

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Top 25 Japanese Questions You Need to Know #8

## Can You Eat Japanese Food?

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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 “Can you eat Japanese food?” In Japanese this is

Kaori: 日本食が食べられますか。

(にほんしょくがたべられますか。 Nihonshoku ga taberaremasu ka.)

Janet: The first word in the question is

Kaori: 日本食

(にほんしょく nihonshoku)

Janet: meaning “Japanese food” in English.

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) 日本食

(にほんしょく nihonshoku)

Janet: Listen again and repeat.

Kaori: 日本食

(にほんしょく nihonshoku)

{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: が

(ga)

Janet: In this case, a particle that marks the object of a verb of ability.

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) が

(ga)

Janet: Now repeat.

Kaori: が

(ga)

{Pause}

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

Kaori: 日本食

が

(にほんしょくが nihonshoku ga)

{pause}

Janet: And next

Kaori: 食べられます

(たべられます taberaremasu)

Janet: meaning “can eat.”, “to be able to eat.”

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) 食べられます

(たべられます taberaremasu)

Janet: Now repeat.

Kaori: 食べられます

(たべられます taberaremasu)

{Pause}

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

Kaori: 日本食が食べられます

(にほんしょく が たべられます nihonshoku ga taberaremasu)

{pause}

Janet: And next

Kaori: か

(ka)

Janet: question marking particle.

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) か

(ka)

Janet: Now repeat.

Kaori: か

(ka)

{Pause}

Janet: Listen to the entire question and repeat.

Kaori: 日本食 が 食べられます か。

(にほんしょく が たべられます か。 Nihonshoku ga taberaremasu ka.)

{pause}

Janet: You will hear this common question again and again throughout your studies. Master the following pattern and responses to the question “Can you eat Japanese food?”

Kaori: はい、おいしいです。

(Hai, oishii desu.)

Janet: “Yes, it's delicious.” Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

Kaori: (Slow) はい、おいしいです。

(Hai, oishii desu.)

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

Kaori: はい

(hai)

Janet: meaning “yes.”

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) はい

(hai)

Janet: Now repeat

Kaori: はい

(hai)

{Pause}

Janet: And next

Kaori: おいしいです。

(oishiidesu)

meaning “delicious.” or “It’s delicious.”

Kaori: (Slow, by syllable) おいしいです。

(oishiidesu.)

Janet: Now repeat.

Kaori: おいしいです。

(oishii)

{Pause}

Janet: Listen to the speaker say, “Yes, it’s delicious.,” and then repeat.

Kaori: はい、おいしいです。

(Hai, oishii desu.)

{pause}

Janet: Listen to the speaker say, “Yes, it’s delicious.,” and then repeat.

Kaori: はい、おいしいです。

(Hai, oishii desu.)

Janet: To expand on the pattern, replace “It’s delicious” with “I like it very much.”

Kaori: 大好きです。

(だいすき daisuki)

Janet: I like it very much.

Kaori: (slow) 大好きです。

(だいすき daisuki)

(regular) 大好きです。

(だいすき daisuki)

Janet: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “I like it very much”

Kaori: はい、大好きです。

(はい、だいすきです。 Hai, daisuki desu.)

Janet: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “It’s delicious” with “I like it very much”. Say “Yes, I like it very

much.”

{pause}

Kaori: はい、大好きです。

(はい、だいすきです。 Hai, daisuki desu.)

Janet: To use a different phrase, first replace “I like it very much.” with “It’s healthy.”

Kaori: 体にいいです。

(からだにいいです。 karadani iidesu.)

Janet: It’s healthy.

Kaori: (slow) 体にいいです。

(からだにいいです。 karadani iidesu.)

(regular)体にいいです。

(からだにいいです。 karadani iidesu.)

Janet: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “Yes, it’s healthy.’

Kaori: はい、体にいいです。

(はい、からだにいいです。 hai, karadani iidesu.)

Janet: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace the “I like it very much.” with “It’s healthy”. Say “Yes, it’s healthy.”

{pause}

Kaori: はい、体にいいです。

(はい、からだにいいです。 hai, karadani iidesu.)

Janet: To use a different phrase, replace “It’s healthy.” with “It’s so-so.”

Kaori: まあまあです。

(maamaadesu)

Janet: It’s so-so

Kaori: (slow) まあまあです。

(maamaadesu)

(regular) まあまあです。

(maamaadesu)

Janet: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “It’s so-so.” In this case, it sounds more natural not to say ‘Yes’ at the beginning of the sentence.

Kaori: まあまあです。

(maamaa desu.)

To say "no " to this question, just say:

Kaori: 日本食が食べられますか。

(Alt Janet: It means ‘No, I cannot eat it.’ in English. Let’s hear it slowly

{pause}

Kaori: (slowly) 日本食が食べられますか。

Janet: And one more time at normal speed. Let’s listen to the question and the answer together.

Kaori: 日本食が食べられますか。

{Pause}

## QUIZ

Janet: Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Japan and someone asks if you can eat Japanese food. You want to answer that it is delicious. Respond to the question.

Kaori: 日本食が食べられますか。

(にほんしょくがたべられますか。 Nihonshoku ga taberaremasu ka.)

(five seconds) はい、おいしいです。

(Hai, oishii desu.)

Janet: Now, you want to say that you like it very much. Respond to the question.

Kaori: 日本食が食べられますか。

(にほんしょくがたべられますか。 Nihonshoku ga taberaremasu ka.) (five seconds) はい、大好きです。

(はい、大好きです。 Hai, daisuki desu.)

Janet: Now, you want to say that "It's healthy" Respond to the question.

Kaori: 日本食が食べられますか。

(にほんしょくがたべられますか。 Nihonshoku ga taberaremasu ka.) (five seconds)

はい、体にいいです。

(はい、からだにいいです。 Hai, karadani iidesu.)

Janet: Now, you want to say that it's so-so. Answer the speaker's question.

Kaori: 日本食が食べられますか。

(にほんしょくがたべられますか。 Nihonshoku ga taberaremasu ka.) (five seconds) まあまあです。

(maamaa desu.)

Janet: Now you want to ask someone if they can eat Japanese food. Ask the question.

(5 seconds)

Kaori: 日本食が食べられますか。

(にほんしょくがたべられますか。 Nihonshoku ga taberaremasu ka.)

{pause}

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

Kaori: 日本食が食べられますか。

(にほんしょくがたべられますか。 Nihonshoku ga taberaremasu ka.)

{pause}

## OUTRO

Janet: This is the end of Lesson 8