

LESSON NOTES

Survival Phrases S2 #3

This Please

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KANJI

1. これ下さい。
2. それ下さい。
3. お願いします。
4. お願い。
5. 違います。

KANA

1. これください。
2. それください。
3. おねがいします。
4. おねがい。
5. ちがいます。

ROMANIZATION

1. Kore kudasai.
2. Sore kudasai.
3. O-negaishimasu.

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4. O-negai.
5. Chigaimasu.

ENGLISH

1. Please give me this.
2. Please give me that.
3. Please take care of this. Please take this on. (polite form)
4. Please! (casual form)
5. It's wrong.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
これ下さい。	これください。	Kore kudasai	Please give me this.
切符	きっぷ	kippu	ticket
それ	それ	sore	that
これ	これ	kore	this
下さい	ください	kudasai	please
違います	ちがいます	Chigaimasu	That's wrong
お願い	おねがい	onegai	please
お願いします。	おねがいします。	Onegai shimasu.	Please.
それ下さい。	それください。	Sore kudasai	Please give me that.

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>A「いらっしゃいませ。」 B「これ下さい。」</p> <p><i>A: Irasshaimase. B: kore kudasai.</i></p> <p>A: May I help you? B:I'll take this.</p>	<p>二枚切符を下さい。</p> <p><i>Ni mai kippu wo kudasai.</i></p> <p>Two tickets please.</p>
<p>それは、日本茶ですか。</p> <p><i>Sore wa nihon-cha desu ka.</i></p> <p>Is that Japanese tea?</p>	<p>あれ？これは私のですか。</p> <p><i>Are? Kore wa watashi no desu ka.</i></p> <p>Huh? Is this mine?</p>
<p>水を下さい。</p> <p><i>Mizu o kudasai.</i></p> <p>Can I have some water, please?</p>	<p>それは、違います。</p> <p><i>Sore wa chigaimasu.</i></p> <p>That's not right.</p>
<p>サインをお願いします。</p> <p><i>Sain wo onegai shimasu.</i></p> <p>Your signature (autograph), please.</p>	<p>お会計をお願いします。</p> <p><i>O-kaikei o-negai shimasu.</i></p> <p>Check, please.</p>
<p>A「どれにしますか」 B「それください」</p> <p><i>A:Dore ni shimasu ka. B:Sore kudasai.</i></p> <p>A: What would you like? B: I'll take that.</p>	<p>地図をください。</p> <p><i>Chizu o kudasai.</i></p> <p>Please give me the map.</p>

GRAMMAR

Language Tip

In Japanese, "Please" is *Kudasai*. To say that you want something, you can just point at it and say, *Kudasai*, but that is the most rudimentary way of using it. Let's try to build a bit on this simplicity, shall we? Let's start with the expression, "This, please," which in Japanese is *Kore kudasai*. In English, "this" comes before "please." In Japanese, the word order is the same. In Japanese, the word for "this," *kore*, precedes *kudasai*.

While we're looking at "this," we should look at "that," which is *sore*. The phrase "That, please" is *Sore kudasai*.

If you're in a store, you can simply point to the items you want to buy and say, *Kore kudasai*. If you point to something, but the salesperson picks the wrong thing, you can say, *Chigaimasu*, which means, "That's wrong," or in this context, "You have the wrong one." Then point to the one you need and repeat *Kore kudasai*.

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Restaurants and Travel by Public Transportation in Japan

Tip #1

Tokyo has a great variety of restaurants to choose from so I highly recommend eating out. But what do you do if you can't order your food in Japanese? Don't worry. Most restaurants in Japan offer menus with pictures so you can simply point at the pictures of foods and beverages you want to order. Also you can point at the numbers on the menu. I actually do that myself. It avoids confusion when several dishes look or sound similar. And the food in the pictures looks so delicious, I just can't help myself!

Tip #2

Onegai (casual form) and *Onegai shimasu* (polite form) also convey the idea of "Please." Children often use the word *Onegai!!* when begging their parents to buy them something or to let them do something. Adults use this word as well, but most of the time, only among close friends. It's very casual. Business conversations also often use the phrase *Onegai shimasu* to mean, "Please take on this task," or "Please take care of it."

Tip #3

Let's also go over some key vocabulary you will be using during your trip to Japan. Public transportation is essential and very convenient for getting around metropolitan Japan. You'll probably need to get tickets, which in Japanese is *kippu*. Maps will come in handy so remember the word *chizu* for map. To ask for these items, simply replace the words *kore* and *sore* with the name of the item you need. Let's practice. "Please give me a ticket" is *Kippu o kudasai*. "Please give me a map" is *Chizu o kudasai*. The *o* in the middle is an object-marking particle. (There should be an *o* in *kore kudasai*, but we often omit it in spoken Japanese.) And regardless of how many tickets or maps you want, the noun does not change form. In Japanese, nouns do not have singular and plural forms. It's always *chizu* and *kippu*.

We'll go over how to buy bus tickets and train tickets in upcoming lessons.