

## LESSON NOTES

# Absolute Beginner S2 #22

## Let's Drink to Learning Japanese!

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# KANJI

1. かおり:                   テイラーさん、ちょっと やすみませんか。  
                                  つかれました。
2. テイラー:                オッケー。やすみましょう。  
                                  じゃ、これを のみましょう。  
                                  メキシコのおみやげです。
3. かおり:                   いただきます。  
                                  (gulp gulp)  
                                  あれ?これ?おさけ?
4. テイラー:                はい。メキシコの テキーラ です。

# ROMANIZATION

1. KAORI:                    Teirā-san, chotto yasumimasen ka.  
                                  Tsukaremashita.
2. TEIRĀ:                    Okkei. Yasumimashō.  
                                  Ja, kore o nomimashō.  
                                  Mekishiko no omiyage desu.
3. KAORI:                    Itadakimasu.  
                                  (gulp gulp)  
                                  Are? Kore? O-sake?
4. TEIRĀ:                    Hai. Mekishiko no tekira desu.

# ENGLISH

CONT'D OVER

1. KAORI: Taylor, can't we take a little break? I'm tired.
2. TAYLOR: Okay. Let's rest.  
So let's drink this.  
It's a souvenir from Mexico.
3. KAORI: Thanks.  
(gulp gulp)(hiccup)(hiccup)  
Huh? Is this alcohol?
4. TAYLOR: Yes. It's Mexican tequila.

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
おさけ	おさけ	o-sake	alcohol
オッケイ	おっけい	okkei	OK.
つかれます	つかれます	tsukaremasu	to get tired, be fatigued with;V2
おみやげ	おみやげ	omiyage	a small gift, a souvenir
やすみます	やすみます	yasumimasu	to have a rest, take time off, rest;V1
メキシコの	メキシコの	Mekishiko no	Mexican
のみます	のみます	nomimasu	to drink;V1 (masu form)
いただきます。	いただきます	itadakimasu	expression of gratitude before meals; let's eat
テキーラ	テキーラ	tekīra	tequila
あれ？	あれ？	Are?	Huh? Hmm?

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>わたしはおさをのみません。 <i>Watashi wa o-sake o nomimasen.</i></p> <p>I don't drink alcohol.</p>	<p>オッケーです。 <i>Okkei desu.</i></p> <p>It's okay.</p>
<p>ゲームをしました。つかれました。 <i>Gēmu o shimashita. Tsukaremashita.</i></p> <p>I got tired from playing video games.</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>かいしゃをやすみます。 <i>Kaisha o yasumimasu.</i></p> <p>I'll take time off work.</p>	<p>これはメキシコのおかしです。 <i>Kore wa Mekishiko no okashi desu.</i></p> <p>This is a Mexican sweet.</p>
<p>おさをのみますか。 <i>O-sake o nomimasu ka.</i></p> <p>Do you drink alcohol?</p>	<p>いただきます！ <i>Itadakimasu!</i></p> <p>(Phrase said before eating a meal)</p>
<p>テキーラがだいすきです。 <i>Tekira ga daisuki desu.</i></p> <p>I love tequila.</p>	<p>あれ？これ、なに？ <i>Are? Kore nani?</i></p> <p>Huh? What's this?</p>

## VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

### オッケー (*okkei*)

This is one way of pronouncing "okay" in Japanese. It can sound quite feminine, so if you're a man, be careful! You can also pronounce it オーケー (*ōkē*), which is the more standard pronunciation.

### つかれました (*tsukaremashita*)

In English we say "I'm tired" using the present tense, but in Japanese "I'm tired" uses the past tense to literally say "I became tired." We often use *tsukaremashita* (or *tsukareta* in the casual form) for times when we'd say something like "Whew!" in English, for example, after climbing a long flight of stairs.

## GRAMMAR

**The Focus of This Lesson Is Saying "Let's [Do Something]" in Japanese.**

これをのみましょう。

## *Kore o nomimashō.* "Let's drink this."

In this lesson, you'll learn how to make suggestions using the "Let's..." pattern in Japanese.

### "Let's Go to the Beach!"

To make the "let's" form of a verb in Japanese, simply follow these steps: take the verb *masu* → remove the *su* → add *shō* → verb *mashō*

#### Formation

##### *v-masu*

##### For Example:

Meaning	Non-Past	"Let's" Form
"to eat"	たべます <i>tabemasu</i> "eat"	たべましょう <i>tabemashō</i> "let's eat"
"to drink"	のみます <i>nomimasu</i> "drink"	のみましょう <i>nomimashō</i> "let's drink"
"to buy"	かいます <i>kaimasu</i> "buy"	かいましょう <i>kaimashō</i> "let's buy"
"to go"	いきます <i>ikimasu</i> "go"	いきましょう <i>ikimashō</i> "let's go"
"to see/look/watch"	みます <i>mimasu</i> "see/look/watch"	みましょう <i>mimashō</i> "let's see/look/watch"

In order to make a "let's..." sentence, all you need to do is add **[thing] o** or, with movement verbs like "go", **[place] ni**, at the beginning of the sentence, then add the *mashō* verb at the end.

#### Formation

**[Thing] o [verb-mashō] → "Let's [verb] [thing]"**

[Place] *ni ikimashō* → "Let's go to [place]"

For Example:

1. ビーチにいきましょう。  
*Bīchi ni ikimashō.*  
"Let's go to the beach."
2. ランチをたべましょう。  
*Ranchi o tabemashō.*  
"Let's eat lunch."
3. おさけをのみましょう。  
*O-sake o nomimashō.*  
"Let's have a drink." [It literally means "Let's drink alcohol."]

## Reference

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Please also review the following Lesson Notes.

- *-masen ka* → Absolute Beginner Season 2 Lesson 21
- past form of verbs → Absolute Beginner Season 2 Lesson 19
- [country] *no* [noun] → Absolute Beginner Season 2 Lesson 9