

LESSON NOTES

Lower Beginner #12

What Day of the Week is it in Japanese?

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KANJI

1. (Garbage collection site)
2. EMILY: おはようございます。
3. MR. HAYASHI: おはようございます。それはもえるごみですか。
4. EMILY: いいえ。カンとびんです。
5. MR. HAYASHI: あ、それは木よう日ですよ。
6. EMILY: はい？なんよう日ですか。
7. MR. HAYASHI: も・く・よ・う・び。
8. EMILY: げつ・か・すい・もく....。

KANA

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2. EMILY: おはようございます。
3. MR. HAYASHI: おはようございます。それはもえるごみですか。
4. EMILY: いいえ。カンとびんです。
5. MR. HAYASHI: あ、それはもくようびですよ。
6. EMILY: はい？なんようびですか。

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7. MR. HAYASHI: も・く・よ・う・び。
8. EMILY: げつ・か・すい・もく…。

ROMANIZATION

1. (Garbage collection site)
2. EMILY: Ohayō gozaimasu.
3. MR. HAYASHI: Ohayō gozaimasu. Sore wa moeru gomi desu ka.
4. EMILY: Iie. Kan to bin desu.
5. MR. HAYASHI: A, sore wa moku-yōbi desu yo.
6. EMILY: Hai? Nan'yōbi desu ka.
7. MR. HAYASHI: Mo. ku. yo. u. bi.
8. EMILY: Getsu, ka, sui, moku…

ENGLISH

1. (Garbage collection site)
2. EMILY: Good morning.
3. MR. HAYASHI: Good morning. Is that burnable trash?

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4. EMILY: No. It's cans and bottles.
5. MR. HAYASHI: Oh, that's Thursdays.
6. EMILY: Sorry? What day?
7. MR. HAYASHI: Thu-rs-da-y.
8. EMILY: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs...

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
びん	びん	bin	bottle
토요일	토요일	do-yōbi	Saturday
일요일	にちようび	nichi-yōbi	Sunday
목요일	もくようび	moku-yōbi	Thursday
금요일	きんようび	kin-yōbi	Friday
칸	칸	kan	can, tin
월요일	げつようび	getsu-yōbi	Monday
화요일	かようび	ka-yōbi	Tuesday
なん요일	なんようび	nan'yōbi	what day
수요일	すいようび	sui-yōbi	Wednesday

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>ガラスのびんはリサイクルします。 <i>Garasu no bin wa risaikuru shimasu.</i></p> <p>Glass bottles are recycled.</p>	<p>バーゲンセールは土曜日です。 <i>Bāgen sēru wa do-yōbi desu.</i></p> <p>We have big sales on Saturday.</p>
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<p>日曜日、ひまですか。 <i>Nichi-yōbi. hima desu ka.</i></p> <p>Do you have time on Sunday?</p>	<p>きんよう日にバーにいけます。 <i>Kin-yōbi ni bā ni ikimasu.</i></p> <p>I go to a bar on Friday.</p>
<p>コーヒーの缶はあそこにおねがいします。 <i>Kōhī no kan wa asoko ni onegai shimasu.</i></p> <p>Please throw away coffee cans over there.</p>	<p>げつよう日からしごとがあります。 <i>Getsu-yōbi kara shigoto ga arimasu.</i></p> <p>I have work from Monday.</p>
<p>リサイクルごみはかよう日です。 <i>Risaikuru gomi wa ka-yōbi desu.</i></p> <p>Recycling garbage is collected on Tuesdays.</p>	<p>ちちの日はなんよう日ですか。 <i>Chichi no Hi wa nan-yōbi desu ka.</i></p> <p>What day is the father's day?</p>
<p>水よう日はえいががやすいです。 <i>Sui-yōbi wa eiga ga yasui desu.</i></p> <p>The movie ticket is cheap on Wednesdays.</p>	

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

-もえるごみ (*moerugomi*)

Moeru means "to burn something" and *gomi* means "rubbish," so this phrase altogether means "burnable garbage." It is common to separate garbage into various types in the home. Let's have a look at the common types.

