

LESSON NOTES

Newbie S4 #9

How to Make Friends

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KANJI

1. 静: 学生ですか。
2. ロリー: はい。月大学（つきだいがく）の留学生です。
3. 静: うそ？月大（つきだい）？私も月大（つきだい）の学生です。
4. ロリー: 本当？何年生ですか。
5. 静: 二年生です。専攻は英語学です。
6. 私は火川静（ひかわしずか）です。よろしく。

KANA

1. しずか: がくせいですか。
2. ロリー: はい。つきだいがくのりゅうがくせいです。
3. しずか: うそ？つきだい？わたしもつきだいのがくせいです。
4. ロリー: ほんとう？なんねんせいですか。
5. しずか: にねんせいです。せんこうはえいごがくです。
6. わたしは ひかわしずかです。よろしく。

ROMANIZATION

1. SIZUKA: Gakusei desu ka.

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2. RORĪ: Hai. Tsuki Daigaku no ryūgakusei desu.
3. SHIZUKA: Uso? Tsukidai? Watashi mo Tsukidai no gakusei desu.
4. RORĪ: Hontō? Nan nensei desu ka.
5. SHIZUKA: Ni-nensei desu. Senkō wa Eigo gaku desu.
6. Watashi wa Hikawa Shizuka desu. Yoroshiku.

ENGLISH

1. SHIZUKA: Are you a student?
2. LORI: Yes. I'm an exchange student at Tsuki University.
3. SHIZUKA: You're kidding. Tsuki University? I go to Tsuki University too.
4. LORI: Really? What year?
5. SHIZUKA: I'm a sophomore and majoring in English. I'm Hikawa Shizuka. Nice to meet you.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
留学生	りゅうがくせい	ryūgakusei	exchange student
学生	がくせい	gakusei	student
学	がく	gaku	study
英語	えいご	eigo	the English language

専攻	せんこう	senkō	major, subject
本当	ほんとう	hontō	really, truly, truth, reality
何年生	なんねんせい	nannensei	what grade
月	つき	tsuki	moon
大学	だいがく	daigaku	university

SAMPLE SENTENCES

私は留学生です。 <i>Watashi wa ryūgakusei desu.</i> I'm a foreign exchange student.	専攻は何ですか。 What's your major?
本当？ <i>Hontō?</i> Really?	

GRAMMAR

Useful Vocabulary and Phrases

***Watashi mo tsuki-dai no gakusei desu.* (私も月大の学生です。)**

The particle *mo* (も) replaces *wa* (は) , to add the meaning "too" or "also."

watashi (私) = I, me

mo (も) = too, also

tsuki-dai(月大) = abbreviation of Tsuki-daigaku, Tsuki university.

no (の) = --'s (possessive particle)

gakusei (学生) = student

desu (です) = copula which is equivalent with English "is/am/are"

***** Example *****

Kore wa kusuri desu. = This is medicine.

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
Kore mo kusuri desu. = This is also medicine.

Sore wa buta-niku desu. = That is pork.

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
Sore mo buta-niku desu. = That is also pork.

Are wa sakana desu. = That one over there is fish.

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
Are mo sakana desu. = That one over there is also fish.

Uso (うそ)

hontō (本当)

The word *uso* (うそ) means "a lie." In the dialog, the speaker is expressing her surprise by saying "*Uso?* (うそ?)" This can be translated as "Is it a lie?" ("Are you lying?") or "This can not be true." or "Get outta here!"

Hontō (本当) means "truth." When you say "*hontō?*(本当)" with a rising intonation, it means "Really?" Some people drop う and pronounce as "*honto.* (ほんと)"

Nan-nensei desu ka? (何年生ですか。)

-*nensei* is a counter means "_____ -year student."

***** [number] + *nensei* *****

ichi-nensei	一年生	1st year student
ni-nensei	二年生	2nd year student
san-nensei	三年生	3rd year student
yo-nensei	四年生	4th year student
go-nensei	五年生	5th year student
roku-nensei	六年生	6th year student
nan-nensei	何年生	What grade/year?

***** Example *****

(わたしは) 大学二年生です。

(*Watashi wa*) *daigaku ni-nensei desu.*

I'm a sophomore in college. (Literally: I'm a 2nd year college student.)

(あなたは) 何年生ですか。

(*Anata wa*) *nan-nensei desu ka?*

What year are you in? (Literally: What year student are you?)

**Anata* (あなた) = you

***Senkō wa Eigogaku desu.* (専攻は英語学です。)**

Watashi no has been omitted from this sentence, so the original sentence should be...

Watashi no senkō wa eigogaku desu. (私の専攻は英語学です。)

I'm majoring in English. (Literally: My major subject is English.)

Senmon (専門) means specialty and can replace *senkō* (専攻) in this case.

What is your major?

Senkō wa nan desu ka? or *Senmon wa nan desu ka?*

I'm majoring in Japanese.

Senkō wa Nihongo desu or *Senmon wa Nihongo desu.*
