

## LESSON NOTES

# Absolute Beginner S2 #5

## There's a 6 A.M. in Japan?

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## KANJI

1. (Skype)
2. かわり:                   こんばんは、テイラーさん。
3. テイラー:               かわりさん！おはようございます。
4. かわり:                   ？いま、なんじですか。
5. テイラー:               6じです。
6. かわり:                   ごぜん？
7. テイラー:               はい。ごぜん6じです。

## KANA

1. (Skype)
2. かわり:                   こんばんは、テイラーさん。
3. テイラー:               かわりさん！おはようございます。
4. かわり:                   ？いま、なんじですか。
5. テイラー:               ろくじです。
6. かわり:                   ごぜん？
7. テイラー:               はい。ごぜんろくじです。

## ROMANIZATION

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1. (Skype)
2. KAORI: Konbanwa, Teirā-san.
3. TEIRĀ: Kaori-san! Ohayō gozaimasu.
4. KAORI: ? Ima, nan-ji desu ka.
5. TEIRĀ: Roku-ji desu.
6. KAORI: Gozen?
7. TEIRĀ: Hai. Gozen roku-ji desu.

## ENGLISH

1. (Skype)
2. KAORI: Good evening, Taylor.
3. TAYLOR: Kaori! Good morning.
4. KAORI: What time is it now?
5. TAYLOR: It's six o'clock.
6. KAORI: A.M.?
7. TAYLOR: Yes. Six o'clock A.M.

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
ごぜん	ごぜん	gozen	a.m.
じ	じ	---ji	---o'clock
なんじ	なんじ	nan-ji	what time
こんばんは。	こんばんは。	Konban wa.	Good evening.
6じ	ろくじ	roku-ji	six o'clock
おはようございます。	おはようございます。	Ohayō gozaimasu.	Good morning.
いま	いま	ima	now
はい	はい	hai	yes, that's right

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>ごぜん2じです。 <i>Gozen ni-ji desu.</i></p> <p>It's 2 A.M.</p>	<p>2じです。 <i>Ni-ji desu.</i></p> <p>It's two o'clock.</p>
<p>いまなんじ？ <i>Ima nan-ji?</i></p> <p>What time is it now? (informal)</p>	<p>こんばんは！ <i>Konban wa.</i></p> <p>Good evening!</p>
<p>6じですか。 <i>Roku-ji desu ka.</i></p> <p>Is it six o'clock?</p>	<p>たなかせんせい、おはようございます。 <i>Tanaka-sensei, ohayō gozaimasu.</i></p> <p>Good morning, Mr. Tanaka.</p>
<p>いま、なんじですか。 <i>Ima, nan-ji desu ka.</i></p> <p>What time is it now?</p>	<p>たなかさんですか。 - はい、そうです。 <i>Tanaka-san desu ka. - Hai, sou desu.</i></p> <p>Are you Mr. Tanaka? - Yes, I am.</p>

## VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

## Numbers from Eleven to Nineteen in Japanese

Number	Romanization	Alternative Pronunciation
11	<i>jū-ichi</i>	
12	<i>jū-ni</i>	
13	<i>jū-san</i>	
14	<i>jū-yon</i>	<i>jū-shi</i>
15	<i>jū-go</i>	
16	<i>jū-roku</i>	
17	<i>jū-nana</i>	<i>jū-shichi</i>
18	<i>jū-hachi</i>	
19	<i>jū-kyū</i>	<i>jū-ku</i>

### **Gozen (ごぜん)**

*Gozen* precedes a statement of time and adds the meaning of "A.M." The word order is opposite from English, so be careful! "P.M." in Japanese is *gogo*.

### **For Example:**

1. *gozen ichi-ji*  
"one o'clock a.m."
2. *gogo ichi-ji*  
"one o'clock p.m."

## GRAMMAR

**The Focus of This Lesson Is Asking and Answering What Time It Is.**

いま、なんじですか。

*Ima, nan-ji desu ka.*

"What time is it now?"

In this lesson, you'll learn how to ask and answer what time it is.

## Asking the Time

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We use the question word *nan-ji* to ask the time. *Nan-ji* is a combination of the question word *nan*, meaning "what," and *ji*, meaning "hour," so you're literally asking "what hour?"

- ***Nan-ji desu ka?* → "What time is it?"**

## Telling the Time

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Now let's take a look at how to tell the time in Japanese.

For hours, we add *ji* to the number. Please be careful of the special pronunciations of "four o'clock" (*yo-ji*) and "nine o'clock" (*ku-ji*).

<b>Japanese</b>	<b>"English"</b>
<i>ichi-ji</i>	1:00
<i>ni-ji</i>	2:00
<i>san-ji</i>	3:00
<i>yo-ji</i>	4:00
<i>go-ji</i>	5:00
<i>roku-ji</i>	6:00
<i>shichi-ji</i>	7:00
<i>hachi-ji</i>	8:00
<i>ku-ji</i>	9:00
<i>jū-ji</i>	10:00
<i>jū-i-chi-ji</i>	11:00
<i>jū-ni-ji</i>	12:00
<i>nan-ji</i>	"What time?"

## Asking and Telling the

## Time

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We sometimes add *ima*, meaning "now," in front of *nan-ji desu ka* to ask the current time.

### For Example:

1. ***Ima***, *nan-ji desu ka*.  
**いま、なんじ** ですか。  
"What time is it **now**?"

For telling the time in a formal situation, *desu* usually follows the time expression.

### For Example:

1. *Ku-ji* ***desu***.  
くじ **です**.  
"It's nine o'clock."

If you must distinguish between a.m. and p.m., *gozen* or *gogo* precedes the time.

### For Example:

1. ***Gozen*** *ku-ji desu*.  
**ごぜん** くじ です。  
"It's nine o'clock **A.M.**"
2. ***Gogo*** *ku-ji desu*.  
**ごご** くじ です。  
"It's nine o'clock **P.M.**"

## Practice

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How do you say the following times in Japanese?

1. eleven o'clock
2. four o'clock A.M.
3. five o'clock P.M.

### Answers:

1. *jūi-chi-ji*
2. *gozen yo-ji*
3. *gogo go-ji*

## Reference

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- *konbanwa, ohayō gozaimasu* (Basic Greetings) → Absolute Beginner Season 1 Lesson 1