>Hai, dōzo.</i></p> <p>Here you go.</p>	

## VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

## **ieie (いえいえ)**

*ieie* is a polite phrase that we can use after someone thanks you. *ie* is the word for "no," so you are literally saying that what you did was "nothing at all."

## **dōzo (どうぞ)**

In the dialogue, when Kaori handed Taylor a small gift, she said *dōzo* after saying "Here's a little something for you." *Dōzo* means "here you are"/"here you go," and we often use it when handing something to someone. The next time you hand something over to someone, saying *dōzo* will do it!

## **kore (これ)**

*Kore* is the word that means "this." We will use it in the lesson focus below to make the sentence "this is [B]."

# GRAMMAR

## **The Focus of This Lesson Is Practicing More with [A wa B desu].**

*Teirā-san, kore wa omiyage desu.*

テイラーさん、これはおみやげです。

"Taylor, here's a little something for you."

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In Lesson 7, we learned our first Japanese sentence pattern, [A wa B desu], which means "A is B," that we use for saying what something is. In that lesson, we learned how to use this pattern to say what your name and occupation is (as well as the names and occupations of others). In this lesson, we will practice making more sentences with this pattern.

## **Practicing More with [A wa B desu]**

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Let's learn how to say "This is B" using our pattern:

***Kore wa [B] desu.***/"This is [B]."

Using this pattern, we can make sentences telling others what something is.

### **For Example:**

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<b>[B]</b>	<b><i>Kore wa [B] desu.</i></b>	<b>これは[B]です</b>	<b>"English"</b>
<i>omiyage</i> (おみやげ)	<i>Kore wa omiyage desu.</i>	これはおみやげ です。	"This is a small present (for you)."
<i>mizu</i> (みず)	<i>Kore wa mizu desu.</i>	これはみずです。	"This is water."

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## Examples from This Dialogue

1. *Teirā-san, kore wa omiyage desu. Dōzo.*

テイラーさん、これはおみやげです。どうぞ。

"Taylor, this is a little something for you."

## Language Tip: Different Ways to Say "Thank You" and "You're Welcome"

Let's take a look at some of the variations of how to say "thank you" and "you're welcome."

### Saying "Thank You"

Romanization	Japanese	"English"	Explanation
<i>Arigatō gozaimasu</i>	ありがとうございます ます	"thank you"	a <b>polite</b> way to say thank you
<i>Arigatō</i>	ありがとう	"Thanks!"	a <b>casual</b> way to say thank you
<i>Sumimasen</i>	すみません	"(Sorry), thanks"	a <b>polite</b> way to say thank you (in an apologetic way)

Note: *Sumimasen* literally means "excuse me" and therefore sounds a bit apologetic. We often use it when someone goes out of his or her way to do something for you. (We do not use it in this dialogue, but just know you may come across it!)

### Saying "You're Welcome"

Romanization	Japanese	"English"	Explanation
<i>Dō itashimashite</i>	どういたしまして	"you're welcome"	a <b>polite</b> , straightforward way to respond
<i>lie</i> (or <i>ieie</i> )	いいえ (or いえい え)	"not at all," "no problem"	a <b>polite</b> way to respond

Note: *ie* is the word for "no," so you are literally saying that what you did was "nothing at all."

## Examples from This Lesson

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1. *Teirā*: *Arigatō gozaimasu.*  
*Kaori*: *ie ie.*  
テイラー：ありがとうございます。  
かおり：いえいえ。  
Taylor: "Thank you very much!"  
Kaori: "Don't mention it."