

LESSON NOTES

Newbie S1 #9

Telling Time in Japanese

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KANJI

1. 美智子: もしもし健二さん、美智子です。お久しぶり！元気？
2. 健二: ああー、美智子.....何？.....今午前3時だよ。
3. 美智子: えっ、今日本は午後3時。
4. 健二: でも、ワシントンDCは今午前3時。
5. 美智子: ワシントンDC！いつから??
6. Listen to the entire conversation.

KANA

1. みちこ: もしもしけんじさん、みちこです。おひさしぶり！げんき？
2. けんじ: ああー、みちこ.....なに？.....いまごぜん3じだよ。
3. みちこ: えっ、いまにほんはごご3じ。
4. けんじ: でも、ワシントンDCはいまごぜん3じ。
5. みちこ: ワシントンDC！いつから??

ROMANIZATION

1. MICHIKO: Moshi, moshi! Kenji-san, Michiko desu. Ohisashiburi! Genki?
2. KENJI: Aā, Michiko..... Nani?..... Ima gozen san ji da yo.

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3. MICHIKO: E, ima Nihon wa gogo san ji.
4. KENJI: Demo, Washinton DC wa ima gozen sanji.
5. MICHIKO: Washinton DC! itsu kara??

ENGLISH

1. MICHIKO: Hello Kenji! This is Michiko. Long time no see. How are you?
2. KENJI: ..ah...Michiko...what?....It's 300AM now.
3. MICHIKO: Huh, in Japan it's 300PM now.
4. KENJI: But in Washington D.C., it's 300AM now.
5. MICHIKO: Washington D.C.! Since when??

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
お久しぶり	おひさしぶり	o-hisashiburi	after a long time
今	いま	ima	now
から	から	kara	From, Since
時	じ	ji	hour
午後	ごご	gogo	afternoon, p.m.
午前	ごぜん	gozen	a.m.
もしもし	もしもし	moshi moshi	hello (on the telephone)

SAMPLE SENTENCES

午前九時に、新宿駅で会いましょう。
Gozen ku-ji ni, Shinjuku eki de aimashō.

Let's meet at Shinjuku station at 9AM.

もしもし、坂本ですが、どちら様ですか。
Moshimoshi, Sakamoto desu ga, dochira sama desu ka.

Hello, this is Sakamoto. May I ask who's speaking?

何を飲みますか。

Nani o nomimasu ka.

What would you like to drink?

GRAMMAR

Today's lesson focuses on time expressions. In Japanese, *ji* is attached to a number to indicate the hour. For example, *ni-ji* is 2 o'clock, *san-ji* is 3 o'clock and so on. Expressing hours in Japanese is rather straightforward for the most part, as *ji* is simply attached to a number. As stated in the podcast, however, there are several exceptions. The expressions for the hours 4, 7 and 9 use one of the variations of the numbers. In English, o'clock is not used when minutes are included in the time expression; however, in Japanese, *ji* is also used when minutes are included in the time expression. The counter for minutes is introduced below, but as the topic has not been introduced in the lesson, it will be covered in detail in a later lesson.

一時	ichi-ji	1:00
二時	ni-ji	2:00
三時	san-ji	3:00
四時	yo-ji	4:00
五時	go-ji	5:00
六時	roku-ji	6:00

七時	shichi-ji	7:00
八時	hachi-ji	8:00
九時	ku-ji	9:00
十時	jū-ji	10:00
十一時	jūichi-ji	11:00
十二時	jūni-ji	12:00

一分	i-ppun	1 minute
二分	ni-fun	2 minutes
三分	san-pun	3 minutes
四分	yon-pun yon-fun	4 minutes
五分	go-fun	5 minutes
六分	ro-ppun	6 minutes
七分	nana-fun	7 minutes
八分	ha-ppun hachi-fun	8 minutes
九分	kyū-fun	9 minutes
十分	ju-ppun	10 minutes