

## LESSON NOTES

# Absolute Beginner S2 #7

## How Much Do Things Cost in Japan?

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## KANJI

1. (Skype)
2. テイラー: いま、えんはほんとうにたかいです...。
3. かおり: そうですか？1ドルはいくらですか。
4. テイラー: 1ドルは78えんです。
5. かおり: 78えん？たかい！

## KANA

1. (Skype)
2. テイラー: いま、えんはほんとうにたかいです...。
3. かおり: そうですか？いちドルはいくらですか。
4. テイラー: いちドルは、ななじゅうはちえんです。
5. かおり: ななじゅうはちえん？たかい！

## ROMANIZATION

1. (Skype)
2. TEIRĀ: Ima, en wa hontō ni takai desu....
3. KAORI: Sō desu ka? Ichi-doru wa ikura desu ka.

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4. TEIRĀ: Ichi-doru wa nana-jū hachi-en desu.
5. KAORI: Nana-jū hachi-en? Takai!

## ENGLISH

1. (Skype)
2. TAYLOR: The yen is really strong at the moment...
3. KAORI: Really? How much is one dollar?
4. TAYLOR: One dollar is seventy-eight yen.
5. KAORI: Seventy-eight yen? That's strong!

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
たかい	たかい	takai	expensive ;Adj(i)
そうですか。	そうですか。	Sō desu ka.	Really? Is that so?
いま	いま	ima	now
78えん	ななじゅうはちえん	nana-jū hachi-en	78 yen
ドル	ドル	doru	dollar
ほんとうに	ほんとうに	hontō ni	really, trully ; Adv.
えん	えん	en	yen(Japanese currency)
いくら	いくら	ikura	how much (asking price)

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>ダイヤモンドはたかいです。 <i>Daiyamondo wa takai desu.</i></p> <p>Diamonds are expensive.</p>	<p>え？ そうですか？ <i>E? Sō desu ka?</i></p> <p>Huh? Is that so?</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>トマトは78えんです。 <i>Tomato wa nana-jū hachi-en desu.</i></p> <p>A tomato is 78 yen.</p>
<p>オーストラリアドルはいくらですか？ <i>Ōsutoraria doru wa ikura desu ka.</i></p> <p>How much is the Australian dollar?</p>	<p>ほんとうにすみません。 <i>Hontō ni sumimasen.</i></p> <p>I'm really sorry.</p>
<p>これは100えんです。 <i>Kore wa 100-en desu.</i></p> <p>This is 100 yen.</p>	<p>コーラはいくらですか。 <i>Kōra wa ikura desu ka.</i></p> <p>How much is the cola?</p>
<p>1ドルです。 <i>Ichī-doru desu.</i></p> <p>It's one dollar.</p>	

## VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

### えん (en)

*En* is the Japanese pronunciation of the Japanese currency, the yen. Unlike the English pronunciation, however, there's no [-y] sound, so be careful!

Let's also check how to pronounce "dollar" and "Euro" in Japanese...

- ドル (*doru*) → "dollar"

- ユーロ (*yūro*) → "euro"

### たかい (*takai*)

*Takai* means "expensive" or "high." The opposite word is *yasui*, which means "cheap" or "inexpensive." Although in English we say that a currency is "strong" or "weak," in Japanese we express this as "expensive" or "cheap."

### Numbers from Twenty to One Hundred

Multiples of ten up to one hundred:

Number	Japanese
10	<i>jū</i>
20	<i>ni-jū</i>
30	<i>san-jū</i>
40	<i>yon-jū</i>
50	<i>go-jū</i>
60	<i>roku-jū</i>
70	<i>nana-jū</i>
80	<i>hachi-jū</i>
90	<i>kyū-jū</i>
100	<i>hyaku</i>

For Example:

- 23 → *ni-jū san*
- 99 → *kyū-jū kyū*

## GRAMMAR

## The Focus of This Lesson Is Asking How Much Something Costs.

1ドルはいくらですか。  
*Ichi-doru wa ikura desu ka.*  
"How much is one dollar?"

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In this lesson, you'll learn how to say "how much is it?" using the *A wa ikura desu ka* ("How much is A?") sentence structure.

### How to Ask the Price: [A] *wa ikura desu ka.*

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To ask the price of something, we use the question word *ikura*, meaning "how much."

### Formation

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- [A] *wa ikura desu ka.* → "How much is [A]?"

\* In this pattern, A = the item you want to know the price of

### Sample Sentences

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1. これはいくらですか。  
*Kore wa ikura desu ka.*  
"How much is it?"
2. 1ユーロはいくらですか。  
*Ichi-yūro wa ikura desu ka.*  
"How much is one euro?"
3. ハンバーガーはいくらですか。  
*Hanbāgā wa ikura desu ka.*  
"How much is a hamburger?"

### Reference

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- *hontō ni* → Absolute Beginner Season 1 Lesson 7