

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Top 25 Japanese Questions You Need to Know #13

## Do you Have Any Brothers or Sisters? in Japanese

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# INTRODUCTION

Janet: 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

Janet: In this lesson, you'll learn how to respond to the common question “Do you have any brothers and sisters?” In Japanese this is

Kaori: 兄弟はいますか。

(きょうだい は います か。 Kyoudai wa imasu ka.)

Janet: The first word in the question is

Kaori: 兄弟 (きょうだい kyoudai)

Janet: meaning ‘siblings’ in English.

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) 兄弟 (きょうだい kyoudai)

Janet: Listen again and repeat.

Kaori: 兄弟 (きょうだい kyoudai)

{Pause}

Janet: 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: は (wa)

Janet: the topic marking particle.

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) は (wa)

Janet: Now repeat.

Kaori: は (wa)

{Pause}

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

Kaori: 兄弟 は (きょうだい は kyoudai wa)

{pause}

Janet: And after that

Kaori: います (imasu)

Janet: meaning “there is”, “to exist”, “to have”.

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) います (imasu)

Janet: Now

repeat.

Kaori: います (imasu)

{Pause}

Janet: Listen to the the first 3 words of the question and repeat.

Kaori: 兄弟は います (きょうだい は います kyoudai wa imasu)

{pause}

Janet: And next

Kaori: か (ka)

Janet: this is the question marker.

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) か (ka)

Janet: Now repeat.

Kaori: か (ka)

{Pause}

Janet: Listen to the entire question and repeat.

Kaori: 兄弟は います か。

(きょうだい は います か。 Kyoudai wa imasu ka.)

{pause}

Janet: (You will hear this common question again and again throughout your studies.)

Master the following pattern and responses to the question Do you have any brothers and sisters??

Kaori: 妹がいます。 (いもうとがいます。 Imouto ga imasu.)

Janet: "I have a younger sister." Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

Kaori: (Slow) 妹がいます。

(いもうとがいます。 Imouto ga imasu.)

{pause}

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

Kaori: 妹

(いもうと imouto)

Janet: means "younger sister."

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) 妹 (いもうと imouto)

Janet: Now repeat

Kaori: 妹 (いもうと imouto)

{Pause}

Janet: And next

Kaori: が (ga)

Janet: meaning subject marker.

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) が (ga)

Janet: Now repeat.

Kaori: が

(ga)

{Pause}

Janet: And after that

Kaori: います (imasu)

Janet: meaning “there is”, “to exist”, “to have”.

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) います (imasu)

Janet: Now repeat.

Kaori: います (imasu)

{Pause}

Janet: Listen to the speaker say, “I have a younger sister.”, and then repeat.

Kaori: 妹がいます。

(いもうとがいます。 Imouto ga imasu.)

{pause}

Janet: To expand on the pattern, replace “younger sister” with “older brother”.

Kaori: 兄 (あに ani)

Janet: older brother

Kaori: (slow) 兄(あに ani)

Kaori: (regular) 兄 (あに ani)

Janet: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “older brother”

Kaori: 兄がいます。(あにがいます。 Ani ga imasu.)

Janet: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “younger sister” with “older brother”. Say “I have an older brother”.

{pause}

Kaori: 兄がいます。(あにがいます。 Ani ga imasu.)

Janet: To expand on the pattern, replace “older brother” with “older sister”.

Kaori: 姉 (あね ane)

Janet: older sister

Kaori: (slow) 姉 (あね ane)

Kaori: (regular) 姉(あね ane)

Janet: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “older sister”

Kaori: 姉がいます。(あねがいます。 Ane ga imasu.)

Janet: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “older brother” with “older sister”. Say “I have an older sister.”

{pause}

Kaori: 姉がいます。(あねがいます。 Ane ga imasu.)

Janet: To use a different phrase, replace “older sister” with “younger brother”.

Kaori: 弟

(おとうと otouto)

Janet: younger brother

Kaori: (slow) 弟 (おとうと

otouto)

Kaori: (regular) 弟 (おとうと otouto)

Janet: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “younger brother”

Kaori: 弟がいます。

(おとうとがいます。 Otouto ga imasu.)

Janet: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “older sister” with “younger brother”.

Say “I have a younger brother.”

{pause}

Kaori: 弟がいます。 (おとうとがいます。 Otouto ga imasu.)

## QUIZ

Janet: Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Japan and someone asks you if you have any brothers or sisters. You want to say you have (a) younger sister.

Respond to the question.

Kaori: 兄弟はいますか。

(きょうだいはいますか。 Kyoudai wa imasu ka.)

(five seconds)

Kaori: 妹がいます。 (いもうとがいます。 Imouto ga imasu.)

Janet: Now imagine you have an older brother. Respond to the question.

Kaori: 兄弟はいますか。

(きょうだいはいますか。 Kyoudai wa imasu ka.)

(five seconds)

Kaori: 兄がいます。 (あにがいます。 Ani ga imasu.)

Janet: Imagine you have an older sister. Answer the speaker's question.

Kaori: 兄弟はいますか。

(きょうだいはいますか。 Kyoudai wa imasu ka.)

(five seconds)

Kaori: 姉がいます。 (あねがいます。 Ane ga imasu.)

Janet: Imagine you have a younger brother. Respond to the question.

Kaori: 兄弟はいますか。

(きょうだいはいますか。 Kyoudai wa imasu ka.)

(five seconds)

Kaori: 弟がいます。 (おとうとがいます。 Otouto ga imasu.)

Janet: You want to ask someone if they have any brothers or sisters. Ask the question  
(5 seconds)

Kaori: 兄弟はいますか。

(きょうだいはいますか。 Kyoudai wa imasu)

ka.)

{pause}

Janet: Now it's time to answer the question with actual information about yourself.

Kaori: 兄弟はいますか。

(きょうだいはいますか。 Kyoudai wa imasu ka.)

{pause}

## OUTRO

Janet: This is the end of Lesson 13