

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Top 25 Japanese Questions You Need to Know #10 How is the Japanese Food?

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INTRODUCTION

Brandon: In each lesson of this 25 part series, you'll master a common question for Japanese learners, and then learn how to answer it like a native speaker. You'll learn how these key phrases work by breaking them down into each component. Then through repetition and new vocabulary, you'll expand your understanding of the question, its answers, and any variations.

LESSON FOCUS

Brandon: In this lesson, you'll learn how to respond to the common question “How is it?” for food. In Japanese this is

Kaori: どうですか。

(Doudesuka.)

Brandon: The first word in the question is

Kaori: どう

(dou)

Brandon: meaning “how” in English.

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) どう

(dou)

Brandon: Listen again and repeat.

Kaori: どう

(dou)

{Pause}

Brandon: This pattern of first introducing a word at natural speed, providing the translation, breaking it down, and then giving it again at natural speed will be repeated throughout the series. Try to speak aloud as often as possible. The next word in the question is

Kaori: です

(desu)

Brandon: sentence ending particle meaning something like “is.”

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) です

(desu)

Brandon: Now repeat.

Kaori: です

(desu)

{Pause}

Brandon: Listen to the the first 2 words of the question and repeat.

Kaori: どう です

(dou

desu)

{pause}

Brandon: And next

Kaori: か

(ka)

Brandon: question marking particle

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) か

(ka)

Brandon: Now repeat.

Kaori: か

(ka)

{Pause}

Brandon: Listen to the entire question and repeat.

Kaori: どうですか

(dou desu ka)

{pause}

Brandon: You will hear this common question again and again throughout your studies.

Master the following pattern and responses to the question “How is it?” for foods.

Kaori: とてもおいしいです。

(totemo oishii desu.)

Brandon: "It's delicious." Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

Kaori: (Slow) とてもおいしいです。

(totemo oishii desu.)

{pause}

Brandon: Let's break it down from the beginning. The first word:

Kaori: とても

(totemo)

Brandon: means “very.”

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) とても

(totemo)

Brandon: Now repeat

Kaori: とても

(totemo)

{Pause}

Brandon: And after that

Kaori: おいしいです。

(oishidesu)

Brandon: meaning ‘delicious’, or ‘It’s delicious.’

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) おいしいです。

(oishidesu)

Brandon: Now

repeat.

Kaori: おいしいです。

(oisodesu)

{Pause}

Brandon: Listen to the speaker say, "It's very delicious," and then repeat.

Kaori: とてもおいしいです。

{pause}

Brandon: Now say, 'It's spicy.'

Kaori: 辛いです。

(からいです。 karaidesu.)

Brandon: It's spicy.

Kaori: (slow) 辛いです。

Kaori: (regular) 辛いです。

Brandon: Listen to the phrase again.

Kaori: 辛いです。(からいです。 Karai desu.)

Brandon: Now say, "It's sour."

Kaori: すっぱいです。(suppadesu)

Brandon: It's sour

Kaori: (slow) すっぱいです。

Kaori: (regular) すっぱいです。

Brandon: Now say, 'It's bitter.'

Kaori: 苦いです。

(にがいです。 nigaidesu.)

Brandon: It's bitter

Kaori: (slow) 苦いです。

Kaori: (regular) 苦いです。

QUIZ

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Japan and someone asks you your opinion on the food you're eating. You want to say 'it's delicious'. Respond to the question.

Kaori: どうですか。(Doudesuka.)

(five seconds)

Kaori: とてもおいしいです。

Brandon: Now, you want to say it's spicy. Respond to the question.

Kaori: どうですか。(Doudesuka.)

(five seconds)

Kaori: 辛いです。(からいです。 Karai

desu.)

Brandon: you want to say it's sour. Answer the speaker's question.

Kaori: どうですか。(Doudesuka.)

(five seconds)

Kaori: すっぱいです。(Suppai desu.)

Brandon: You want to say it's bitter. Respond to the question.

Kaori: どうですか。(Doudesuka.)

(five seconds)

Kaori: 苦いです。(にがいです。 Nigai desu.)

Brandon: Now you want to know what -that- person thinks of the meal. Ask the question

(5 seconds)

Kaori: どうですか。

(Doudesuka.)

{pause}

OUTRO

Brandon: This is the end of Lesson 10