

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S2 #8

Going to Japan by Way of Mexico

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KANJI

1. かおり: いつ にほん に きますか。
2. テイラー: 6がつです。メキシコ と にほん に いきます。
3. かおり: メキシコ？
4. テイラー: はい。いもうと の けっこんしき に いきます。
そのあと、にほん に いきます。
5. かおり: あー！

KANA

1. かおり: いつ にほん に きますか。
2. テイラー: ろくがつです。メキシコ と にほん に いきます。
3. かおり: メキシコ？
4. テイラー: はい。いもうと の けっこんしき に いきます。
そのあと、にほん に いきます。
5. かおり: あー！

ROMANIZATION

1. KAORI: Itsu Nihon ni kimasu ka.

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2. TEIRĀ: Roku-gatsu desu. Mekishiko to Nihon ni ikimasu.
3. KAORI: Mekishiko?
4. TEIRĀ: Hai. Imōto no kekkonshiki ni ikimasu.
Sono ato, Nihon ni ikimasu.
5. KAORI: Aa!

ENGLISH

1. KAORI: When are you coming to Japan?
2. TAYLOR: June. I'm going to Mexico and Japan.
3. KAORI: Mexico?
4. TAYLOR: Yes. I'm going to my younger sister's wedding.
After that, I'm going to Japan.
5. KAORI: Ahh!

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
いもうと	いもうと	imōto	younger sister
けっこんしき	けっこんしき	kekkonshiki	wedding
そのあと	そのあと	sonoato	after that
きます	きます	kimasu	to come; V3 -masu form

にほん	にほん	Nihon	Japan
6がつ	ろくがつ	roku-gatsu	June
いつ	いつ	itsu	when
メキシコ	メキシコ	mekishiko	Mexico

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>いもうとがいます。 <i>Imōto ga imasu.</i></p> <p>I have a younger sister.</p>	<p>けっこんしきはいつですか。 <i>Kekkonshiki wa itsu desu ka.</i></p> <p>When's the wedding?</p>
<p>とうきょうにいきます。そのあと、きょうとにいきます。 <i>Tōkyō ni ikimasu. Sonoato, Kyōto ni ikimasu.</i></p> <p>I'm going to Tokyo. After that, I'm going to Kyoto.</p>	<p>たなかさんはパーティーにきますか。 <i>Tanaka-san wa pāti ni kimasu ka.</i></p> <p>Is Mr./Ms. Tanaka coming to the party?</p>
<p>わたしはにほんがすきです。 <i>Watashi wa Nihon ga suki desu.</i></p> <p>I like Japan.</p>	<p>6がつ、とうきょうにいきます。 <i>Roku-gatsu, Tōkyō ni ikimasu.</i></p> <p>I'm going to Tokyo in June.</p>
<p>いつ アメリカ に いきますか。 <i>Itsu Amerika ni ikimasu ka.</i></p> <p>When are you going to America?</p>	<p>わたしはメキシコがすきです。 <i>Watashi wa Mekishiko ga suki desu.</i></p> <p>I like Mexico.</p>

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

Rokugatsu (6がつ)

Rokugatsu is the word for the month of "June." To say the months in Japanese, you just take the number of the month and then add *-gatsu*.

"English"	Japanese
"January"	<i>ichi-gatsu</i>

"February"	<i>ni-gatsu</i>
"March"	<i>san-gatsu</i>
"April"	<i>shi-gatsu</i>
"May"	<i>go-gatsu</i>
"June"	<i>roku-gatsu</i>
"July"	<i>shichi-gatsu</i>
"August"	<i>hachi-gatsu</i>
"September"	<i>ku-gatsu</i>
"October"	<i>jū-gatsu</i>
"November"	<i>jū ichi-gatsu</i>
"December"	<i>jū ni-gatsu</i>

***Itsu* (いつ) "when"**

Itsu is a question word meaning "when." Let's review the other question words that have appeared in Absolute Beginner series 1 and 2!

<i>Japanese</i>	"English"
<i>Nan</i>	"What"
<i>Nan-ji</i>	"What time"
<i>Doko</i>	"Where"
<i>Itsu</i>	"When"
<i>Ikura</i>	"How much"

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is Asking When Someone Will Go or Come to a Place.
Itsu Nihon ni kimasu ka.

いつにほんにきますか。 "When are you coming to Japan?"

In this lesson, you'll learn how to ask "When are you coming?" or "When are you going?" using the question word *itsu*.

Review: *Ikimasu/Kimasu*

Ikimasu ("go") and *imasu* ("come") are the two most common verbs of movement in Japanese. Let's review the sentence structure below...

Formation

- [Subject] *wa* [place] *ni ikimasu*. → "[Subject] goes/will go to [place]."
- [Subject] *wa* [place] *ni kimasu*. → "[Subject] comes/will come to [place]."

* The particle *ni* marks the place the subject goes to or comes to.

Sample Sentences

Subject	<i>Wa</i>	Place	<i>Ni</i>	Verb of Movement	"English"
<i>Sara</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>Mekishiko</i>	<i>ni</i>	<i>ikimasu</i> .	"Sara goes/will go to Mexico."
<i>Kaori</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>koko</i>	<i>ni</i>	<i>kimasu</i> .	"Kaori comes/will come here."

Asking When Someone Will Go/Come to a Place

You can ask when someone will go or come to a place by simply adding the question word

itsu, meaning "when," to a question sentence.

Formation

- *Itsu* [subject] *wa* [place] *ni ikimasu ka.* → "When will [subject] go to [place]?"
- *Itsu* [subject] *wa* [place] *ni kimasu ka.* → "When will [subject] come to [place]?"

Sample Sentences

"Wh-" Word	Subject	Wa	Place	Ni	Verb of Movem ent	Ka	"Englis h"
<i>Itsu</i>	<i>Sara</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>Mekishi ko</i>	<i>ni</i>	<i>ikimasu.</i>	<i>ka.</i>	"When will Sara go to Mexico? "
<i>Itsu</i>	<i>Kaori</i>	<i>wa</i>	<i>koko</i>	<i>ni</i>	<i>kimasu.</i>	<i>ka.</i>	"When will Kaori come here?"

Examples from This Dialogue

1. いつ (テイラーさんは) にほんに きますか。
Itsu (Teirā-san wa) Nihon ni kimasu ka.
"When are you coming to Japan (Taylor)?"
2. 6がつです。 (わたしは) メキシコと にほんに いきます。
Roku-gatsu desu. (Watashi wa) Mekishiko to Nihon ni ikimasu.
"June. I'm going to Mexico and Japan."
3. (わたしは) いもうとの けっこんしきに いきます。
(Watashi wa) Imōto no kekkonshiki ni ikimasu.
"I'm going to my little sister's wedding."

4. *Sono ato, (watashi wa) Nihon ni ikimasu.*
その後、(わたしは) にほんにいきます。
"After that, I'm going to Japan."

Reference

- *no* (particle) → Absolute Beginner Season 1 Lesson 10
- *to* (particle) → Absolute Beginner Season 2 Lesson 6
- *imōto* (family term) → Absolute Beginner Season 1 Lesson 16
- *ikimasu/kimasu* → Absolute Beginner Season 1 Lesson 23
- months → Absolute Beginner Season 1 Lesson 25