

LESSON NOTES

Newbie S5 #9

Are You Coming or Going in Japanese?

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KANJI

1. まどか: ただいま～。
2. ケント: ただいま～。
3. お母さん: おかえりなさい。
4. まどか: ・・・ママ今日・・・カレー？
5. お母さん: そう。ケント君、カレー好き？
6. ケント: あ・・・
7. お母さん: 嫌い？
8. ケント: 好き。・・・大好きです。

KANA

1. まどか: ただいま～。
2. ケント: ただいま～。
3. おかあさん: おかえりなさい。
4. まどか: ・・・ママきょう・・・カレー？
5. おかあさん: そう。ケントくん、カレーすき？
6. ケント: あ・・・

CONT'D OVER

7. おかあさん: きれい?
8. ケント: すき。 . . . だいすきです。

ROMANIZATION

1. MADOKA: Tadaimā.
2. KENTO: Tadaimā.
3. O-KĀ-SAN: Okaerinasai.
4. MADOKA: ... Mama kyō... karē?
5. O-KĀ-SAN: Sō. Kento-kun, karē suki?
6. KENTO: A...
7. O-KĀ-SAN: Kirai?
8. KENTO: Suki.... daisuki desu.

ENGLISH

1. MADOKA: I'm home!
2. KENT: I'm home!
3. MOTHER: Welcome home.

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4. MADOKA: Mom...is it...curry today?
5. MOTHER: Yes. Kent, do you like curry?
6. KENT: Um...
7. MOTHER: You hate it?
8. KENT: I like it... I love it.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
好き(な)	すき(な)	suki (na)	likable; na-Adj, to like
嫌い(な)	きらい(な)	kirai (na)	dislike; na-adj.
大好き(な)	だいすき(な)	daisuki(na)	to like very much, to love; na-Adj
大嫌い(な)	だいきらい(な)	daikirai(na)	very dislikeable, hate, hatred; na-adj
ただいま	ただいま	tadaima	I'm home; right now
おかえりなさい	おかえりなさい	Okaeri nasai	Welcome back, welcome home

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>この店が好きです。 <i>Kono mise ga suki desu.</i></p> <p>I like this store.</p>	<p>私は悲しい映画が嫌いです。 <i>Watashi wa kanashii eiga ga kirai desu.</i></p> <p>I hate sad movies.</p>
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私はカレーが大好きです。 <i>Watashi wa karē ga daisuki desu.</i> I love curry.	みんなゴキブリが大嫌いです。 <i>Minna gokiburi ga daikirai desu.</i> Everyone hates cockroaches.
ただいま。 <i>Tadaima.</i> I'm home.	お帰りなさい。 <i>Okaerinasai.</i> Welcome home.

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is Talking about Preferences with Na Adjectives.

好き。…大好きです。

"Kent: 'I like it...I love it.'"

In this lesson, you'll learn about how to talk about things you like and don't like in Japanese. This is something Japanese people will often ask you in conversation, especially if you are going to be staying with a host family in Japan or going out to eat with Japanese friends.

Talking about Preferences

To talk about liking or not liking something, you first say the thing you're talking about, add the particle *ga*, and then the appropriate word to show your preference.

[thing] + *ga* + [preference word]

This chart shows you different examples of common words we use to show a preference. They are in order, with words showing a positive preference on top and words showing a negative preference on the bottom. The parentheses mean that the copula *da* is optional.

<i>Japanese</i>	"English"
[thing] <i>ga daisuki (da)</i> ([thing] が だいすき(だ))	"I love [thing]"
[thing] <i>ga suki (da)</i> ([thing] が すき(だ))	"I like [thing]"

[thing] *ga suki janai*
([thing] が すきじゃない) "I don't like [thing]"

[thing] *ga kirai (da)*
([thing] が きらい(だ)) "I hate [thing]"

[thing] *ga daikirai (da)*
([thing] が だいきらい(だ)) "I really hate [thing]"

Formal Form: We can easily create the formal form of any of these phrases by simply attaching *desu* to them.

Sample Sentences

1. 犬がだいすき(だ)。
Inu ga daisuki (da).
"I love dogs."
2. やさいがきらい(だ)。
Yasai ga kirai (da).
"I hate vegetables."

Expressions for Coming and Going

In Japanese, there are certain set expressions we say when you leave home and come back home. Let's take a look at what they are.

When Leaving Home

The Person Leaving Says:

Itte kimasu!
(いってきます!)

This phrase literally means "I'll go and come back."

The Person Staying Says:

Itte rasshai!
(いってらっしゃい!)

This phrase literally means "Go and come back."

When Arriving Back Home

The Person Coming back Says:	The Person at Home Says:
<i>Tadaima!</i> (ただいま!)	<i>O-kaerinasai!</i> / <i>O-kaeri!</i> (おかえりなさい! / おかえり!)
This phrase literally means "Right now," as in "I've arrived just now."	This phrase literally means "Welcome back!" <i>O-kaeri</i> is the informal way to say it.

Examples from This Dialogue

1. まどか&ケント : ただいま~。
Madoka & Kento: Tadaima~.
"Madoka & Kent: 'I'm home!'"
2. お母さん : おかえりなさい。
O-kā-san: Okaerinasai.
"Mother: 'Welcome home.'"