Japanese	Romanization	"English"
もえるごみ	<i>moerugomi</i>	"burnable garbage"
もえないごみ	<i>moenaigomi</i>	"non-burnable garbage"
*リサイクルごみ	<i>risaikurugomi</i>	"recyclable garbage"
**そだいごみ	<i>sodaigomi</i>	"oversize garbage"

**Risaikurugomi* usually includes cans, glass bottles, PET bottles, and paper materials such as newspapers and magazines.

** *Sodaigomi* usually includes electronic items, such as old refrigerators and TVs, and furniture.

GRAMMAR

The Focus of this Lesson Is Days of the Week in Japanese.

あ、それは木요일ですよ。

A, sore wa moku-yōbi desu yo.

"Oh, that's Thursdays."

In this lesson, you'll learn how to say the days of the week in Japanese. You'll also learn how to ask on which day of the week something happens. Let's take a look at the days of the week in the chart below.

Japanese	Romanization	English
げつよう日	<i>getsu-yōbi</i>	"Monday"
かよう日	<i>ka-yōbi</i>	"Tuesday"
水よう日	<i>sui-yōbi</i>	"Wednesday"
木よう日	<i>moku-yōbi</i>	"Thursday"
きんよう日	<i>kin-yōbi</i>	"Friday"
どよう日	<i>do-yōbi</i>	"Saturday"
日よう日	<i>nichi-yōbi</i>	"Sunday"
なんよう日	<i>nan-yōbi</i>	"What day...?"

Let's review the sentence pattern *A wa B desu* and try stating and asking the day of the week. Please note that we can omit the subject (the [something] part) if it is already understood.

Sentence Pattern:

[events]	は <i>wa</i>	[days of the week]	です。 <i>desu.</i>
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"[events] is on [days of the week]."

きょう <i>Kyō</i>	は <i>wa</i>	どよう日 <i>do-yōbi</i>	です。 <i>desu.</i>
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"It's Saturday today."

ピクニック <i>Pikunikku</i>	は <i>wa</i>	げつようび <i>getsu-yōbi</i>	です。 <i>desu.</i>
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"The picnic is on Monday."

For Example:

1. もえるごみはかよう日です。
Moerugomi wa ka-yōbi desu.
"Burnable garbage is on Tuesday."

Let's say you need to dispose of your rubbish, which is supposed to be done on Tuesday, but you forget what day it is. To turn the sentence above into a question ("Burnable garbage is on Tuesday." → "Is burnable garbage on Tuesday?"), remember that we simply add *ka* at the end of the sentence.

For Example:

1. もえるごみはかよう日ですか。
Moerugomi wa ka-yōbi desu ka.
"Is burnable garbage on Tuesday?"

Language Tip: Remembering the Days of the Week

Native Japanese people are usually taught to remember days of the week with this phrase. It is げつ・か・水・木・きん・ど・日 (*getsu, ka, sui, moku, kin, do, nichī*), which literally means "Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, and Sun." It's simply made with the first part of each word, leaving out the common ending *-yōbi*.

Examples From This Dialogue

1. あ、それは木曜日ですよ。
A, sore wa moku-yōbi desu yo.
"Oh, that's Thursdays."
2. なん曜日ですか。
Nan'yōbi desu ka.
"What day?"

Reference

Please also review the following Grammar Points.

- *sore* → Absolute Beginner Season 1 Lesson 9

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Garbage Collection

As you read in the Key Phrases section, in Japan it is common to separate rubbish into different types in the home. The rubbish is usually packed in white or clear plastic bags and taken to a specific place. A "garbage truck," called せいそうしゃ (*seisōsha*) or ごみしゅうしゅうしゃ (*gomi shūshūsha*), comes to collect the refuse. It has a big opening in the back and goes around an assigned area. The cleaning staff picks up the rubbish bags and throws them into the opening. There is a crushing machine inside the truck so that a single truck can take about 1 to 1.4 tons of garbage.